Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization

BOA
Brownfield Opportunity Area grant
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!
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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
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
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BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA
BROWNFIELD?

dormant properties where contamination has impeded redevelopment turning the properties into economic and environmental drains on localities.
OPPORTUNITY?

For the community to come together with a planning firm/team

guided by a Community Participation Plan
Summit Reservoir a critical public amenity, and as such a center catalyst for the area as a natural resource
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 collaboration, and participation.

- Pay for expertise consultants like a waterfront design company, engineers, and other specialized consultants to 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:
  - Village Trustee Larry Ostrander, Co-Chair
  - Village Trustee Barbara Sagal, Co-Chair
  - Sally Baker, Philmont Beautification, Inc
  - Jean Giblette, High Falls Gardens
  - Peter Paden, Columbia County Land Conservancy
  - Thomas Paino, Sustainable Architecture
  - Chris Reed
Selecting a planning firm

• Over 21 planning firms were contacted

• 12 firms/teams responded with qualifications

• 4 firms/teams were selected to submit full proposals

• August 23rd is the deadline for the proposals
Next organizing stage?

Forming a Community Participation Team

Objectives?
1. Broad community participation
2. Help write the Community Participation Plan
3. Participate in creating the BOA Nomination
   Step 2. 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 produce the Plan, Maps, & Reports
- To produce a roadmap for the Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization
- To engage community participation
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.
How can **YOU** help now?

- Join the Community Participation Team
- 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 as Co-chairs of the Executive Steering Committee

• PB Inc as Project Management
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• Visit www.pbinc.org/summit