



SUMMIT RESERVOIR AREA PLAN Village of Philmont

Executive Steering Committee:

- Larry Ostrander, Village of Philmont, Co-Chair
- Barbara Sagal, Village of Philmont, Co-Chair
- Kathy Abeyatunge, PB Inc., Project Management Assistant
- Sally Baker, PB Inc., Project Management and Administrator
- Jean Giblette, High Falls Gardens
- Peter Paden, Columbia County Land Conservancy
- Thomas Paino, Resident
- Chris Reed, Resident
- Christine Vanderlan, Columbia County Land Conservancy

Project Consultant Team:

- Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture PLLC
- Elan.3 Consulting
- Economic Transformations Group, Inc.
- CT Male Associates (Engineering)
- Harris Beach PLLC (Attorneys)

12/08/2014 #2 Monthly Report to The Village of Philmont

The Summit Reservoir Area Plan Executive Steering Committee attended the 2nd meeting with ELAN PLANNING on November 17th. The meeting was held at the Karen Garafalo Cultural Center. Many thanks to the Library for the use of this welcoming facility.

Meetings outcomes:

1. ELAN PLANNING suggested the boundary of the target area for the project be enlarged to incorporate the Main St. running from Hill Top Hotel eastward to the Vanderbilt.

2. Additions are to be made to the COMMUNITY PARTICPATION PLAN, (CPP) the Committee will review and discuss at the December 22nd meeting. Copies of the CPP are available at the Village Office. Comments are welcome.
3. An all day Stakeholder event is in the works for January to be held at the Karen Garafalo Cultural Center. ELAN PLANNING will be conducting group discussions and presentations to introduce the Summit Reservoir Area Plan to the following groups of stakeholders. The team has also allowed for two slots to hold one-on-one interviews, as necessary.

STAKEHOLDER DAY

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Stakeholder Meeting #1 – Housing

1. Landlords, Realtors, Code Enforcement Officer, Section 8 rep, etc.

10:00 – 10:45

Stakeholder Meeting #2 – Existing Businesses/Economic Development

- Main Street Business owners, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Regional Planning Council, Claverack ED Council, Co op

11:00 – 12:45

Open for one-on-one interviews and lunch

1:00 – 1:45 PM

Stakeholder Meeting #3 – Community Organizations

- Rotary Club (Jack Armstrong), Main Street Arts Institute, American Legion, Fire Companies, Churches

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Stakeholder Meeting #4 – Environmental

- Rail Trail Advocates, Nature Institute, Rod & Gun

Club 3:00 – 4:00

Open for one-on-one interviews

The purpose of these meetings is for Committee members and ELAN PLANNING to meet community stakeholders for their input regarding the development of the Summit Reservoir Area Plan, what's it's like being a part of the Philmont community, and how the planning project can best meet the needs of Philmont's future economic development initiatives.

The Executive Steering Committee members are in process of contacting the stakeholder groups identified by the Committee to meet with ELAN PLANNING.

Actions Summary for November - December:

1. Meeting # 3 – December 22nd – 10:00am – 11.30am - Karen Garafalo Cultural Center
2. Contacting stakeholders to invite to Stakeholder Day - Karen Garafalo Cultural Center

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMIT RESERVOIR AREA PLAN PROJECT

The primary community objectives to be achieved by this project include: creating a sustainable community in Philmont and the Summit Reservoir Area, to minimize immediate and long-term impacts on the environment. Because this project is a district wide revitalization strategy based on existing brownfield sites, the plan will be largely driven by the reuse potential of these strategic sites as catalysts for revitalization. A key component of this project is to engage the community to help create a community-based plan that builds both momentum and ownership among the residents, businesses and elected leaders of Philmont.

Project Objectives

The primary community revitalization objectives to be achieved by this project include, among other objectives:

- 1.** Creating a sustainable community in Philmont and the Summit Reservoir Area to minimize immediate and long-term impacts on the environment.
- 2.** Creating a community-based informed revitalization blue print for the area to include a thorough and in-depth analysis of existing conditions in the area.
- 3.** Producing an economic analysis that recognizes current trends in Philmont, such as, local farming, farm based education, alternative health care and practitioners, and the resurgence of fine craft based enterprises.
- 4.** Produce a plan for the reuse potential for properties located in the area with an emphasis on the identification and reuse potential of strategic brownfield sites as catalysts for revitalization.