

Philmont Waterfront District
for the
SUMMIT LAKE RESERVOIR BOA AREA
Village of Philmont

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Project Consultant Team:

- [Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture PLLC](#)
- Elan.3 Consulting
- Economic Transformations Group, Inc.
- CT Male Associates (Engineering)
- Harris Beach PLLC (Attorneys)
- HydroPower Consulting (Hydro power assessment)
- Renewage Inc (Water filtration feasibility study – Summit Lake)

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1. The anticipated date for completion of the Draft Nomination for Village Board review has been moved forward to March 2016 due to two current assessments of existing conditions requiring more time.

These include:

A) An assessment of hydro-power capacity by HydroPower Consulting

B) A feasibility study by Renewage Inc., addressing the overgrowth of plant life in the Summit Lake Reservoir and restoration of the wetlands at the easterly section of the reservoir.

2. Steering Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday February 1st

Gregg Swanzey, Director of the City of Kingston Office of Economic Development and Strategic Partnerships, is scheduled to visit Philmont to hold a conversation meeting with the Steering Committee to discuss how Kingston is benefiting from engaging a BOA Step 2

Nomination process aimed at waterfront development and improvements, and their experiences of advancing the Step 2 Nomination plan to a Step 3 Implementation Strategy.

Even though the Kingston waterfront is a far larger area and scope than the Philmont waterfront, there are similarities involved in the BOA planning process to develop a holistic plan that will support a mixed-use waterfront including restoration of post-industrial buildings, housing and mills, waterfront access for community use, commercial development, trail and recreational projects, shoreline infrastructure needs, and linking the plan to the history of Philmont as a mill village and ongoing downtown revitalization.

The Steering Committee is currently inviting Town of Claverack Council Members and the Supervisor to attend the meeting.

3. Elan Planning is working on edits to plan documents and will be meeting with the Steering Committee in February to review a proposed schedule for finishing the draft of the BOA plan for review by the Village Board, followed by a community comment period.

4. The six month Status Report due to the BOA/DOS is ready to go out and will be posted to the project web site at <http://www.pbinc.org/summit>

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMIT LAKE RESERVOIR AREA PLAN PROJECT

The primary community objectives to be achieved by this project include: creating a sustainable community in Philmont and the Summit Lake 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 Lake 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.