



Waterfront Vision

The waterfront is a fundamental aspect of the Town of Esopus. The Town's extensive and diverse waterfront environments have been strengthened with their salient features brought-out, so that they support a high quality of life, provide diverse and quality recreation opportunities and access for residents and visitors, and have an appropriate mix of water dependent and water enhanced development that will help foster and sustain economic growth. At the same time, there is a vitality in these waterfront realms because there are improved connections with adjacent and nearby hamlet and neighborhood centers. Overall, there is a balanced approach to economic growth, social equity, and the preservation and enhancement of the waterfront's essential ecologic and historic resources, which supports the health and vitality of the Hudson River Valley and Hudson River traditions and architecture. Moreover, there is improved resiliency in the face of rising sea levels and climate change.

Waterfront Goals

- **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 provide 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, such as deep-water access to the Hudson, waterfront dining opportunities, working waterfront locations, and continue to provide and enhance access for both small and large watercraft.