

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JULY 2011 TO JUNE 2022

THE DOWNTOWN

Objectives	Activities/Accomplishments
<p>1. Promote and enhance Downtown amenities and social character.</p> <p>1.1 Improve Downtown's gateways and create a sense of arrival.</p> <p>1.2 Enhance the number and quality of permanent Downtown outdoor gathering/sitting areas.</p>	<p>1. Created Gateway Cluster Overlay District to protect viewsheds and natural resources along major roadways and preserve the character of the Gateways to the Village (2016).</p> <p>2. Purchased street sweeper to improve cleanliness of Downtown and its gateways (2017).</p> <p>3. Installed new wayfinding signage, based on a palette in use throughout Rivertowns; signage was placed to orient people to the downtown (2012).</p> <p>4. Implemented a sign frame to hold announcements / banners at the Five Corners intersection (2016).</p> <p>5. Improved attractiveness and utility of VFW park by adding plantings, improving landscaping and adding furniture (center of Village) (2017).</p> <p>6. Revitalized Riverview Park on Warburton Avenue (southern gateway to Downtown) to provide a place for peaceful contemplation (2016); Village Arts Commission added art for public viewing; Eagle Scouts created innovative seating areas (2018); also enhanced with Bocce Court (2022).</p> <p>7. Renovated Vest Pocket Park on Warburton Avenue (southern gateway to Downtown) to provide shaded outdoor gathering location near Antoinette's coffee shop (including fixing and painting crumbling wall) (2020 to 2021); chess tables also available.</p> <p>8. Improved Movie House Mews Plaza on Warburton Avenue (northern gateway to Downtown) with new planters, benches and chairs/tables, removed dead trees and planted new ones (April 2021).</p> <p>9. Provided support and funding for efforts by local residents (Revolutionary Hastings) to improve Wagner Plaza (northern gateway to Downtown) and commemorate Battle of Edgar's Lane; project includes interpretive signage, extensive new landscaping and permeable pavement; Village contributed \$20K and DPW provided in-kind support (2020 to 2022).</p> <p>10. Planted Pollinator gardens on the northeast corner of Broadway and Chauncey, and at the entrance to the Downtown at Broadway and Main St for screening the Foodtown building, to help aesthetically improve the Five Corners intersection in joint effort by volunteers and the Village; currently being maintained by the volunteers (center of Village).</p> <p>11. Allocated \$220K from Betterment Fund for downtown improvements (2018); issued SOW to identify a consultant to provide recommendations to further improve the downtown (2019); selected Gisolfi and Associates, who developed <i>Downtown Improvements Study</i> and presented recommendations to the community (2019); implementation efforts have been ongoing and include purchase of new benches, garbage and recycling cans, new decorative flags, repair of broken capstone in Boulanger parking lot and construction of new</p>

	<p>sidewalks and tree pits (2021 to 2022).</p> <p>12. Authorized “Parklets & Streetlets” which provide extra outside sidewalk seating/dining for St. Georges, Maud’s and Bread & Brine during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020 to 2022); extended permissions in 2022.</p>
<p>2. Create an inviting dining and shopping destination to attract the Village’s residents and visitors to the Downtown.</p> <p>2.1 Develop a Downtown Management Structure.</p> <p>2.2 Expand and diversify the selection of retail stores and restaurants.</p> <p>2.3 Retain and strengthen calendar of events.</p> <p>2.4 Explore additional areas for outdoor special events.</p> <p>2.5 Work with landlords on building and streetscape improvements.</p> <p>2.6 Continue to support residential units above ground floor units.</p> <p>2.7 Support and promote efforts to encourage tourism in the Rivertowns.</p>	<p>1. From 2009 to 2014, the Parks and Recreation Department, with the help of volunteers, sponsored <i>Friday Night Live</i>, a monthly event series in the downtown that featured Hastings musicians and performers, artists, writers, filmmakers, magicians, and youth. Warburton Avenue and Main Street/Boulanger Plaza were closed on a periodic basis to allow for car-free activities.</p> <p>2. Hired a part-time Downtown Advocate (October 2014) who works with landlords, realtors and entrepreneurs to support local businesses, promote “shop local”, fill empty spaces as they occur, and organize events to bring people to the downtown.</p> <p>3. Since October 2014, 45+ new restaurants, retail stores and not-for-profits have opened businesses including: D. Thomas Fine Miniatures, Flowing Rivers Acupuncture, Nigels, The Fitness Gallery, The Urban Dollhouse, Forty North, The Upstream Gallery, Without A Slice, Amanda Kupillas Dance Studio, Clockwork Records, Hudson Valley Numismatics, Four Seasons, Leah Ervi Design, N’lighten Studio, Hastings Sewing Studio, Boro6 Wine Bar, Penny Lick Ice Cream Company, Scribble Art Workshop, Bread & Brine & Juniper, Tacos-on-Hudson, Family to Family, Foodtown, RiverArts, Observatory Shop, In2Green Pop Up, Divino Cucina Italiana, Found Herbal, Mossy Fern, Wild Culture, Hudson Line, NUR Space, The Good Witch Coffee Bar, the Observatory Shop, Qi Acupuncture and Herbs, Hastings Beauty Salon, Wild Flower, the Refill Room, DiRiso, hōm, Fashion Without Trashin’, Little House, VC Hair Studio, Uncle Lefty’s, with Ted and Nune and Palo Vivo (former Hastings House) opening soon.</p> <p>4. Hosted many annual downtown outdoor events including <i>the Eggstravaganza and the Literary FNL</i> (April); Earth Day events, the annual <i>Spring Thing</i>, and <i>Memorial Day Parade</i> (May); <i>Friday Night Pride</i> (June), <i>South by Southside</i>, <i>Hastings on Jazz</i>, the <i>Hastings-on-Hudson Sunset Concert Series</i> (summer); <i>Octoberfest</i> and, <i>Friday Night Dead</i> (fall); <i>Destination Hastings Downtown Crawl</i>, a <i>Drop & Shop</i> event and other Holiday events including a tree lighting (December), [past events include the <i>Take me to the River Music Festival</i> and <i>Riverspirit Music Festival</i> in September]. During the pandemic, due to health concerns, some events were postponed or virtual, and instead the Village promoted sidewalk sales and concerts to bring residents to the downtown and support local businesses.</p> <p>5. Supported the production of the annual <i>RiverArts Music Tour</i> (starting in 2015), which takes place throughout the Village in multiple locations and is free to the public (latest event occurred June 4, 2022).</p> <p>6. Supported the <i>Farmers Market</i> and <i>Hastings Flea Market</i>, which attract people to the Village; both take place on municipal parking lots throughout the summer (<i>Farmer’s Market</i> is year-round).</p> <p>7. Since October 2014, held special events in Boulanger parking lot and on Main Street (FNL), in Zinsser commuter parking lot (<i>Hastings Flea & Bike Rodeo</i>), in the circle in front of the Train Station (Oz events), as well as on Southside Ave (<i>South by Southside</i>) and Warburton Avenue and</p>

the VFW (*Memorial Day Parade and Hastings on Jazz*). Streets and parking lots are closed for some of these events. Special events, including concerts, have also been held at Draper Park, Kinnally Cove, and MacEachron Park (all close to the downtown).

8. Designed Quarry Park to include a performance space for concerts or plays - it is located close to the downtown and linked via Quarry Trail and the Aqueduct (will be completed in fall 2022).

9. Created a *Destination Hastings* facebook page with its own distinctive logo and banner (the facebook page has over 1,700 followers and the Instagram page has 860 followers); it's a web page managed by the Downtown Advocate that promotes events sponsored by the Village, local organizations and downtown businesses. It has attracted both visitors and locals, after being posted on neighborhood community pages outside the Village (ranging from Riverdale to Beacon).

10. Published an annual *Shop Local Guide* with "shop local" messaging that is distributed by the Downtown Advocate both online and in hard copy during the holiday season. The Downtown Advocate also works with the Village IT team to produce a *Downtown Holiday Message* video promoting local merchants as well an annual *Meet the Merchants* event.

11. Generated extensive publicity for local events: the Downtown Advocate works with cultural organizations outside of the Village to publicize local events and businesses and has garnered extensive coverage of Village businesses in local media including *Westchester Magazine*, *The Enterprise* and the *Journal News*.

12. Initiated "Holidays Window" program in 2018 to improve attractiveness of local businesses in holiday season and add a festive atmosphere; 20 to 30 store windows decorated per year by local artists during winter 2018 and 2019 (local merchants now display these and new decorations independently).

13. Created a Destination Hastings Downtown Dollar\$ eGift card (November 2020), with 40+ participating businesses, which can be used only in the Hastings downtown.

12. Starting in 2018, the Downtown Advocate partnered with Metro North and *RiverArts* to publicize upcoming events via 30,000 flyers announcing the *Artist Studio Tour* (April) and the *RiverArts Music Tour* (June) – flyers mailed to monthly Rail Pass Holders outside of the Village to encourage tourism. Signs posted in over 200 Metro North Stations and website/social media support provided by Metro North.

14. The Rivertowns Tourism Board has been active in promoting the Village since 2013.

15. The Rivertowns Chamber of Commerce has been active in promoting the Village and promoting linkages between the Rivertown Villages, including its multi-village *Holiday Trolley* and monthly Chamber meeting that feature each Rivertown Mayor on a quarterly basis.

16. The Central Commercial District zoning permits mixed-use buildings including artist studios.

17. Authorized "Parklets & Streetlets" for St. Georges, Mauds and Bread & Brine as well as sidewalk dining during COVID-19 pandemic (2020 to 2022); extended permissions and waived fees in 2022.

18. Constructed new sidewalks at Warburton Avenue and Main Street (began in 2022, with ongoing work planned till 2024).

<p>3. Protect and enhance the Downtown's historic scale and character.</p> <p>3.1 Promote compatibility in scale, density, design, and orientation between new and existing development.</p> <p>3.2 Adopt design guidelines, with appropriate Village enforcement, to supplement and be consistent with zoning standards.</p> <p>3.3 Investigate creating a Downtown Historic District.</p> <p>3.4 Provide a consistent palette of lighting, signage, landscaping and sidewalks throughout the Downtown's public domains.</p>	<p>1. The Architectural Review Board developed the <i>Design Guidelines for the Central Commercial District</i>, which created a more unified look and feel to the downtown, and included concepts that are compatible with “smart growth principles”. The <i>Design Guidelines</i> were adopted by the Board of Trustees (Feb. 2011). The idea of creating a Downtown Historic District was considered, but not pursued.</p> <p>2. The <i>Design Guidelines</i> promote compatibility in scale, density, design, and orientation between new and existing development, and provide a consistent palette of lighting, signage, landscaping and sidewalks.</p> <p>3. The <i>Design Guidelines</i> recommendations for streetlamps were referenced during the Ravensdale Bridge renovation.</p> <p>4. Commissioned <i>Downtown Improvements Study</i> (2019) and began construction of new sidewalks at Warburton and Main in the downtown (2022).</p> <p>5. Investing approximately \$1M, in repair of historic Village Hall, Library and Hook and Ladder Buildings from bonding and grants (2019 to present) including: roofs, windows, chimney, Police lockers and lounge, bathrooms, pointing and painting of exterior walls (improvements of \$1M+ to antiquated Village Hall and Library heating and cooling system planned).</p>
<p>4. Improve, where possible, possibilities for parking.</p> <p>4.1 Reevaluate the management of on-street parking resources.</p> <p>4.2 Examine current parking rates and charges.</p> <p>4.3 Set up a fund specifically for downtown parking and pedestrian improvements.</p> <p>4.4 Proactively address the spillover impact of customer parking in residential neighborhoods.</p> <p>4.5 Demand high quality design for parking areas.</p> <p>4.6 Promote shared parking for multiple uses.</p>	<p>1. Added additional parking spots to the Zinsser commuter parking lot during the Warburton Bridge renovation; most were retained (2014).</p> <p>2. Improved parking in the Uniontown Park parking lot, with 19 new spaces added (2018).</p> <p>3. Conducted parking study and adopted new parking meter rates (October 2017).</p> <p>4. Provided free holiday parking in the Downtown on an annual basis (during December).</p> <p>5. Leased Zinsser commuter parking to <i>Farmers Market</i> (Saturday on bi-weekly basis year round), at a reduced market rate. Similar arrangement provided for the <i>Hastings Flea</i> (Sunday on periodic basis during summer) and selected events such as Movie Nights and Bike Rodeo.</p> <p>6. Worked with businesses fronting Steinschneider Parking Lot to provide more attractive frontages by concealing trash bins and adding landscaping.</p> <p>7. As part of <i>Downtown Improvements Study</i> (2019) Gisolfi and Associates developed recommendations for bike parking in Zinsser commuter parking lot.</p> <p>8. Repurposed some parking spaces during COVID-19 pandemic as outside dining “parklets” near St. Georges, Maud’s and Bread & Brine (2020 to 2022); extended permissions in 2022.</p> <p>9. Implemented new and improved parking system in Downtown, thereby reducing number of meter posts required (2022).</p>
<p>5. Improve and enhance connections between the downtown and the rest of the Village.</p> <p>5.1 Improve pedestrian/bicyclist circulation to and throughout downtown.</p> <p>5.2 Link the Downtown to the future redeveloped Waterfront area.</p> <p>5.3 Enhance pedestrian connections</p>	<p>1. Adopted a <i>Complete Streets Policy</i> (October 2014) and produce annual Implementation Reports (latest from 2021).</p> <p>2. Included pedestrian concerns in plan for improvements to Warburton Ave in co-ordination with County (2018); completed 2019.</p> <p>3. Included local pedestrian and cyclist concerns in plans related to improving Route 9 (Broadway) corridor in co-ordination with neighboring municipalities and the State (2018).</p> <p>4. Included local pedestrian and cyclist concerns in plans related to</p>

<p>between the Downtown and the Waterfront area.</p> <p>5.4 Protect view sheds of Hudson River and Palisades.</p>	<p>improving Farragut Ave, in co-ordination with the County (2021); implementation completed in 2022.</p> <p>5. Included local pedestrian and cyclist concerns in the Village's <i>Biking and Walking Master Plan</i> (2021).</p> <p>6. Placed new signage, based on a palette in use throughout Rivertowns, to orient people to the downtown.</p> <p>7. Improved commuter stairs that are heavily used by pedestrians with grant funding (2022).</p> <p>8. Enforced provision of Village Code related to view preservation districts that are designed to protect and preserve the character of the community, preserve and enhance property values and promote improved visual relationships between the Village and the Hudson River and the Palisades (2015).</p> <p>9. Created Gateway Cluster Overlay District to protect viewsheds and natural resources along major roadways (2016).</p> <p>10. Intervened with Westchester County to provide more transparent fencing on Warburton Avenue bridge to preserve views of the Hudson River and Palisades (2013 to 2014).</p> <p>11. Amended MR-O zoning district to better preserve Palisade views west across Warburton Avenue (2021).</p>
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LARGE TRACTS

Objectives	Activities/Accomplishments
<p>1. Protect and enhance gateways into the Village and the Downtown.</p> <p>1.1 Establish a scenic corridor overlay zone on major roadways through the Village and additional roadways, as appropriate.</p> <p>1.2 Reach out to neighboring communities to receive notice of proposed developments on a regular basis.</p>	<p>1. Adopted <i>Gateway Cluster Overlay District</i> Zoning Law to protect viewsheds and natural resources along major roadways so as to accomplish clustering on these large parcels in the Gateways and preserve the character of the Gateways to the Village (2016).</p> <p>2. Receive regular input from other Rivertowns on proposed developments at monthly Village Officials Committee (VOC) Meetings.</p>
<p>2. Protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Village through preservation of environmentally sensitive areas.</p> <p>2.1 Update Open Space Inventory.</p> <p>2.2 Protect, enhance and manage the Village's natural resources.</p> <p>2.3 Map, protect and enhance local wetlands.</p> <p>2.4 Restrict development adjacent to the Hudson and Saw Mill Rivers.</p> <p>2.5 Re-evaluate the Tree Preservation Ordinance to ensure it is protecting significant trees.</p>	<p>1. Drafted <i>Natural Resources Inventory</i> that maps wetlands and other natural assets of the municipality, and includes recommendations on enhancing and managing these resources (2020; updated in 2021).</p> <p>2. Adopted <i>Gateway Cluster Overlay District</i> Zoning Law to protect natural resources along major roadways including "open meadows, woodlands, scenic views and wetlands" (2016).</p> <p>3. Received Tree City USA status in 1984 and maintained status for 38 years; observes and recognizes Arbor Day on an annual basis with a ceremonial tree planting in the Village.</p> <p>4. Revised Tree Preservation law (first adopted in 1997 and implemented by the Tree Preservation Board) to prohibit the removal of street trees without explicit permission of the Board of Trustees (2019).</p> <p>5. Further revised Tree Preservation law by prohibiting removal of a designated tree by expanding the definition of "designated tree" to any tree with a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 8 inches or more on any lot in the Village (2021).</p> <p>5. Implemented Deer Immunocontraception Research Program to manage deer over-browsing of natural habitat initiated enhance forest</p>

	<p>understory, and improve ecosystem resiliency (2014 to 2019), with the following results: As of fall 2018, 69 does (approximately 75% of the resident Village population) were captured, tagged and treated; hosta plant survival at two months increased from 9 and 12% the first two years of the study to 24%; car-deer accidents have declined over the five years of the study from 12 in 2013 to 5 in 2017.</p> <p>6. Conducted tree survey and drafted <i>Street Tree Inventory Report</i>, which was presented to Board of Trustees (October 2013).</p> <p>7. Applied for and won NY DEC funding to commission a comprehensive forestry management plan designed to inventory trees in Hillside Park & Woods (2017) to determine damage from invasive vines and deer over-browsing and to develop a forest regeneration program. A <i>Forest Management Plan</i> was drafted and presented to Board of Trustees (late 2018). The Hillside Woods Steering Committee comprised of local volunteers was set up in 2019 to implement findings from <i>Forestry Management Plan</i>. State and County provided funds for implementation efforts (implementation ongoing).</p> <p>8. Applied for and won NYSDEC Estuary grant, to evaluate and develop remediation plan for erosion at MacEachron Waterfront Park (2019).</p> <p>9. Applied and won NY DEC grant to conduct inventory of other wooded areas in Village including: Pulver's Woods, Zinsser Park, Uniontown Park and Rowley's Bridge Trail (received 2020, report finalized December 2021); Dan Rile Park and MacEachron Waterfront Park subsequently added to study (report updated April 2022).</p> <p>10. Since 2012, the Hastings Vine Squad, a volunteer-led group of residents, has removed invasive vines in many locations around the Village including at Draper Park, along the Old Croton Aqueduct, along Broadway near the Burke estate and in multiple other locations.</p>
<p>3. Preserve and improve the quality of existing parkland.</p> <p>3.1 The Village should work to improve existing parks.</p> <p>3.2 Consider conservation options on the two undeveloped parcels currently used as part of Hillside Woods, which are privately or institutionally owned.</p> <p>3.3 Continue RiverWalk at every available opportunity.</p> <p>3.4 Reclaim and Restore the Marble Quarry as Public Park Land.</p> <p>3.5 Improve signage and protect boundaries in Village Parks.</p>	<p><i>Long-Range Plan for Strategic Management of Parks and Recreation Assets</i> developed by Parks and Recreation Commission (2016) outlines plan to improve quality of existing parks. Specific parks projects undertaken since 2010 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hubbard trail extension created (2010). 2. Trails restored in Hillside Woods after Superstorms Irene (2011) and Sandy (2012) and other major storms. 3. Dan Rile Trail/park improved by a Village volunteer (2012). 4. Walkway to Sugar Pond improved by Eagle Scout volunteer (2014). 5. Zinsser Park ball fields upgraded, including addition of new dug-outs, in partnership with Little League (2014/2015). 6. "Golden Mile" of daffodils for spring planted by a Village volunteer in that bloom each year (2015 to present). 7. Senior Citizen's Vest Pocket improved with new park benches and landscaping (2016). 8. Reynolds Field playground upgraded (2016). 9. Riverview Park cleanup and improvements finalized (2016). 10. Zinsser Park tree replacement, upgrade/rebuilding of wooden bridges at Zinsser Gardens and removal of vegetation blocking the stream by Eagle Scout volunteer (2016/2017). 11. Benches and garbage/recycling in Draper Park improved by Eagle scout volunteer (2017). 12. Hillside Tennis Courts renovated (2017).

	<p>13. Uniontown Park dugouts, batting cages, fencing and food shack improved (2012), basket ball courts resurfaced (2015), playing field upgraded, new playground built and parking lot improved (with preservation of trees), in partnership with Little League (2017/2018).</p> <p>14. Hillside Woods restoration efforts initiated with expert panel presentations and guided woods tours (2017 & 2018) to identify the extent of deterioration and potential restoration actions.</p> <p>15. Urban Forestry Grant of \$29,500 received for tree inventory and management plan for Hillside Woods (received 2017 and report finalized fall 2018); second grant of \$40,000 awarded for Hillside Woods tree maintenance (received 2020); State provided \$250,000 and County provided \$100,000 to implement Hillside Woods <i>Forestry Management Plan</i> (2020).</p> <p>16. Hillside Woods Steering Committee of local volunteers created to implement findings from Forestry Management Plan set up (2019) – invasive species removal underway.</p> <p>17. Quarry trail created from the Quarry Park down to Southside, including a staircase to Warburton (2016, 2018); renovated after Super storm Ida (2021).</p> <p>18. Quarry Park remediation/improvement plans developed; grant proposals drafted, submitted and secured for improvements that were initiated in March 2019 (completion expected in 2022).</p> <p>19. NYSDEC Estuary Grant of \$50,000 received to evaluate and develop remediation plan for erosion at MacEachron Waterfront Park (2019).</p> <p>20. Urban Forestry Grant of \$14,756 received for tree inventory in Pulver’s Woods, Zinsser Park, Uniontown Park and Rowley’s Bridge Trail (received 2020, report finalized December 2021); subsequently Dan Rile Park and MacEachron Waterfront Park added to study (report updated April 2022).</p> <p>21. Wagner Plaza improved to commemorate Battle of Edgar’s Lane: project included interpretive signage as well as extensive new landscaping and permeable pavement. Village contributed \$20K and DPW provided in-kind support (2020 to 2022).</p> <p>22. Dilapidated Sugar Pond Shack removed (2021).</p> <p>23. Vest Pocket Park renovated (2020-2021).</p> <p>24. Bocce Court installed at Riverview Park (2022).</p> <p>25. Through Hastings Pollinator Pathways and Adopt-a-Spot programs, small pollinator gardens have been planted throughout the Village on vacant public land including at Five Corners, near the Zinsser Commuter lot and in medians.</p>
<p>4. Diversify the tax base.</p> <p>4.1 Rezone some large tracts to enhance future tax rateables.</p> <p>4.2 Require fiscal impact analysis.</p> <p>4.3 Encourage fiscally neutral or positive development.</p>	<p>1. Fiscal Impact Analysis taken into account by the Planning Board in the plans relating to the Ginsberg Saw Mill Lofts development on 9A. Development diversified the tax base (2014 to 2015).</p> <p>2. Financial analysis endorsed by Village Board at outset of waterfront re-zoning efforts to insure that development in that area expands the village tax base. Principle embedded in the Mixed Use Planned Development District (MUPPD).</p>
<p>5. Provide transparent procedures for project review and approval. Provide community members with adequate information on prospective developments</p>	<p>1. Appointed Land Use Task Force to review and make recommendations for improvements to land use permitting processes; many recommendations have been implemented.</p> <p>2. Updated webpage of Building Inspector; forms simplified and</p>

<p>and enhance opportunities for public participation in the decision-making process.</p> <p>5.1 Create an easy-to-read development application brochure.</p> <p>5.2 Increase awareness of projects under review.</p> <p>5.3 Increase communication and coordination among Village Boards and Commissions</p> <p>5.4 Evaluate development applications for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>5.5 Circulate results of development applications via email.</p>	<p>streamlined.</p> <p>3. Amended View Preservation Law to allow Building Inspector and member from Planning Board and Zoning Board to waive Boards' approval in some cases (2015).</p> <p>4. Circulate Agendas of Planning and Zoning Boards to community via email each month and development applications for larger tracts posted on Village website.</p> <p>5. Solicit public input frequently including for circulation projects, downtown improvements, park rehabilitation and climate action initiatives and during Waterfront rezoning process.</p> <p>6. Chairs of Planning and Zoning Boards presented high level overview of the functions of their committees to the Board of Trustees and public (September 2019) to enhance common understanding of the Boards' roles.</p> <p>7. Some Boards and Commissions have appointed liaisons to improve communication and enhance cross-pollination of ideas (Parks & Rec Commission to the Shoreline Advisory Committee; Safety Council and Conservation Commission to Transportation Working Group; Parks and Recreation), Conservation Commission and the Tree Preservation Board have coordinated efforts to study and restore Hillside Woods; Downtown Working Group has coordinated with Climate Smart Communities Task Force, Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Senior Council; Climate Smart Communities Task Force includes members of Conservation Commission, Energy Working Group, Parks and Rec Commission and co-ordinates with Downtown Working Group on specific issues).</p> <p>8. Two members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee were appointed to the Planning Board - they ensure development applications are in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>9. Comprehensive Plan included in the orientation package for new members of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board; Comprehensive Plan also available on the Village website for applicants to review.</p>
<p>6. Provide community members with adequate information on prospective developments.</p> <p>6.1 Rezone parkland to reflect current use.</p> <p>6.2 Rezone institutions to reflect current uses.</p>	<p>1. Messages sent to the community on prospective developments for larger tracts, information on proposals posted on Village website (under "current issues"), the public may attend meetings to provide input.</p> <p>2. Dedicated by resolution 112 acres of open space as parkland so as to preserve it in perpetuity (February 2021). These parcels, combined with 44 acres previously dedicated, constitute 156 acres of dedicated parkland or 84% of all the open space owned by Village (excluding rights of way), and more than 8% of the 1,882 acres comprising the Village as a whole. Dedication provides more complete protection as it can only be undone by resolution of the NYS legislature.</p>
<p>7. Enhance opportunities for public participation in the decision-making process.</p>	<p>1. The Waterfront rezoning process, the <i>Concept Design for Hastings Shoreline</i>, circulation projects, downtown events and improvements, park rehabilitation and climate action initiatives have provided substantial opportunities for public input.</p> <p>2. Other Village sponsored public forums have been held on issues related to large tracts including: Meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission; Climate Vulnerability Assessment Community Workshop (June 2020); Climate Action Plan Community Workshop (April 2022); MacEachron Park Forum Discussion (June 2022).</p>

8. Preserve community character by protecting existing open space and public institutions.	<p>1. Since 2011, multiple community parks have been upgraded and improved (e.g. Riverview Park, Vest Pocket Park, Wagner Park), new parks are being created (e.g. Quarry Park which will complete the last piece of parkland east of the train tracks) and existing parks are being preserved (e.g. Hillside Woods preservation plan).</p>
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Specific Objectives for the Waterfront:

1. Ensure fiscally responsible development. 1.1 Require fiscal impact analysis. 1.2 Permit only fiscally neutral or positive development.	<p>1. Incorporated fiscal impact analysis as an explicit requirement in the Waterfront rezoning process; fiscal impact analysis embedded in RFP to recruit a planning consultant to assist in the rezoning process (2019).</p>
2. Design a plan for the Waterfront that promotes appropriately scaled development that will provide economic support for the Village. 2.1 Develop a form-based code for the Waterfront. 2.2 Identify areas suitable for economic development. 2.3 Permit uses consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed Form-Based Code. 2.4 Install infrastructure as site is remediated. 2.5 Review implementation and management strategies for waterfront redevelopment and take steps necessary to ensure continuing village involvement.	<p>1. Consent Decree was modified to incorporate an agreement regarding the preservation of the water tower, an increase in the elevation of the required cap to address sea level rise, access to the river at the Northwest Corner for boating, input from the Village on the Remedial Plan regarding the sloped shoreline, access to the river along the shoreline, the demolition of Building 52, a fund for the restoration of Quarry Park, and other issues.</p> <p>2. Board of Trustees set up Waterfront Infrastructure Development Committee made up of local citizens (2012); Committee held public meeting to present draft report (2013 & 2014); final report submitted to Board (April 2015); report identified portions of the waterfront suitable for development and the needed infrastructure for this development.</p> <p>3. Board of Trustees appointed Shoreline Advisory Committee (March 2016) to develop a conceptual design for the shoreline; grant received to fund consultant for Shoreline Advisory Committee and final design report prepared by Roux Associates and submitted to Board (2018).</p> <p>4. Board of Trustees appointed Waterfront Rezoning Committee (WRC) (January 2018) that brought together skilled volunteer residents to focus on developing a plan for the Waterfront. WRC has developed an RFP for a consultant to support the Village in the rezoning efforts. Form-based code is an option that will be examined in the rezoning efforts.</p>
3. Maximize public enjoyment of the Waterfront. 3.1 Determine areas for public uses on the Waterfront. 3.2 Provide public amenities while keeping public costs to a minimum. The Waterfront should have as many public amenities as possible, while keeping costs to taxpayers at a minimum. 3.3 Create a promenade along entire waterfront perimeter. 3.4 Encourage interim uses on the Waterfront. 3.5 Create a public outdoor space adjacent to Building #52.	<p>1. Survey of citizens conducted to solicit ideas about potential features on the waterfront (2013).</p> <p>2. The Shoreline Committee consulted extensively with the public, with the NYS DEC and also with BP/ARCO. The final conceptual design envisions many forms of public engagement with the Hudson River along the entire shoreline and specifies a broad range of public amenities including the creation of a promenade along the waterfront, water access, a boat house etc. (2018).</p> <p>3. Waterfront Rezoning Committee (WRC) appointed (Jan. 2018) to address re-zoning of the Waterfront. WRC engaged with the Pace University Land Use Law Center to create a strategic plan for waterfront re-zoning, and drafted an RFP for a consulting firm to aid its work in 2019/2020. Ensuring public enjoyment of the waterfront is a core element of the RFP.</p>
4. Ensure environmentally smart development. 4.1 Integrate sustainable site development	<p>1. Consent Decree was modified to incorporate higher elevation in site level to adapt to anticipated sea-level rise (2016).</p> <p>2. Adopted <i>Green Building Code</i> (October 2013); includes substantial</p>

concepts.	<p>green site development concepts as part of approval process.</p> <p>3. Adopted Unified NY State Solar Permitting and eliminated Planning and Zoning approval requirement for solar installations in all zoning districts (2017).</p> <p>4. Adopted <i>NY Stretch Energy Code</i>, which is more stringent than the minimum base energy code (June 2020).</p> <p>5. Adopted <i>Open-PACE Financing</i>, which enables eligible commercially-owned buildings in New York State to secure funds to tackle significant energy upgrades and renewable energy projects (June 2020).</p> <p>6. “Remedial Certificates of Completion” received for remediation of both the Tappan Terminal - Western Portion (2016) and Tappan Terminal - Eastern Portion (2021) under the NY DEC Superfund Program. The Northern portion is still undergoing remediation</p>
<p>5. Preserve public views of the Hudson river, Palisades and New York City skyline.</p> <p>5.1 Inventory public views of the Hudson River, Palisades and New York City Skyline.</p> <p>5.2 Update view preservation districts and create view preservation guidelines.</p> <p>5.3 Require view impact analysis as part of development review for projects in the view preservation districts.</p> <p>5.4 Preserve views of the Hudson River and Palisades by applying a Form-Based Code.</p>	<p>1. Waterfront Infrastructure Committee report outlined view preservation corridors as recommendations for waterfront property (2015).</p> <p>2. Incorporated as part of charge of Waterfront Rezoning Committee.</p>
<p>6. Preserve the architectural features in the area.</p> <p>6.1 Reuse Building #52.</p> <p>6.2 Preserve the Water Tower if fiscally possible.</p>	<p>1. Consent Decree was modified to require BP/ARCO to match the preservation cost of the iconic Water Tower up to \$1.35M and to cover some of the cost of the disassembly and preservation of the structure.</p> <p>2. Board of Trustees commissioned report by Village engineers to identify new storage locations for the Water Tower while remediation occurs (2022).</p>
<p>7. Investigate improvements to circulation to and through the Waterfront.</p> <p>7.1 Investigate relocating Dock Street Bridge when it is reconstructed by Metro-North.</p> <p>7.2 Revisit the need for Zinsser Bridge and/or a pedestrian bridge.</p>	<p>1. Waterfront Infrastructure Committee report outlined circulation recommendations for waterfront property.</p> <p>2. Improvements to circulation incorporated as part of charge of Waterfront Rezoning Committee.</p>
<p>8. Proactively seek out opportunities for the Waterfront that are consistent with the goals and vision of the Plan and the (future) Form-Based Code for the Waterfront.</p> <p>8.1 Investigate development options</p>	<p>Incorporated as part of charge of Waterfront Rezoning Committee.</p>
<p>9. Ensure that built areas do not create self-contained enclaves that impede public access to the Waterfront.</p>	<p>1. Shoreline Committee’s final conceptual design contained proposals for extensive public access to the waterfront.</p> <p>2. Public access to the waterfront was incorporated as part of charge of Waterfront Rezoning Committee.</p>

CIRCULATION

Objectives

1. Encourage the provision and maintenance of sidewalks, stairs and street intersections so pedestrians from all parts of the Village are able to walk safely to the Downtown, the Metro-North station, to schools and between neighborhoods.

- 1.1 Maintain existing sidewalks.
- 1.2 Continue to add or improve sidewalks to the Downtown.
- 1.3 Continue to provide and enhance "Safe Routes to School."
- 1.4 Improve the conditions of stairs throughout the Village.
- 1.5 Improve pedestrian connections between neighborhoods.

- 1. Adopted *Complete Streets Policy* (October 2014) and have produced Annual Implementation Status Reports.
- 2. Transportation Working Group (TWG) appointed (March 2016); recommendations included ideas to improve pedestrian connections between neighborhoods; recommendations reviewed and endorsed by Safety Council; traffic engineer hired; traffic engineer reviewed recommendations; recommendations presented to Board of Trustees and Village Manager in 2017; implementation of recommendations of TWG ongoing; results to date include resurfacing of 80 roads (74,851 ft length/ 1,939,269 sq ft) and installation of 12,428 ft of curbing along 26 roads; placement of stanchions alerting drivers to pedestrian crossings in key areas; road striping and crosswalk repainting; traffic calming and safety implementation and replacement of and/or erection of new traffic calming signs by Town of Greenburgh.
- 3. Village joined four other Greenburgh shoreline communities in a \$150,000 NY State-funded study on the Rt. 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan to improve circulation from Hastings to Sleepy Hollow (purpose is to improve pedestrian, bicyclist and vehicle mobility and safety), study completed in May 2018 and recommendations provided to State. Currently awaiting news on potential funding for design and implementation.
- 4. Village set up Safe Routes to School Committee (2019) to explore ways to improve the pedestrian experience for children: collaboration efforts established with PTSA Traffic Safety Committee, CSC Task Force, school administration and village staff.
- 5. Police Department provides annual Crosswalk Safety Workshops at FMS and HHS.
- 6. Lowered speed limit to 15 mph in school zone along Farragut Avenue (2019).
- 7. Eagle Scout improved stairs between Hamilton and Prescott Place (summer 2013).
- 8. Village improved stairs between West Main Street and Southside Avenue (2014) and endorsed improvements of stairs leading from Warburton Avenue to Quarry Trail (2015).
- 9. County installed new sidewalks on Warburton Ave (2019).
- 9. Village received funding to improve commuter stairs (2021 to 2022).
- 10. Village created a new sidewalk on Hillside and a new segment of sidewalk on Lefurgy (2016).
- 11. Village completed improvements for Hillside sidewalk running from Rosedale to Farlane (2017).
- 12. Village created Quarry Park extension stairs linking Aqueduct to Southside and accessing Warburton Ave stairs (2017).
- 13. Local residents "day lighted" sidewalks along Mt. Hope from Cliff to Overlook (2017).
- 14. Efforts initiated to calm traffic on Southern Corridor (2018 to 2021) including installation of no truck signs, no left turn restriction, new stop signs and crosswalks, and at the request of the Village, replacement of

	<p>and/or erection of new traffic calming signs by Town of Greenburgh.</p> <p>15. Village applied for, and was awarded, 3 CDBG grants in the amount of f \$545,000, for sidewalk improvements in the downtown (first grant awarded in 2019; implementation began in 2022).</p> <p>16. Village bonded \$250,000 for new sidewalks (2020; implementation to begin in 2022).</p> <p>17. Village awarded grant of \$785,395 under Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to improve pedestrian safety along Broadway (2022).</p>
<p>2. Improve roadways and intersections to reduce pedestrian and motorist conflicts.</p> <p>2.1 Study options for improving intersections that are difficult for both motorists and pedestrians.</p> <p>2.2 Improve pedestrian circulation in the Downtown.</p>	<p>1. Transportation Working Group (TWG) appointed Mar. 1, 2016.</p> <p>2. TWG developed extensive set of recommendations, which were reviewed and endorsed by Safety Council and by Traffic engineer (hired in 2017).</p> <p>3. TWG recommendations presented to Board of Trustees and Village Manager (2017); implementation efforts are ongoing.</p> <p>4. Village set up Safe Routes to School Committee to explore ways to improve the pedestrian experience for children.</p> <p>5. <i>Rt. 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Plan</i> developed by the five villages from Hastings to Sleepy Hollow and completed November 2018. The Plan recommends preserving auto mobility while creating lanes and pedestrian walkways along the entire route. It envisions the redesign of intersections along the entire route to increase safety pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>6. Adopted <i>Biking and Walking Master Plan</i> (2021).</p>
<p>3. Provide and maintain Village streets and intersections so motorists can safely drive to the Downtown, the Metro-North station and schools; and safely access Broadway, Warburton and the Saw Mill River Parkway.</p> <p>3.1 Implement traffic calming measures.</p> <p>3.2 Better coordinate the schedules and roadway requirements of Village services and vehicles with those of residents.</p> <p>3.3 Improve the Farragut Parkway and Cliff Street gateways.</p>	<p>1. Board of Trustees commissioned engineering study on the state of Village roads and hired James Hahn Engineering to analyze and prepare assessment on the state of Village roads (2014 to 2015).</p> <p>2. <i>Roadway Assessment Report</i> assessed all roads in the Village and rated them in terms of priority and submitted to Village Board of Trustees (2016).</p> <p>3. Board elected in 2017 to accelerate road upgrades by 5 times compared to previous years; \$1.2M spent in 2017 and \$800 in 2018/19; from 2010 to 2021, resurfaced a total of 80 roads (74,851 ft length/ 1,939,269 sq ft) and installed 12,428 ft of curbing along 26 roads.</p> <p>4. Ran pilot contracting program with Pothole Killer truck.</p> <p>5. At Village's request, Town of Greenburgh updates striping and crosswalks on Village roads.</p> <p>6. County repaved and restriped Warburton Ave (southern to northern gateways to Village) (2019).</p> <p>7. County repaved and restriped Farragut Ave (eastern to western gateways to Village) (2021 to 2022); bike lanes added.</p> <p>9. NYSDOT improved striping and crosswalks on Broadway/Rt.9 with repaving work scheduled for 2023/24.</p> <p>10. Village advocated with NYSDOT as part of Ravensdale Bridge renovation, for streetlamps specified in the <i>Design Guidelines for the Central Commercial District</i>, as well as tree replanting to ensure a verdant eastern entrance to the Village (eastern gateway to Village) (construction of the bridge/landscaping took place from 2020 to 2022).</p>
<p>4. Improve bridge connections for cars, bicyclists and pedestrians, particularly to Route 9A along Ravensdale Bridge, as well as Dock Street and Zinsser Bridges to the</p>	<p>1. From 2018 to 19, Village participated in planning discussions with the State related to renovation of Ravensdale Bridge and worked with the State to ensure pedestrian and cyclists concerns are included in improvement plans. Project began in 2020 and was completed 2022.</p>

Waterfront. 4.1 Improve bridge connections for both motorists and people.	
5. Provide and maintain trails so pedestrians can enjoy recreational walks, walk to the Downtown and walk to schools. 5.1 Prepare a Master Plan for existing and future trails. 5.2 Establish maintenance program for existing trails.	1. Trails cleared of trees and debris after major storms by local residents. 2. Fred Hubbard with volunteers, cleared and created the Rowley's Bridge Trailway and cut-through.
6. Consider providing and maintain bike routes.	1. Recommendations related to bike routes included in <i>Biking and Walking Master Plan</i> (2021). 2. <i>Rt. 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Report</i> proposed bike lanes from the Yonkers border to Sleepy Hollow (2018). 3. Farragut repaving projects includes bike lanes (2021 to 2022).
7. Support use of public transportation, including the Bee-Line Bus and Metro-North railroad.	1. Added permanent parking lot spaces to allow for more commuter use of the railroad. 2. As part of <i>Downtown Improvements Study</i> (2019) Gisolfi and Associates, developed recommendations for bike parking in Zinsser commuter parking lot.
8. Implement circulation changes in a fashion that permits drivers, pedestrians and bikers to adapt and keeps streets, sidewalks, intersections and trails safe.	1. Issues related to circulation are addressed in <i>Complete Streets Policy</i> and Implementation Status Reports, and by Transportation Working Group, Safe Routes to School Committee, in <i>Rt. 9 Active Transportation Conceptual Design Report</i> and in <i>Biking and Walking Master Plan</i> (2021).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Objectives	Activities/Accomplishments
1. Be aware of and implement best practices for mitigating and adapting to global climate change. 1.1 Complete the ICLEI Five-Milestone Methodology. 1.2 Work closely with local, State and national groups dedicated to sustainability issues to learn about best practices as they develop.	1. Village designated by NYS as a Climate Smart Community (CSC) in 2010, with goal of mitigating and adapting to climate change and lowering its carbon footprint; initiated actions and compiled documentation to secure status as bronze level Climate Smart Community in January 2020, and secured silver status in June 2021 (is currently highest ranked CSC in New York State). 2. Village designated by NYSEDA as a Clean Energy Community (CEC) in March 2017. To date, the Village has completed 20 high impact actions (is currently highest ranked CEC in New York State). 3. Joined Sustainable Westchester to increase the Village's impact on County-wide sustainability-related issues and actions. 4. Joined Climate Mayors, a national organization to promote local actions and coordinate municipal responses at the national level to climate change. 5. Joined Global Covenant of Mayors and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability to learn about best practices and access tools and resources to mitigate and adapt to climate change; working with ICLEI on developing a Climate Action Plan using ICLEI methodologies. 6. Board of Trustees adopted a resolution pledging commitment to Paris Agreement on Climate Change when US pulled out of the accord (2017). 7. Board of Trustees adopted a <i>Climate Emergency Declaration</i> (2021) committing to a "fair share" science-based emission reduction target.

<p>2. Reduce energy consumption and the carbon footprint of the Village-owned and managed properties and resources.</p> <p>2.1 Green the village vehicle fleet as it replaces vehicles.</p> <p>2.2 Sustainability Fund.</p> <p>2.3 Improve energy efficiency of government buildings.</p> <p>2.4 Support energy awareness and efficient practices among staff.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installed one electric charging station with two fueling ports in Steinschneider parking lot (2019); secured grant of \$25,000 to install additional EV stations near Village Hall (2022). 2. Created <i>Municipal Fleet Inventory</i> (November 2019), to gradually transition to electric vehicles, and adopted a <i>Green Fleet Policy</i>, to improve fleet efficiency and provide guidance on fleet rightsizing (2021). 3. Purchased several fully electric vehicles: a Tesla Y for use by the Police Department (July 2020); a 2020 Nissan Leaf SL Plus (a battery powered electric vehicle with a 226-mile radius) for use by the Village Manager (March 2021); two Ford Mustang Mach E for use by the Police Chief (April 2022) and the Police Department (June 2022); planned is the purchase of an electric truck (pending). 4. Conducted annual energy benchmarking of municipal buildings and published <i>Municipal Buildings Energy Benchmarking Reports</i> on Village website (2016 to present). 5. Commissioned <i>Municipal Building Energy Audit Report</i> (finalized September 2019) that includes recommended action the Village can take to reduce green house gas (GHG) emissions, including initiating energy efficiency measures in municipal buildings especially in relation to lighting and heating. 6. Completed a baseline <i>Municipal & Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory</i> (2019). 7. Connected four municipal meters to community solar with an anticipated usage of 287,677 kWh/year (33.3% GHGs reduction), which will offset 204 Metric Tons of CO₂e and save the Village over \$7,000 in energy costs, moving us towards cleaner municipal energy (2022). 8. Adopted Anti-Idling Law (2019), which limits legal idling to 1 minute. 9. Initiated conversion to LED street lighting: replaced 100% of cobra head streetlights, 51% of decorative streetlights and 75% of traffic lights with LEDs which can reduce street light energy use by as much as 65 percent, generating cost savings and emission reductions. 10. Upgraded interior lighting (100% of the library, 85% of the community center, 35% of Village Hall). 11. Adopted a resolution committing to promote the use of low embodied carbon concrete (LECC) products in building and infrastructure projects within the Village (May 2020). 12. Adopted <i>Procurement Policy</i> with sustainability component (2019) and educated staff on new requirements. 13. Established Energy Working Group, as a sub-committee of the Conservation Committee (2017), to promote potential GHG reduction initiatives to both residents and staff. 14. Established Climate Smart Communities Task Force (2019), to document and support awareness building efforts aimed at residents and employees related to adapting to and mitigating climate change. 15. Village staff and their electric vehicles participated in National Drive Electric Day, and several other EV related events to help support and raise awareness around energy efficiency. 15. Regularly update Village website pages that address energy efficiency and climate change.
<p>3. Encourage sustainable design and construction in the Village.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate change is considered in SEQR processes. 2. Adopted <i>Green Building Code</i> (October 2013), which applies to both

<p>3.1 Incorporate considerations of climate change in the SEQR process.</p> <p>3.2 Enact a green building code for new constructions and substantial renovation.</p>	<p>residential and municipal buildings.</p> <p>3. Adopted NYS Unified Solar Permit to streamline the approval process for installing solar (2017).</p> <p>4. Eliminated Planning and Zoning approval requirement for solar installations in all zoning districts (2017).</p> <p>5. Adopted a resolution committing to promote the use of low embodied carbon concrete (LECC) products in building and infrastructure projects within the Village (May 2020).</p> <p>6. Adopted <i>NY Stretch Energy Code</i> (June 2020).</p> <p>7. Adopted <i>Open-PACE Financing</i> (June 2020).</p>
<p>4. Reduce energy consumption and carbon footprint of Village residents.</p> <p>4.1 Increase amount of waste diverted from landfills.</p> <p>4.2 Undertake new efforts aimed at public awareness, in cooperation with volunteer groups and the School Board.</p> <p>4.3 Keep the community well informed on ways to enhance sustainability.</p> <p>4.4 Leverage Federal, State or intermunicipal legislative initiatives that promote sustainability.</p>	<p>1. From 2010 to 2021, total waste tipping decreased by 14%, and recycling reached 41% of all waste.</p> <p>2. Adopted Local Law banning plastic checkout bags and styrofoam containers (June 2014).</p> <p>4. Promoted local resident-led curbside pick-up food waste program; <i>Hudson Compost Services</i> (2019 to present).</p> <p>5. Promoted local resident-led <i>Repair Café</i> (April 2019 to present).</p> <p>6. Promoted local resident-led reuse program; <i>Take It or Leave It (TILI) Shed</i> (2022).</p> <p>7. Initiated waste reduction education campaigns including: promoting recycling, reducing yard waste (love ‘em and leave ‘em) and increasing food scrap recycling; began campaign to sell competitively priced compost bins and caddies to residents; initiated food scraps recycling program for residents to help remove food waste from the solid waste stream (2019); strengthened existing recycling program and introduced composting in government buildings (2019).</p> <p>8. During Earth Month 2021, the Village launched four successful Community Campaigns to enhance public awareness and promote energy reduction efforts by residents: GridRewards™, Community Solar, EnergySmart Homes, and Electric Vehicles. By April 30, 2021, 113 people had signed up for GridRewards™ and 29 people had signed up for Community Solar as a result of the community campaigns. The Village completed the requirements of the EV and EnergySmart Homes campaigns by year-end 2021. As per NYSEDA, from 2012 to 2021 a total of 206 EVs had been purchased in the Village; 121 EVs were purchased and received an EV rebate in 2021 and of these 73 were purchased after the <i>Charge Up Hastings!</i> campaign was launched. On EnergySmart Homes, during the course of the campaign 23 residents were issued building permits for the purchase and installation of clean heating and cooling devices.</p> <p>9. As part of New York State’s CSC and/or CEC programs the Village completed the following initiatives to reduce energy consumption and the carbon footprint of residents:</p> <p>a. Conducted a <i>Solarize Campaign</i> with Dobbs Ferry and Sustainable Westchester: 55 Hastings residents installed high-quality solar units and benefited from cost savings, adding nearly 500 KW of solar power generating potential (2015/2016).</p> <p>b. Signed up for <i>Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)</i> program promoted by Sustainable Westchester. Village selected the renewable option: over 2,200 village households are part of the program (2015 and renewed in 2021).</p>

	<p>c. Adopted unified solar permitting to ease installation of solar on residential homes (2017).</p> <p>d. Installed an electric vehicle electric charging stations with two fueling ports in Steinschneider parking lot (2018).</p> <p>e. Adopted Anti-Idling Ordinance (December 2019).</p> <p>f. Participating with Dobbs Ferry in Sustainable Westchester's HeatSmart Campaign (2019) to help residents obtain a home energy assessment with a locally selected contractor, access incentives and rebates to make affordable energy improvements (on insulation, air source heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps).</p> <p>g. Adopted <i>NY Stretch Energy Code</i>, which is more stringent than the minimum base energy code (June 2020).</p> <p>h. Adopted <i>Open-PACE Financing</i>, which enables eligible commercially-owned buildings in New York State to secure funds to tackle significant energy upgrades and renewable energy projects (June 2020).</p> <p>i. Initiated "Buy Local" campaign, which reduces our carbon footprint by discouraging vehicle use and also helps keep Village dollars circulating locally, enabling us to maintain a strong and resilient local economy. The Village created a Hastings-specific e-gift card through the Destination Hastings Downtown Dollar\$ program.</p>
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SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Objectives	Activities/Accomplishments
<p>1. Minimize storm water runoff.</p> <p>1.1 Review existing storm water management planning.</p> <p>1.2 Reduce the minimum square footage of activities requiring a SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan).</p> <p>1.3 Incorporate Low Impact Design and other natural landscaping measures into the Zoning Code.</p> <p>1.4 Decrease impervious surfaces in the Village.</p> <p>1.5 Set annual stormwater management goals.</p> <p>1.6 Keep the community well informed on ways to minimize runoff.</p>	<p>1. Storm water management planning is reviewed each year and the Village produces a comprehensive <i>Stormwater Management Report</i> annually.</p> <p>2. <i>Stormwater Management Report</i> is presented annually at a Board of Trustees meeting and is available on the Village Web site (see Village Clerk's section).</p> <p>3. Informational pamphlets on stormwater management are available in Village Hall and are distributed at public events; in addition, resources and toolkits about rain barrels, rain gardens and permeable pavements are available on the Village Web site (see Village Clerk's section).</p> <p>4. Local laws related to stormwater management and flood prevention are continually enforced to ensure stormwater management best practices.</p> <p>5. The Village reconstructed 12 catch basins and installed over 500 feet of drainage pipe on Minturn along with related drainage catch basins; installed the complete drainage system around the pool.</p>
<p>2. Preserve and protect floodplains and water bodies.</p> <p>2.1 Restrict development within floodplains.</p> <p>2.2 Establish and maintain buffer areas along the Hudson and Saw Mill Rivers.</p>	<p>1. The Village joined 33 other Hudson Valley municipalities in the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance to successfully oppose a proposed US Coast Guard rule that would have added 10 new barge anchorage grounds, and 43 anchorage sites from Yonkers to Albany, including the entire Hudson River at Hastings. Hastings was the only Hudson River shoreline community with a village official participating in the US Coast Guard Ports and Waterways Assessment Workshop in 2017. A village trustee met regularly with other Hudson River Shoreline elected officials to monitor further proposals potentially impacting the Hudson River estuary on the shoreline.</p> <p>2. Adopted a resolution asking the US Army Corps of Engineers to carry</p>

	out more extensive study prior to adopting plans for storm surge barriers in NY York Harbor and its tributaries.
3. Preserve, protect and restore wetlands.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shoreline Advisory Committee recommended planning measures to preserve, protect, restore and expand wetlands. 2. Planning Board ensured flooding concerns were taken into account in the plans relating to the proposed development on 9A. 3. Participate actively in County-led Saw Mill River Watershed Advisory Board (SWAB) by signing MOU and delivering on commitments: created adopt-a-spot program and actively supported <i>Birds and Bees Act</i>. 4. Village volunteers initiated a tree planting campaign by the side of Boutillier's Brook which is a tributary to the Saw Mill River, using funding from the DEC's Trees for Tribs grant program. The area that was planted is a 160-ft section of the tributary. The brook flows from the Ravensdale area of the Village between Farragut Avenue and Farragut Parkway and into the Saw Mill River at Exit 12 off the Saw Mill River Parkway; over 350 trees and shrubs planted (May 2021). 5. Village volunteers have been restoring a degraded wetland on the school district's Burke Estate property by removing invasive fragmites and planting water tolerant trees and shrubs (since 2020).
4. Anticipate more intense storms and higher water levels associated with climate change.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developed <i>Hazard Mitigation Plan</i> under the auspices of Westchester County (December 2015; updated 2021), which flags emergency preparedness for natural hazards including severe storms and flooding. 2. Undertook a <i>Climate Vulnerability Assessment</i> (2020) and prepared <i>Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Report</i> (2021) to expose gaps and vulnerabilities and better prepare for climate change. 3. Ongoing cleaning and reparation of catchment basins have been cleaned and repaired. 4. The Planning Board ensured flooding concerns were taken into account in the plans relating to the proposed development on 9A. 5. Village updated "Emergency Preparedness" webpage with new information relevant to severe storms and flooding and provided link to www.floodfactor.com which indicates residential flooding susceptibility.
5. Conserve water.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village Web site (see Village Clerk's section) provides toolkits to educate residents about the benefits of rain barrels, rain gardens and permeable pavement. 2. Promoted rainwater conservation by offering rain barrels (as well as composters) for sale at subsidized prices. 3. Partnered with Pollinator Pathways to promote use of native plant species as a water conservation measure for gardens (2020). 4. Joined EPA's WaterSense Program (May 2021). 5. Presented <i>Water Weeks</i>, a webinar series aimed at helping residents understand the importance of water and how individuals and families can make efforts to conserve it (May and June 2021).

QUALITY OF LIFE

Objectives	Activities/Accomplishments
1. Ensure that the Village remains affordable to a wide variety of people. 1.1 Continue to recognize the need and importance of affordable housing.	1. Affordable housing set aside for new developments was up-graded from 10% to 15% in 2013 (higher than the mandated requirements). Affordable units around the village are indistinguishable from other units and blend in with the existing Village character.

<p>1.2 Reassess the Village Affordable Housing Policy.</p> <p>1.3 Until the Settlement Agreement Implementation Plan is released, make the necessary revisions to the Affordable Housing Policy</p> <p>1.4 Protect existing affordable housing.</p> <p>1.5 Ensure that new affordable housing in the Village "complements and enhances" existing Village character.</p> <p>1.6 Look at new models for senior residency.</p> <p>1.7 Continue to provide a range of housing types.</p>	<p>2. Three affordable housing ownership units at 52 Washington Avenue (completed in 2015).</p> <p>3. 9A development includes 12 units of affordable housing that are attractive and similar in design to regular units (finalized in 2016).</p> <p>4. Two new affordable housing units completed at 190 Farragut Avenue (2018).</p> <p>5. Four new affordable housing units completed at 10 West Main (2018).</p> <p>6. Increased income eligibility levels for Senior and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption program (SCRIE & DRIE).</p> <p>7. Senior Citizen Advisory Committee investigating "Living in Place" initiatives in cooperation with Andrus on Hudson.</p> <p>8. Language in Village Code related to senior living definitions updated and modernized (2019).</p> <p>9. Village Code provisions related to Accessory Apartments revised to ease usage by seniors and other residents (2019).</p> <p>10. Enhanced opportunities for seniors with Senior Brochure prepared by Senior Citizen Advisory Council.</p>
<p>2. Protect the Village's valuable historic resources.</p> <p>2.1 Maximize preservation and retention of significant historic resources.</p> <p>2.2 In redeveloping the Waterfront area, include suitable measures to highlight the vital role that this area played in the Village's historic development.</p> <p>2.3 Apply for Certified Local Government Status.</p>	<p>1. Board of Trustees has determined that the iconic water tower will be preserved in some form when the waterfront is re-developed. The Consent Decree requires BP/ARCO to match the preservation cost up to \$1.35 million</p> <p>2. Consent Decree modification sets money aside for Historical Society to document waterfront history.</p>
<p>3. Continue to explore opportunities for inter-municipal cooperation with neighboring communities and school districts for shared community services.</p> <p>3.1 Inter-municipal agreements with neighboring communities should be prepared and executed to make community service delivery more efficient and effective.</p>	<p>1. In October 2012, Village secured grant to undertake assessment of possibility of Inter-municipal agreement on combining DPW services with Dobbs Ferry to increase efficiency and reduce costs. Study completed; no appreciable benefits discerned at the time.</p> <p>2. Police, Fire Department/EMS provide mutual aid to neighboring municipalities on an as needed basis.</p> <p>3. Police serve in Greenburg Drug and Alcohol Task Force and SWAT and participate in Tri-Village Marine Agreement.</p> <p>4. Worked with Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington to pursue grants from the State to promote tourism and marketing.</p> <p>5. Through the Village Officials Committee (VOC), work with other villages to create IMA's to obtain better/lower cost contracts for asphalt and paving, air conditioning repairs, cleaning services, and other contracts as part of "shared-services".</p> <p>6. Board of Trustees approved IMA with six other villages for innovative pothole repair (January 2015).</p> <p>7. Undertake joint Parks and Recreation programming with Dobbs Ferry.</p> <p>8. Participated in Sustainable Westchester's Solarize, Community Choice Aggregation, HeatSmart, Community Solar, GridRewards and other programs with sister municipalities.</p> <p>9. Receive advisory support from Westchester County Parks Recreation Supervisor on rehabilitation of Hillside Woods.</p> <p>10. Have agreement in place with school on refuse pick up.</p> <p>11. Participating in Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) with</p>

	Westchester County, HVRC and 8 other municipalities (2019 to present).
<p>4. Work cooperatively to ensure that schools and other community services are sufficiently supported.</p> <p>4.1 Potential impacts of all types of development on school, library and Community Center capacity should be analyzed, as well as any implications from these impacts on local taxes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board of Education presented to Board of Trustees plan to improve Reynolds Field, tennis courts and playground (September 2013). 2. The Planning Board analyzed the impacts on community resources of the proposed development on 9A. 3. Waterfront Rezoning Committee has included all village stakeholders in community outreach efforts. 4. The Rt. 9 Active Transportation Study was carried out in conjunction with four other shoreline villages and the steering committee will continue into the implementation phase. 5. Sought and received funding to repair Library roof to improve energy efficiency of building and reduce energy costs (2020 to 2021). 6. Introduced school to solar developers who will install solar on school roofs to promote energy independence, improve energy efficiency of building and reduce energy costs (2020 to 2022). 7. Connected four municipal meters to community solar, including library and community center, with anticipated savings of \$7,000 (2022). 8. Signed municipality up for GridRewards to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs (2022).
<p>5. Recognize the value of volunteerism in the community and encourage residents to take an active role in the future of the Village.</p> <p>5.1 Support the efforts of the Village's all-volunteer fire and ambulance services.</p> <p>5.2 Support and reward community volunteers.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved funding for upgraded protective clothing and communications equipment, as well as Protection Company pumper Engine (2015); new ambulance (2017); Fire Chiefs' vehicles (2019); generator, bail out harness system and decontamination shower (2020); rescue vehicle (2020); documented and promoted history of Fire Department; supported recruiting drives. 2. Held community events recognizing volunteers after various natural disasters (e.g. Hurricane Sandy) and hold annual community events to recognize all volunteer groups in the Village. 3. Promote volunteer opportunities on a regular basis, and actively recruit Village Boards resulting in average 98% occupancy on village boards and commissions.
<p>6. Promote opportunities for public art.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village Arts Commission arranged outdoor sculpture installations, curated art exhibitions in Village Hall, and held several outdoor art events. Arts Commission continues to provide public art in the Municipal Building and elsewhere. Gallery-quality lighting and hanging equipment was supplied at the Municipal Building. 2. Village coordinated dedication ceremony and art exhibit honoring Jacques Lipchitz in Village Hall (2013). 3. Board of Trustees increased membership of Village Arts Commission enabling expansion of activities. 4. Work with RiverArts, promoting the <i>RiverArts Music Tour</i>, and numerous other public art/music efforts. 5. Worked with Upstream Gallery to install street light banners in the downtown featuring the work of local artists. 6. Village received donation of Lipchitz Studio from Lipchitz Foundation (2022); committee will be set up to review preservation options/costs.
<p>7. Ease the property tax burden on Village residents.</p> <p>7.1 Lobby State legislators to address the property tax burden.</p> <p>7.2 Work with neighboring communities to</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board of Trustees lobbied State legislators and the Governor to address the tax burden on ongoing basis. 2. Improved fiscal management of Village finances and introduced budget vs. actuals analysis. 3. Built Unassigned Reserve Fund (rainy day fund) of \$3.8M (more than

<p>address the property tax burden.</p>	<p>10% of Unassigned Fund Balance in the General Fund as per <i>Fund Balance Policy</i>), and established new assigned fund balances for film fees, River Street Parking, Parks Capital Projects and Capital Projects (2021). Total reserve fund approximately \$4.5M (as per 2021 Audit).</p> <p>4. Remained under 2% State imposed tax cap every year since it was implemented in 2012, “property tax freeze credit” enjoyed by many villagers, and Village consistently boasts one of the lowest tax increases among the Rivertowns.</p> <p>5. Aggressively sought grant funding to finance municipal improvements.</p> <p>6. Received upgrade by Moody’s to Aa2 (2021) thereby reducing cost of borrowing to municipality.</p> <p>7. Board of Trustees approved Inter-municipal agreement with Dobbs Ferry to study consolidation of public works departments (2012).</p> <p>8. Police and Fire Departments provide mutual aid to neighboring municipalities on an as needed basis.</p> <p>9. Police serve in Greenburg Drug and Alcohol Task Force and SWAT and participate in Tri-Village Marine Agreement.</p> <p>10. Board of Trustees approved IMA with six other villages for innovative pothole repair (2015).</p> <p>11. Multiple joint efforts over the years have saved monies on building cleaning services, asphalt repaving and instillation of curbs, bulk procurement of office equipment, salt, flowers and other items.</p> <p>12. Ongoing sharing of capital equipment with neighboring villages where it has made sense.</p> <p>13. Co-operation on Parks & Recreation programs including sharing athletic fields, extending pool passes to residents of Dobbs Ferry while their pool was being repaired in 2019 and receiving passes when the Hastings pool was being repaired in 2022.</p> <p>14. Receiving advisory support from County Parks Recreation Supervisor re rehabilitation of Hillside Woods.</p> <p>15. Have agreement in place with school on garbage pick up.</p>
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