

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

**Executive Steering Committee:**

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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)

**Project website:** [www.pbinc.org/summit](http://www.pbinc.org/summit)

**02/08/2016 Report to the Village of Philmont**

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1. The Steering Committee meeting held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Vanderbilt House was attended by all members of the committee, Elan Planning, Claverack Supervisor Kippy Weigelt, Claverack Councilmember Katy Cashen, and members of the Philmont community including, Bob Macfarlane, Mark Rowntree, Bill and Sherrie Richie, Bob Mansfield, and Mike Johnston.

Guest speaker Gregg Swanzey from the City of Kingston BOA management team was warmly welcomed and discussed with meeting attendees how Philmont can benefit from a BOA Step 2 Nomination, and outlined how the BOA can benefit a community to move forward with a plan for waterfront area restoration, and economic development.

2. The feasibility study by Renewage Inc. to address the overgrowth of plant life in the Summit Lake Reservoir and restoration of the wetlands at the easterly section of the reservoir has started. We expect a finished report by the end of March.

## **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.