
TOWN OF ESOPUS LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

DRAFT WATERFRONT VISION & GOALS

Alternative 1: “Esopus has created centers of vitality along the Town’s unique and extensive waterfront areas, with connections to the community that help foster economic growth and quality of life for residents and visitors, along with the preservation and protection of the environment and historic Hudson River traditions and architecture, including the diverse and dynamic interface between the Town’s natural, urban and rural settings.”

Alternative 2: “The Town of Esopus’ extensive and diverse waterfront environments have been strengthened and enhanced through improved connections with neighborhood centers and a balanced approach to economic growth, social equity, preservation and enhancement of the waterfront’s essential ecologic and historic resources, and improved resiliency in the face of rising sea levels and climate change.”

Promote connectivity and Accessibility: Develop and provide pedestrian and cycling friendly connections between waterfront areas and parks that connect with each other, the center of town, neighborhoods and other recreational assets in adjoining towns.

Promote Economic Growth & Stability: Encourage and provide support for businesses that contribute to a working waterfront, increase waterfront vitality, and create opportunities for establishing new linkages with inland businesses.

Preserve & Enhance Community Character and Visual Appeal: Pursue opportunities to enhance the visual appeal of waterfront areas, making them appealing for enhanced ecotourism as well as providing proactive management for existing and historic resources.

Encourage Sustainability and Green Infrastructure: Protect and enhance the natural resources and habitats associated with the waterfront, while addressing sea level rise with a focus on green infrastructure and the evolution of our shorelines to a more sustainable waterfront.

Promote recreational opportunities: Preserve historical sporting traditions as well as exploring and availing new opportunities for year-round recreation and activities within private and public areas that make the Town a vibrant place to live, work and play.

Preserve, Protect and Enhance Unique waterfront assets: Identify current and future assets that provide unique value to our waterfront experience in areas such as deepwater access to the Hudson, waterfront dining opportunities, working waterfront locations, and continue to provide and enhance access for both small and large watercraft.