Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization Plan
Funded by
NYS Department of State (DOS)
Office of Communities and Waterfronts
Brownfield Opportunity Area Program
to
The Village of Philmont
providing $225,000
to work with the community to create a plan
for the revitalization of
The Summit Reservoir Area
Summit Reservoir area
What’s the geographical area? Approximately 88 acres
What’s the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant for?

- To create a revitalization plan for the Summit Reservoir Area by helping municipalities (Village of Philmont) and community non-profit organizations (Philmont Beautification, Inc.) complete a PLANNING and implementation strategy working with community input and collaboration.

- Pay for expertise consultants like a waterfront design company, engineers, and other specialized consultants help the community to create a plan for Summit Reservoir Area revitalization.
NYS Communities + Waterfronts helps communities develop a shared vision and strategy for revitalization.
What stage are we at?

ORGANIZING

• Exec. Steering Committee has been formed including:
  • Co-Chairs Village Trustees Larry Ostrander and Barbara Sagal
  • Jean Giblette, High Falls Gardens
  • Bob Mansfield, Vanderbilt House Hotel
  • Fran Martino, Stockport Watershed Alliance
  • Peter Paden, Columbia County Land Conservancy
  • Thomas Paino, Sustainable Architecture
  • Chris Reed, Angello’s Food Distribution
Next organizing stage?

Forming a Community Steering Committee

Objective?

1. Broad community participation

2. Reaching consensus for a revitalization plan
To produce a roadmap and plan for the Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization
BOA Project Examples

turning

From this                To this
From this

To this
Rethinking Water Access
Protecting Natural Resources
Protecting Scenic Resources
What’s in the Summit Reservoir Area?

- Summit Mill
- Vanderbilt House Hotel
- Summit Lake
- Joshua Essig Trail
- Residential houses
- Commercial buildings
- Summit Lake DEC conservation area
- Abandoned residential buildings
- High Falls Land Conservancy
- Parks & municipal parking lots
- Village Community Center
- Canal St. historic warehouses
- Harlem Railroad Trestle
- Lakeshore Drive
Summit Reservoir
Summit Mill
Vanderbilt House Hotel
Village Community Center
Beach area
Village Gazebo
Ellsworth St. residential(s)
Canal St historic warehouses
What OTHER services does the BOA grant include?

- Phase I environmental report(s) for previously used factories and possible brownfield sites in the area
- Water & sediment testing of the Reservoir
- 6 community workshops with invited guest speakers to help us learn about the area
Paying for a Design Consultant

To work with the community

- To guide the Steering Committees
- To produce the Plan, Maps, & Reports
- To produce a roadmap for the Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization
What would a BOA plan include?

- A Market Trend(s) Analysis to help the plan with revitalization strategies to boost Philmont’s local economy.
What would a BOA plan include?

- An engineering evaluation of the cause of sediment build-up in Summit Reservoir
- Propose remediation solutions to help bring the Reservoir back to health
What would a BOA plan include?

- A revitalization plan to improve Village resources in the area, including, open space use, natural resources, trails, walkways, parks, aimed at improving community recreation and economic opportunities.
IDEAS FOR REVITALIZATION

• “Thank you” to all who attended the August 2010 Public Hearing for this project!

• Your ideas contributed to the Village receiving this BOA grant.

• The ideas helped make the BOA grant application strong enough to get awarded!
Ideas contributed by

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Including

- Improved public safety & fire protection
- Improved parking areas
- Business stimulation for the area
- Need for children’s activities
- Development of area history
- Connection to already developed trails
- Renewable energy sources
- Connection to the Pine Haven area
- Study of reservoir changes/deterioration and current channel flow issues
How can **YOU** help now?

- Join the Community Steering Committee
- Attend the Community Workshops
- Talk to your neighbors
- Sign up to receive an email Newsletter
- Volunteer your expertise & skills
- Become an event volunteer
To participate in this project

Contact:
Village Trustees Barbara Sagal or Larry Ostrander heading up the Village Executive Steering Committee as Co-chairs.

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