

TOWN OF HURON LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN

Public Informational Meeting
July 26, 2012

Objective of Plan

- Maximize the benefits to the Town, its residents, property owners, businesses and visitors, from water resources and water-dependent uses
 - Improve water quality
 - Increase public access to the water
 - Enhance the value of waterfront property
 - Support water dependent activities
- Ensure State and Federal consistency with Town waterfront policies



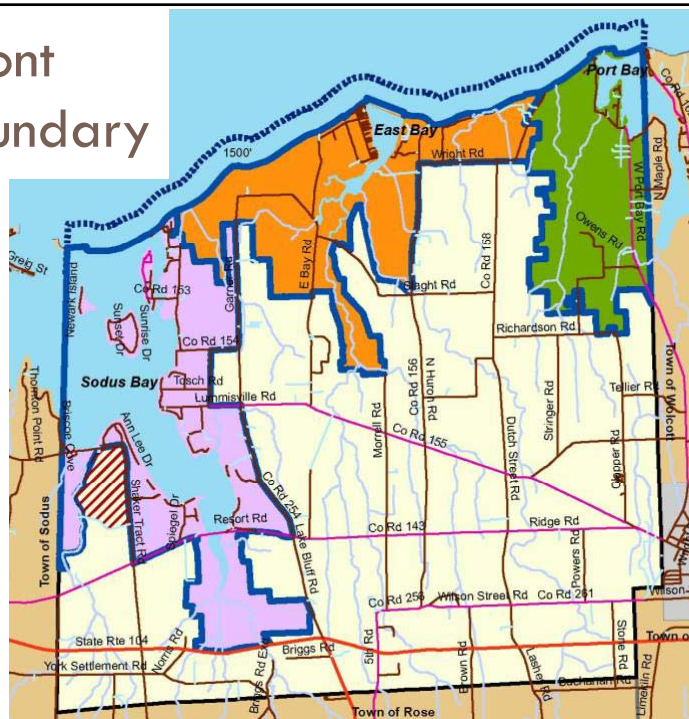
Community Involvement

- Steering Committee appointed by Town Board
- Public Workshops
 - ▣ September 14 – Recreational uses
 - ▣ September 28 – Water Quality and Habitat
 - ▣ Public Informational Meeting – Summer 2012
- Website
- E-mail list



Waterfront Area Boundary

- Sub-Areas
- Proposed Addition



Issues to be Addressed

- Water quality
 - Septic systems/ Sewers
 - Run-off from land uses
- Public access to water
- Boating
 - Dredging
 - Aquatic weeds
 - Services
- Residential Neighborhoods
- Commercial Development
- State-owned land



Existing Plans & Studies

- Town of Huron Comprehensive Plan (2012)
- Great Sodus Bay Harbor Management Plan (2011)
- Village of Sodus Point LWRP (2010)
- Sodus Bay Initiative (2001)
- Wolcott Vision Plan for Waterfront Revitalization
- Regional Dredging Management Plan
- 4 Bays Sewer Study
- Water Quality Studies
- County Tourism, Economic Development, Farmland Plans



Existing Local Laws

- Zoning
- Septic
- Docks & Moorings
- Coastal Erosion Hazard



Inventory and Analysis

- Water Dependent, Water Enhanced Uses
 - ▣ Marinas, Restaurants
- Underutilized, Abandoned and Deteriorated Sites and Structures
- Surface Water Uses, Navigation and Harbor Management
 - ▣ Boating Use Patterns
 - ▣ Docking and Mooring
 - ▣ Channel Depths/ Dredging



Inventory & Analysis (cont'd)

- Parks, Recreation and Public Access
 - Chimney Bluffs State Park
 - Lake Shore Marshes Wildlife Management Areas
 - Public boat launches
 - Private camps
 - Informal access points
 - Trails
 - Scenic views
- Historic & Cultural Resources
- Infrastructure and Public Services



Inventory & Analysis (cont'd)

- Natural Resources
 - Water quality
 - Wetlands
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Topography, Soils
 - Unique Features – Barrier bars, Chimney Bluffs
 - Flooding, Erosion, Climate Change



Policies

□ **Developed Waterfront Policies**

- Foster a pattern of development in the waterfront area that enhances community character, preserves open space, makes efficient use of infrastructure, makes beneficial use of a waterfront location and minimizes adverse effects of development
- Preserve historic resources
- Enhance visual quality and protect scenic resources



Policies (cont'd)

□ **Natural Waterfront Policies**

- Minimize loss of life, structures and natural resources from flooding and erosion
- Protect and improve water resources
- Protect and restore ecological resources, including significant fish and wildlife habitats, wetlands and rare ecological communities
- Protect and improve air quality
- Minimize environmental degradation from solid waste and hazardous substances



Policies (cont'd)

□ Public Waterfront Policies

- Improve public access to the waterfront and the use of public lands

□ Working Waterfront Policies

- Protect existing water-dependent uses and promote the siting of new water-dependent uses in suitable locations
- Protect sustainable use of living marine resources
- Protect existing agricultural lands
- Promote appropriate use and development of energy and mineral resources



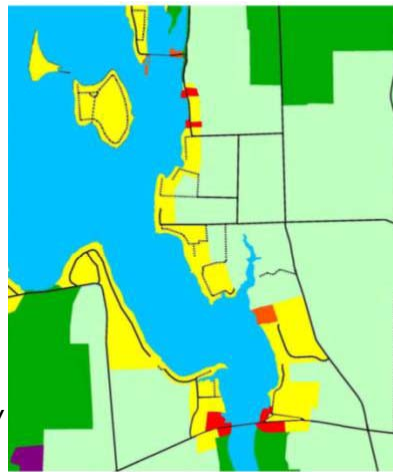
Proposed Land and Water Uses Projects and Programs

□ Land Uses – from Comprehensive Plan

- Resort Residential
- Resort Business
- Land Conservation
- Resource Conservation

□ Water Uses

- Recreational boating
- Docks and other structures consistent with Town's Docks and Moorings Local Law



7-a. Detail map showing proposed Resort Business areas on the shore of Sodus

Proposed Projects and Programs

- Improve management of aquatic weeds
 - ▣ Mechanical harvester
 - ▣ Reduce nutrients
 - ▣ Explore alternatives, i.e. alum or chemicals
- Improve the quality of stormwater runoff from developed land
 - ▣ Rain gardens – commercial sites
 - ▣ Rain barrels - residences
 - ▣ Stream banks and roadside ditches



Projects and Programs (cont'd)

- Stormwater runoff from agricultural land
- Prevent/ Remove invasive species of plants
 - ▣ Field survey to determine extent
 - ▣ Educational display at Chimney Bluffs Park
 - ▣ Volunteer hand pulling
 - ▣ Mechanical harvesting
- Septic systems
- Extend public sewer service



Projects and Programs (cont'd)

- Install additional pump-out station(s) for boats
- Improve Public Access to Waterfront
 - ▣ Public park, boat launch, access at Resort (Bay bridge)
 - ▣ Walking and/or bicycle trails
 - ▣ Pedestrian/ bicycle improvements along roadways
- Maintain and enhance views of the waterfront
 - ▣ Design guidelines in land use regulations



Projects and Programs (cont'd)

- Support businesses in appropriate locations
 - ▣ Encourage and support boater service businesses
 - ▣ Encourage tourism
 - ▣ Encourage cooperative marketing among businesses
 - ▣ Land use regulations consistent with Town Master Plan
- Develop tourist facilities relating to natural resources and beauty of the waterfront
 - ▣ Interpretive facilities with NYS Parks and DEC
 - ▣ Hiking and biking trails



Projects and Programs (cont'd)

- Advocate for appropriate lake level management
- Improve navigation, services and facilities for boaters
 - ▣ Maintain channels with periodic dredging
 - ▣ Remove silt from the area under the LeRoy Island bridge
 - ▣ Encourage businesses that provide services to boaters
 - ▣ Improve services and facilities for fishermen
 - ▣ Disseminate information to boaters



Projects and Programs (cont'd)

- Implement recommendations in Sodus Bay HMP
 - ▣ Disseminate information to boaters
 - ▣ Establish a Harbor Master position
 - ▣ Improve Navigational Markings
 - ▣ Improve Regulation of Large Scale Events
 - ▣ Replace, repair or re-activate the Channel Fog Horn
 - ▣ Intermunicipal Committee Review Mechanism



Implementation and Consistency

- Techniques for Local Implementation
 - Local Laws
 - Funding Sources
 - State and Federal Actions and Programs Likely to Affect LWRP Implementation
- State and Federal Actions and Programs
- Consultation with Other Affected Agencies
- Local Commitment



Next Steps

- Environmental Review – Town Board
 - Lead Agency designation
 - Environmental Assessment Form
- Review by NYS Department of State (60-day)
- Public Informational Meeting
- Prepare Final LWRP based on public and NYS comments

