

PCB DREDGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2006 – 4:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman DeCerce; Supervisors Wood, Peck, Richardson and Gutheil; Robert Hall- At Large; George Hodgson, Environmental Services; Tracy Clothier, LA Group; Press.

Chairman DeCerce called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the October 10, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. DeCerce presented the brochure put together by the LA Group entitled, “Reclaiming the Hudson”. There needs to be some means of mitigation in each of the towns along the Hudson from the devastation that will occur when the dredging occurs, he said.

Ms. Clothier said the LA Group could not have accomplished this task without the help of Larry Ambrosino who was responsible for putting together the entire book. To get this accomplished we first needed to set forth a vision. Included in the Riverscape Project are the towns of Moreau, Northumberland, Saratoga, Stillwater, Halfmoon, Waterford, the Villages of Schuylerville, Victory, Stillwater, Waterford, and the City of Mechanicville. It was recognized that the corridor was highly underutilized and undervalued and represented a remarkable spectrum of opportunity for heritage and recreational tourism.

LA Group worked collaboratively as a regional team to develop a unified approach towards economic development along the corridor. The federal, state and regional partnerships have provided a framework to begin planning initiatives including: the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and future Greenway; Lakes to Locks Passage; National Park Service future Visitor Center; Old Saratoga on the Hudson; Saratoga County Green Infrastructure Plan; and the Historic Saratoga –Washington on the Hudson Partnership.

The rewards will provide a clear strategy for a major tourism corridor along the Hudson River/Champlain Canal, along with providing grant assistance to the communities to make the projects become a reality.

Ms. Clothier said the following town projects have been coordinated to be complimentary to each other.

Historic:

Rebuild the historically significant Royal Blockhouse in Moreau.
Rehabilitate the Dix Bridge in Northumberland

Develop the Burgoyne Sword Surrender Pocket Park and access to early French and Indian War sites in Saratoga

Parks:

Hudson Crossing on Lock 5 Island in Northumberland
New Park at site of Admirals Marina in Stillwater

Trails:

Greenway trail from Waterford to Moreau

Boat Launches & Docking Facilities:

Expanding the City Dock and Park in Mechanicville
A new town boat launch in Saratoga
Waterfront access and a landing dock at the Saratoga National Historical Park

Downtown Revitalization:

Schuylerville, Stillwater, Mechanicville
New Town Center concept for Moreau

Infrastructure:

New water plant in Waterford
Address necessary sewer and water line infrastructure improvements related to PCB dredging in Halfmoon

Mr. DeCerco commended Ms. Clothier, LA Group, Mr. Hodgson, Mayors and Supervisors for collectively coming together to create the brochure of the Saratoga County Riverscape Project.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Peck the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom