



## **Nyack Comprehensive Plan Update**

Steering Committee Public Hearing

Meeting Summary

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## Workshop Agenda

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## Steering Committee Public Hearing Summary

The Village of Nyack hosted the Steering Committee Public Hearing—which was also the seventh and final public workshop in the process to update the Nyack Comprehensive Plan—on May 25, 2016, at Village Hall. This workshop was focused on the working draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The workshop was attended by approximately 15 members of the general public, in addition to members of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and representatives of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Doug Foster opened the workshop at 7:00 pm by explaining the overall process and introducing members of the consultant team. Next, Frank Fish from BFJ Planning, presented an overview of the program and Comprehensive Plan process. Simon Kates from BFJ Planning then provided a highlight of key recommendations from each of the 10 chapters of the plan. Attendees were also given handouts with a full list of recommendations. The presentation was informal, allowing for question and answer throughout. The conversation was engaging and there were several key items for the Steering Committee to consider as potential revisions to make in the next draft of the Comprehensive Plan:

1. The Plan should specify that in addition to continuing to seek grant funding for the Nyack Brook Improvement Project, the Village should also verify that the design of the bypass has enough capacity to alleviate flooding in the downtown and does not relocate flooding to a new location. The Village should continue to work closely with Brooker Engineering on this project.
2. The Plan should highlight a parking “no-build” scheme at the Municipal Marina site as an alternative to the two parking terrace options that are currently shown. The “no-build” options can show improved efficiencies at the Spear Street lot and Marina lot to demonstrate the difference between the options.
3. The plan should acknowledge the Village’s interest in implementing a microgrid and refer to New York State initiatives to promote microgrids as a strategy to increase the community’s resilience.
4. The Waterfront Walkway diagram should include the Cleremont Pier as a key anchor on the waterfront and the Plan should discuss the Village’s easement onto the pier, including the need for repairs and greatly increased access for the public. The Waterfront Walkway Diagram should also identify streetscape improvements on Gedney Street and Piermont Avenue as components of a comprehensive waterfront walkway. Even though these streets are not directly on the water, they are important parts of an integrated network that need improved sidewalks and signage.
5. A question was raised as to whether the Municipal Marina has been designated as parkland. This question should be resolved by the Village, in coordination with the Village attorney, but is not a Comprehensive Plan issue.
6. Daylighting of the Nyack Brook was discussed. It will be made clear that daylighting is not necessarily recommended but will be listed only as a possible option. Daylighting should be dependent upon verifying actual flow of the Nyack Brook in dry weather and also upon the appropriateness of the location. For example, daylighting may not be an ideal solution if it interferes with a meaningful plaza for performances and concerts on the superblock.

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## Next Steps

The Steering Committee will be holding their final meeting on the Comprehensive Plan on May 31 to discuss comments made during the Steering Committee Public Hearing and to raise their own comments. Following the final Steering Committee Meeting, BFJ will incorporate edits into the working draft and will submit a draft to the Board of Trustees, which will be made public in advance of the Board of Trustees Public Hearing on June 20. BFJ has committed to making all revisions to the working draft in redline so that the public can see the changes that have been made between drafts.

BFJ will produce a flyer advertising the Public Hearing. BFJ and the Village will each send an e-blast notifying the public that the working draft has been posted online and that the Public Hearing is coming up on June 20.

At a Board of Trustees meeting in June, the Trustees must declare themselves Lead Agency for the purposes of complying with New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) regulations. BFJ will complete an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for review by the Village Planner and the Board of Trustees so that the Trustees can issue a determination of significance. Following the Public Hearing on June 20 and written comments submitted after the hearing, BFJ will amend the draft Comprehensive Plan over the summer, with plans to meet with the Trustees in late summer with a final plan, putting the Trustees in a position to adopt the plan as early as September 2016.