

C1001344 | Village of Sidney | Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Project Initiation Meeting January 28, 2021



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Meeting Agenda

Items We'll Cover:

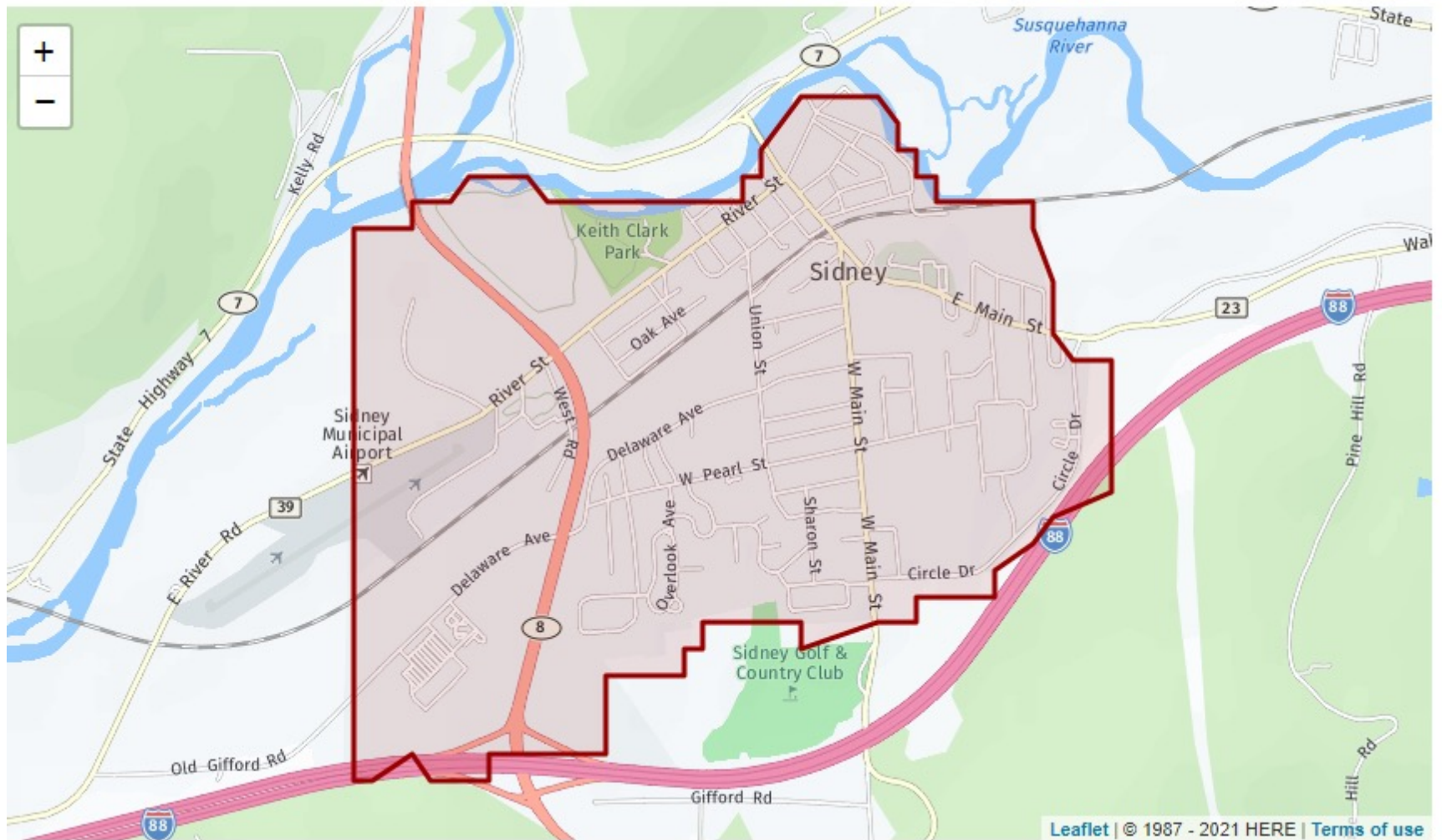
- What is a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)?
- What is the purpose of this project?
- Who are the project partners and what are their roles?
- What is the scope of this LWRP?
- What is the project schedule?
- How will the community be involved?
- Next steps

What is a LWRP?

A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program consisting of:

- A land and water use plan
- A strategy to implement the plan

Village of Sidney, NY Boundary Map



What is a LWRP?

Benefits of participation

- Increase a community's ability to attract appropriate development.
- Increases a community's chances to obtain public and private funding for projects.
- Establishes long-term partnerships among local government, community based organizations, and agencies.
- Once fully approved permitting, funding, and actions by state agencies must be consistent with the policies and purposes of the LWRP.

What is a LWRP?

Creating the Community You Want

A Comprehensive Framework for Decision-making

- Local leadership, Engaged public, Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Enhanced regulatory review
- Clear, realistic community vision
- Action-oriented implementation strategy
- Short-term projects to build confidence
- Long-term projects to support the vision
- Improved access to project finance sources
- Partnerships and leveraged resources from public and private sectors

Purpose of Project

Ensure that all future construction projects and land use decisions are consistent with the community's vision and goals for the area by

- Develop a plan & program focused on the waterfront, commercial and recreational centers
- Identify specific policies, land uses, and projects

To establish a long-term partnership between local government, community-based organizations, and the State.

Project Partners

- Village of Sidney- Grant & Economic Development
- Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Community Partners

- NYS Dept: DOS, DEC, Parks, Office of General Services
- US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)

Project Partners

Waterfront Advisory Committee

The responsibilities of the waterfront advisory committee generally include:

- Providing valuable input on waterfront issues and existing local conditions
- Attending regular committee meetings and public meetings.
- Informing others in the community about the process and how they can be involved
- Reviewing reports, designs and other documents
- Keeping elected officials and municipal officials informed about the planning process
- Working with County Planning staff to complete tasks relating to the development of the LWRP

Project Scope of Work

Required sections:

1. Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary
2. Inventory & Analysis of Existing Conditions
3. Waterfront Revitalization Policies
4. Proposed Land and Water Uses & Proposed Projects
5. Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program
6. State & Federal Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation
7. Local Commitment and Consultation

Appendix:

- Waterfront Consistency Review Law
- Other local laws, regulations, and supporting materials

Project Scope of Work:

Adapting to Climate Change

Identification of risks, potential impacts, and mitigation measures associated with:

- Flooding, drought, erosion, regional weather patterns, and severe storms
- Water supply and water quality
- Economic sectors
- Critical infrastructure
- Essential systems

Identification of opportunities for modifying existing laws, regulations, policies and practices.

Project Scope of Work:

The village of Sidney (Contractor) will prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to guide resilient and sustainable growth along its Susquehanna waterfront and downtown. LWRP preparation will include an update of the zoning code and other land management tools to ensure future development will advance the village goal of promoting mixed-use, age-friendly, compact, flood resistant development as well as recommend projects to achieve waterfront revitalization goals.

Project Scope of Work:

NYS Coastal Management Program Policy Categories

44 Policies total to be incorporated in all LWRPs

- Development (#1-6)
- Fish & Wildlife (#7-10)
- Flooding & Erosion Hazards (#11-17)
- General (#18)
- Public Access (#19-20)
- Recreation (#21-22)
- Historic & Scenic Resources (#23-25)
- Agricultural Lands (#26)
- Energy & Ice Management (#27-29)
- Water & Air Resources (#30-43)
- Wetlands (#44)

Project Scope of Work:

Adapting to Climate Change

- Preparation of strategies, identification of priorities, and assessment of costs
- Preparation of land use regulations to minimize risks
- Implementation of priority projects and actions
- Development of local or intermunicipal Geographic Information Systems to improve impact prediction and assessment, and mitigation
- Development of protection measures to minimize runoff and flooding

Project Scope of Work:

Local Consistency Review Law

Adoption of a local Consistency Review Law is required to implement an LWRP. It contains:

- Types of actions that must undergo review
- Procedures for review of actions
- Which Board is responsible for review
- Coastal Assessment Form for review of actions
- Board determines whether project is “consistent” with the policies in your LWRP

Project Schedule

Timeframe & Meetings

- 5 year contract with NYS DOS
- 2 years to get complete draft document submitted to NYS DOS
- 1 year for NYS DOS to review and approve the program & for local adoption
- 13 Committee Meetings
- 3 Public Meetings
- 1 or 2 Public Hearings for Adoption

Community Involvement

Waterfront Advisory Committee

Looking for 8 members in these “categories”

- Planning Board Chair/Member (1)
- Resident/Business Owner (4)
- Village Mayor/Board Member (1)
- Village Clerk (1)
- Code Enforcement Officer* (1)

Meetings generally held monthly.

* If not available, another Village official/staff member or community member.

Community Involvement

Public Input

County Planning Staff will prepare a public outreach plan to submit to NYS DOS. Including the following efforts:

- Project website to connect with public and provide information about project, upload draft documents and materials for public meetings
- Engage with residents to assist with social media and outreach
- Direct mailings to residents and businesses for public meeting announcements
- Public Notices in local newspaper for public meetings
- Other methods as requested or suggested, as feasible

Next Steps

- **Develop Public Outreach Plan**
- **Develop Project Website**
- **Establish Waterfront Advisory Committee**
 - Direct mailing requesting applications or appointment by Village Board? Given COVID-19 situation, looking for guidance on how best to proceed
- **Start working on Inventory & Analysis**
- **Prepare for First Committee Meetings**

LWRP Implementation

This is an on-going process!

- Prioritize capital projects
- Apply for grants
- Carry out studies and improvement projects
- Institute land use controls

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