

Village of Tarrytown Comprehensive Plan

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Public Workshop Summary

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Village of Tarrytown Public Engagement Report presents and explores comments received at the September 17, 2017 Public Workshop to inform the Village's comprehensive plan update process. The report documents the participants' goals, objectives, and vision for the Village. The consulting team consisting of WXY architecture + urban design, the Land Use Law Center, Regional Plan Association, and Westchester County Planning facilitated the public meeting.

To promote attendance at the meetings, consultants and Village staff solicited participation using several advertisement methods. At the meeting, facilitators asked participants for feedback regarding six land use discussion themes: Built Environment; Economy; Mobility; Community, Culture & Education; Natural Resources & Open Space; and Sustainability & Resiliency. For each discussion theme, facilitators asked: "What is good now, what is not working, and what are some strategies to overcome what is not working?" As participants discussed each theme, facilitators recorded exact responses on flipcharts. For each meeting, staff also collected private comment cards from participants. Once the meetings concluded, staff compiled all recorded comments and comment cards and organized them by discussion theme. The consulting staff examined these results to identify the participants' most significant concerns and planning strategies.

A few overall themes emerged from the public engagement process:

- Participants expressed a clear wish to maintain and protect the Village of Tarrytown's unique character, including its historic properties, recreational and natural spaces, and diversity of businesses and population.
- Participants also discussed economic sustainability, tourism opportunities, and ways to support local businesses.
- Participants focused their attention on the connections and mobility within Tarrytown. This included strategies to reduce traffic congestion, improve parking availability, and improve pedestrian safety and walkability. Participants wanted to find linkages and better connections between distinct areas of the Village.
- Participants also discussed improving downtown walkability, wayfinding, expanding parking availability in the downtown and at the train station, and shared mobility opportunities, including bikes, buses, and shuttles.
- Participants also focused on Tarrytown's community resources, including the opportunities and challenges to connect the downtown with the waterfront, and ways to connect Tarrytown's diverse resident population and maintain its Village-feel with increased development pressures.
- Participants finally focused on natural resource protection, trails and pathway enhancements, open space preservation and ways to make Tarrytown more sustainable and resilient in the coming years.

Below, the participants' specific planning priorities are summarized by discussion theme.

Built Environment

For the Built Environment, participants were most concerned with future development and its impact to the character of the Village. In particular, participants discussed environmental impacts, historic preservation, scale of development, impacts on infrastructure, traffic considerations, and housing affordability. Many discussed how nearby development from both regional and neighboring municipalities would also impact Tarrytown and that such developments should be planned for and considered.

Participants suggested policies such as impact fees, creation of more affordable housing, resiliency considerations in new developments, continued economic growth and a streamlined permitting process to keep taxes down and get businesses open. Strategies, such as reviewing the highest and best use of certain properties, intermunicipal cooperation, and the integration of green spaces in new development were also discussed. In addition, participants stated that connections between the waterfront and Main Street should be enhanced.

Economy

For the Economy, many participants were pleased by the diversity of restaurants, shops, and other businesses in Tarrytown. Many also considered the Village to be a tourist attraction with its existing community programs, public facilities, and natural resources. Some concerns noted included ways to sustain existing businesses in the downtown, as future waterfront development occurred, traffic impacts, and the underutilization of certain sites. Strategies were discussed regarding ways to enhance shopping locally, growing the tourism industry through a boutique hotel, creating a visitor/tourism center, and linking outdoor recreational events. Many also discussed support for existing businesses, including providing resources, creating a local economic development strategy, promoting live/work spaces and maker spaces, and creating a clear roadmap for small startup businesses in Tarrytown. Finally, participants discussed the need to attract new businesses to Tarrytown.

Natural Environment & Open Space

For Natural Environment & Open Space, a large number of participants expressed the importance of the various parks and Tarrytown Lakes, the beautiful trails and pathways in Tarrytown, and the various natural resources and open spaces which give Tarrytown its charm.

Participants were concerned with protecting the Village's open spaces from development impacts, including mention of future waterfront development and the Tarrytown Lakes area. Some felt that not all development was preserving the natural environment. Additionally, participants were concerned about tree maintenance and plantings; park access; and trail signage and maintenance; light pollution; and invasive species. Participants discussed creating more pedestrian pathways, improving the trails, and connecting both trails and connections in green spaces. In addition, participants comments on creating new open spaces, inventorying and mapping current open space, and looking at other models for green space integration downtown, and removing and inventorying invasive species. Participants made note of linking Tarrytown's open space and recreation features with economic development opportunities and tourism. Finally, participants mentioned the unsightliness of utility wires and consideration to bury the wires.

Sustainability & Resiliency

For Sustainability & Resiliency, participants noted the environmental conscience of Tarrytown residence, including an increase solar installations, electric vehicles, and recycling. However, many

commented on the lack of composting, noise pollution from the bridge, impacts of sea level rise, and the needed preservation of the tree canopy. Participants discussed the need for more electric vehicle charging stations, continued solar installations, design guidelines for green development, Village-wide composting, community gardens/local farming, continued green spaces and permeable surfaces, and finally better education and resources regarding sea level rise, energy consumption, and long-term planning for natural disasters.

Mobility

For Mobility, participants overwhelmingly expressed their support for walkability in and around the Village, including the Village's recreational and trail network. Participants also commented on Tarrytown's great local and regional connections to NYC and the Hudson Valley. However, participants found issue with the lack of bike paths, missing and interrupted sidewalks, and lack of connections between areas in the Village. Traffic congestion and safety were of high concern to participants. And the lack of parking in certain areas of Town were also discussed.

Participants suggested improved access with shared mobility, including the idea of busses, trolleys, jitneys, shuttles, and ferries and better improvements in transit options & incentives. Many also suggested the need to improve the bike infrastructure, bike sharing, and improvement in trail networks in and around the Village. In particular, participants want to enhance the pedestrian experience by creating more sidewalks throughout the Village, installing bicycle lanes and bicycle parking infrastructure in the Village and in connection with transit agencies. Participants also discussed installing traffic calming measures to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. However, some noted that biking enhancements should be carefully weighed against parking and road capacity. Finally, participants suggested measures to increase parking availability, including development of parking structures and the review of the parking permitting policies. Many also discussed various streetscape improvements to enhance the Village character.

Community, Culture & Education

For Community, Culture & Education, many participants like existing community programs and community centers, including the Farmer's Market (TaSH), the street fairs, community concerts, the library and recreational center, YMCA, and the Music Hall. Participants commented on the Village's community diversity and small town feel, and welcoming nature. However, participants commented on the potential lack of accessibility to the Recreational Center due to its fees, and it not being available to Sleepy Hollow residents. Others discussed the challenges of maintenance issues on Main Street, the need to diversify programming and concerts for all ages, and the overall lack of information on businesses, historical locations, and other opportunities.

Participants suggested the utilization of the Recreational Center for more events and allowing Sleepy Hollow residents to use the Center. Comments were made on creating pop up events/stores in vacant buildings and using the Senior Center as a Teen Center, when available. Discussion was also had on improving wayfinding throughout the Village and coordinating & promoting Town events online. Support for the historical society and placing more historical markers in town was also discussed. Finally, participants wanted to see more community services, including outdoor fitness facilities, community gardens, and other local amenities.

INTRODUCTION

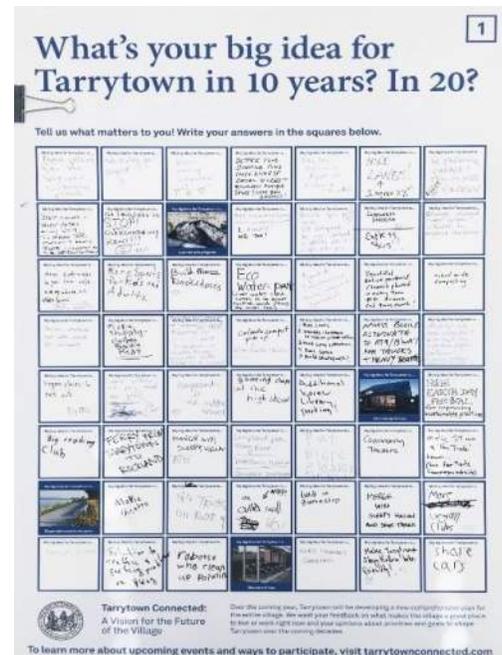
The Village of Tarrytown's Public Engagement Report is a guide for the Village of Tarrytown, the consulting team, and the Village's Comprehensive Plan Committee and Working Groups. Public participation is a key element of the comprehensive plan process; as such involvement is critical to the planning effort's success, as well as long-term implementation of the plan. Community engagement in the process strengthens the plan by incorporating various stakeholders' and residents' local knowledge and preferences. Further, a collaborative planning process that includes several methods of public engagement provides a more open, inclusive, and interactive way of involving citizens in the overall process, increasing confidence in and providing support for the comprehensive plan, which becomes the blueprint and guidance document for future planning decisions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION METHODOLOGY & PROCESS

The Consulting Team held its first public meeting to collect feedback from Village residents and identify the Village's priority issues, assets, and challenges with regard to six land use themes. The consulting team, Village staff, and Comprehensive Plan Committee Members solicited participation in the meetings using flyers, posters, canvassing, electronic announcements, street banners, and newspaper articles. Methodology for these outreach efforts and meetings is described below.

Outreach Methods

The consulting team and Village advertised and solicited resident and stakeholder participation in the Village's comprehensive plan public engagement process in several ways. Outreach flyers were printed and distributed at local businesses, shopping areas, and during Village events. The consulting team emailed Village schools, homeowner associations, religious organizations, and clubs to ask for their assistance in reaching additional people. Additionally, flyers were provided to Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee members for distribution throughout the Village. Along with flyers, 6 large-scale posters were printed and posted in merchant establishments, including Coffee Labs, YMCA, Village Hal, Warner Library, and Muddy Waters Cafe. The posters asked for feedback on various topics, including residents' big ideas, challenges, development ideas, and favorite places in Tarrytown. Further, the Village distributed electronic announcements to neighboring municipal officials, Village Board staff and land use boards, and to County & State officials. A newspaper article ran in the Hudson Independent's monthly E-newsletter discussing the importance of the comprehensive plan and the involvement of citizens. The consulting team met with merchants and business owners at the Chamber and Rotary's summer breakfast. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee members set up booths on July 29, August 5, August 26 at TaSh, the Village's weekly Farmer's Market, and on July 28, August 4, August 18 at summer Jazz Concerts. Emails were collected during these efforts to send reminders regarding the upcoming public workshops. *Tarrytown Connected*, the Comprehensive Plans website, was created and posted information regarding the comprehensive plan and made announcement to the upcoming public workshop. Social media was used, as well, to distribute information regarding the event. Finally, a street banner announcing the workshop was placed at the bottom of Benedict Avenue and Rt. 119 Appendix A shows the sample flyer.



September 17 workshop

After informing the Tarrytown community about the workshop, the consulting team held its first public meeting on September 17, 2017 at Warner Library from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The consulting team facilitated these meetings, which followed an agenda, which is presented in Appendix B. Each meeting began with a participant registration and sign-in period. During this time, staff collected each participant's name and contact information. Additionally, staff distributed name tags, index cards for private comments, agendas, and exit survey. Following registration, the Mayor and Village Administrator welcomed all participants and introduced the Consulting Team and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and Working Group members. WXY presented an overview of the importance of a comprehensive plan and presented the planning process timeline, and existing conditions of Tarrytown. The Land Use Law Center staff then explained the meeting agenda, discussion questions, and ground rules, noting the importance of collecting information from participants. Participants divided into small groups to enhance effective conversation with participants. A trained facilitator led each small group of 10 to 15 participants, asking the same three questions for each of six discussion topics. The small groups discussed each topic for 30 minutes then groups rotated to a new facilitator and topic. For each discussion topic, the facilitator recorded all responses using a large paper flip-chart, markers, and easels. Participants were able to attend three stations during the allocated time.

The small groups discussed the following topics regarding the land use themes:

Economy

- Fiscal condition, tax base & Village budget
- Economic development strategy
- Employment & workforce
- Tourism
- New economy (co-working, light industry)
- Potential redevelopment sites
- New developments and school impacts

Community, Culture & Education

- Historical & Cultural Resources
- Community Facilities & Services
- Arts & Culture
- Health & Wellness
- Educational Institutions & School Impacts
- Community Safety & Emergency Services

Built Environment

- Land Use & Zoning
- Housing Affordability & Choice
- Historic Preservation & Districts
- Utilities & Infrastructure
- Accessibility

Mobility

- Transportation infrastructure – roads, rail, sidewalks
- Transit systems & system integration
- Congestion & parking
- Ridehail & carshare
- Wayfinding & street design

Bicycles
Walkability

Natural Environment & Open Space

Natural & Environmental Features
Critical Environmental Areas
Natural Resources
Local Controls Protecting the Environment
Open Space & Recreation

Sustainability & Resiliency

Climate mitigation
Resource consumption
Green & passive buildings
Climate adaptation

For each of the above discussion topics, facilitators asked participants the following three questions:

- What's **good** now?; What do you like?; What should be maintained?
- What **issues** remain?; What do you dislike?; What needs to be changed?
- What are some **strategies** to overcome what is not working?; What **new things** can we do to make it better?; What exciting **ideas** do you have?; Where can we make these ideas happen?

After participants discussed three topics, the public meeting concluded, and participants were able to provide input on the topics that they weren't able to attend during the time period by filling out worksheets for that topic. Participants were thanked and the next public workshop was announced. In addition to the small group discussions, staff collected private comment cards from participants, as well as collected exit surveys.

After collecting all recorded comments and comment cards, staff compiled them into the various themes. Below, the section presents these comments and their consolidation. Staff grouped identical and equivalent comments together under the discussion themes. Each discussion theme records the frequency of each separate comment to reflect how often each comment occurred. Occasionally, a comment includes enough information to break its frequency down by specific detail.

Village of Tarrytown Comprehensive Plan & Station Area Zoning

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Economy

Positive

comments

Local Businesses

- Main St independent & diverse restaurants, gift shops, vintage stores, other businesses 4
- Lack of chain stores
- Economic development on 119

Locational & Programmatic Opportunities for Economic Development

- Village as a tourist attraction (especially Main St)
- Hudson Riverfront
- Existing community infrastructure & public facilities – library, hospitals
- EF investment in Tarrytown

Issues / Challenges

Economic & Commercial development impacts

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- Real estate development should benefit the whole community
- Should Main St remain mixed-use?
- How to sustain existing businesses as waterfront development occurs 2
- [Forces of] private development are a concern
- Sales taxes go to the town, not the village, so why do we want to increase tourism and traffic to get sales taxes for the town? Economy should be based on something else
- Traffic
- American Paper site underutilized & industrial use problematic 3

Tourism, Marketing, Shopping Local

- Hotels won't let local businesses leave information/resources
- Appeal of Main St; Support for mom & pop shops 2

Strategies / Suggestions

Tourism: protect attractions & grow industry

- Open Chamber on weekends, create visitor center with volunteers
- Build an art museum like Dia:Beacon
- Boutique waterfront hotel
- Provide park & shuttle to HHV sites and other destinations
- Capitalize on regional tourist draws, create outdoor recreational events (5ks, other events)
- Understand / give value to the natural environment as an economic resource
- Use waterfront as a tourism draw

Support existing businesses & provide resources

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- Commercial office buildings on Rt. 119
- Open dialogue to see what village can do to support & assist employees
- Economic development strategy – incorporate Sleepy Hollow as well
- Create opportunities for employees to live & shop where they work – promote mixed use, shared work spaces, family services / daycare, shared maker spaces 3
- Need clarity/roadmap for small businesses to startup a business in Tarrytown

Attract diverse new businesses to Tarrytown

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- Capitalize on biotech sector growth (i.e. Regeneron – \$4B commitment) 2
- Make process easier for small businesses: shoes, clothes, delis, etc. 2
- Create space for retail and other businesses on the waterfront; connect to Main St 2

- Entrepreneurs, restaurants, beauty services
- More mixed use along Rt. 119
- Cater to younger adults, student population, college grads, and young professionals 3

Mobility

Positive

comments

Local & Regional Connection

- Great location
- Railroad access, reliability & speed to NYC 5
- Bus access & routes 2
- Highway access
- Taxi & ridehail availability (including at RR – taxi only, school, food pantry) 3
- New Bridge Walkway
- Possible to bike to NYC

Walkability

- Neighborhoods, goods & services within walking distance (around Main St) 9
- Recreational / trail network; connection to the river & recreational spaces 8

Issues / Challenges

Connectivity

- Lack of bike paths (riverfront, Rt. 119, Rt. 9, Main St) 7
- Lack of connections between areas of the village 3
- Missing & interrupted sidewalks (Rt.119, Benedict Ave); narrow sidewalks 7
- Access to riverfront, including ADA access & new bridge 4
- Bus schedule doesn't match train schedule

Traffic Congestion

- Congestion (around MNR, Rt. 9, expanding with developments, New NY Bridge) 6
- Truck routes (especially on Broadway)
- No Uber pick up allowed at MNR station
- No buses through neighborhoods
- Stop overflow of traffic on Rt 9 into residential neighborhoods (Washington, Grove, Sunnyside, Highland)
- Not a transit hub for others

Traffic Safety

- Safety & crossings for pedestrians and cyclists (Rt. 9) 3
- Need traffic calming around RR station
- White/Main (lighting, traffic, calming)
- Bridge Plaza: can't go in/out without taking life into your hands. The parking lot is extremely confusing/chaotic

Lack of Parking

- Insufficient on & off street, during Music Hall events 5
- Downtown, at Library, MNR station
- Non-residents park at MNR station
- At the bike path
- Don't create bike lanes if take away parking for visitors

Strategies / Suggestions

Improve access with shared mobility (bus, trolley, jitneys, Dobbs Ferry loop bus, etc.)

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- Station Area to Main St (use shuttle or tram)
- Station to Edge on Hudson

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| • Introduce ferry service | 3 |
| • Station to Rt. 119 | 2 |
| • Expand EF campus shuttle, Edge on Hudson shuttle | 2 |
| Improve bike infrastructure & signage; improve mobility to serve the local economy | 6 |
| • Create bike paths/lanes; trail network | 3 |
| • Connect the Crest to Main St | |
| • Add bike parking at MNR station | 2 |
| • Consider bike lanes along Rt. 9 (but impacts parking, see below) | |
| • Promote group rides | |
| • Electric bikes | |
| • Work with transit agencies to get bike racks on buses, trains | 3 |
| • New development required to provide bike parking | |
| • Need a bike share (add between waterfront and Main St) | |
| • Bike Racks on Main Street | |
| Improve Pedestrian Safety & Walkability | 2 |
| • Improve Rt. 9 crossings (crosswalks, traffic calming, streetscapes, Main & McKeel signals) | 2 |
| • Find ways to make uphill journey easier | |
| • Improve walkability; create new, larger sidewalks (especially around restaurants) | 3 |
| • Expand handicap accessibility to non-sidewalk areas | |
| • Lower speed limits on Rt. 9 | |
| • Sidewalks created (Benedict, Highland, Union, Sunnyside, Tarrytown Lakes) (Sheldon, Meadow, Rt. 119) | |
| Reduce congestion / improve traffic | 2 |
| • Increase bus routes on weekends | |
| • Improve signal timing (especially on Rt. 9) | |
| • Improve transit during events | |
| • Incentivize carpooling / leaving cars at home | 2 |
| • Create incentives for businesses to get employees to bike to work | |
| • Open tunnel under H bridge | |
| • Collaborate with Greenburgh (re traffic resulting from that development) | |
| • Design better drop-off area for RR station | |
| • Limit commercial vehicles on Rt. 9 | |
| Increase parking capacity | 2 |
| • Maintain parking – important for local businesses | |
| • Multi-story structure by Village Hall | 4 |
| • Parking structure & valet parking at CVS Lot | 3 |
| • Consider underground parking (behind CVS) at Riverfront (preserve land) | |
| • Bridge Plaza Needs improvement | |
| • Eliminate individual parking meters – consolidate meters | |
| • Don't be so free to grant parking variance (esp. west of train) People are driving, even if they live near train. <i>Example: Hudson Harbor has huge parking issues because parking requirements were lowered due to train proximity.</i> | |
| • Add more parking and keep it below street grade (parking should not be visible) | |
| • Put entrance into parking lot on a side street | |
| • Tennis courts should be moved a bit to put parking there | |
| • Create more parking on Eastview side of Tarrytown Lake | |
| • Underground parking lots – look to European ways – maintaining green beauty historic charms | |
| • Music hall should provide marketing solution to promote transit use by patrons | |
| • Utilize JCC | |
| • Reduce Parking permits for non-residents | |

Village Character & Streetscape Improvements

- Do not put in Bike parking
- Do not increase road capacity / width
- Improve street design from RR to downtown
- Reduce driveways
- Use bump-outs
- Aesthetic buffer between sidewalk + road
- Block off access to create public space by RR entrance w/ multi story lot—all at Main St. RR Station
- One-ways make more pedestrian space
- Closing Washington at BWay
- Build out connectivity

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Resources

- Conditions on federal \$ for parking (maybe \$ from state)- investigate

Built Environment

Positives

Development

- Waterfront
- Main Street – scale of buildings / stores
- Development at bottom of Benedict

Infrastructure

- Addition of sidewalks on Benedict
- Efforts to improve handicap accessibility

Village Character

- Tarrytown is unique
- Open and recreational spaces
- Small, historic scale and intimate village
- Diversity
 - Unique signage
 - Mixed Population
 - Establishment of various price points
 - Different housing options
- Preservation of Buildings (ARB & ZBA)
- Rich Institutions / Programming
 - Music Hall. Library, Jazz Forum arts on Dixon

Issues

Environmental Protection & Hazards

- Water pressure is a huge issue up near The Crest
- Planning for sea level rise (for sake of people and taxpayer money that it will cost to fix)
- Diesel fuel from recycling plant is terrible (esp. for residents there) and trucks are terrible
- Concerned with air quality from added traffic

Lack of Connections

- Waterfront development needs better connection to Main Street

Boom in New Developments

- Concerned with The Edge development. When approving Tarrytown projects, take into account what will happen there.
- Concerned about southern end of town. Even though a lot is protected as historic, it could be a development asset. Protect it

- How is development in nearby towns going to impact us? Need to plan for this. Not just Sleepy Hollow but as far as White Plains.
- Some development locations as if dice were rolled. No rhyme or reason. Especially re toll Bros. and re: placement of village hall
- Toll Bros. was a mistake, especially re: loss of Bryce cottage. Board had an inability to stand its ground against developers
- Riverfront development is unaffordable

Historic Preservation

- Attitude toward historic preservation is piecemeal. It caters to developers.
- Tarrytown ARB doesn't enforce a style on contemporary development as well as other communities (Dobbs Ferry)
- Concerned that history it isn't protected enough (esp. historic homes) e.g. Pryce cottage

Preserving Scale & Character

- Some development in other areas of town is too large (like near 119 and down on river)
- Scale by river is too large. Visual wall from river
- Flashing signage – aesthetic overload
- Do not become a transit hub.

Infrastructure & Roads

- Continual problems with phone lines/infrastructure
- Concerns that roads can't handle all the new proposed development
- Better pedestrian access to train on west side of tracks, need more through streets
- We don't want to be a little Fort Lee. We don't need that second entrance to the bridge on Route 9. It should stay closed so people don't cut through town
- 119 is way too wide and doesn't have safe pedestrian or bike pathways
- Hudson Harbor has lack of parking with fixed number of spaces for each building that is insufficient
- Proposed buildings will create too much traffic and pollution

Privatization

- Missed opportunity for mixed use development in waterfront project. It's too much of a private development.

Bureaucracy

- Permitting process is onerous. Need to get businesses open faster
- You don't need the same review process for an interior buildout as you do for new construction.

Aesthetics of Built Environment

- Self-storage building area – ruin first impression of Tarrytown when you get off train
- Aesthetics near train station need improvement
- Need an upgraded marina
- Gilded age beauty chipped away

Housing Affordability

- Lack of housing affordability. Too many new homes constructed are above the million dollar price tag.

Strategies/Suggestions

New Developments

- Use impact fees on new development
- Streamline development process
- New developments should include garages. The zoning should require this.
- Lots south of train on east side of tracks – highest and best use can be improved
- Resiliency development on waterfront

Intermunicipal Collaboration

- Collaborate with Sleepy Hollow

Housing Affordability

- Accessory apartments/Housing should be permitted to increase affordability for younger and older generations/middle class 2

Land Uses & Future Planning

- Take a nicer boulevard approach along 119
- Add some night time uses along 119 (to get day and night activity)
- Need economic growth in some places to keep taxes down. May have to allow larger scale in some places
- Plan infrastructure and development that reacts to changing economy and region
- Keep enough green space in the town
- Preserve artisanal well building in the center or lakes (Rockefeller might be involved)

Infrastructure Improvements

- Upgrade phone lines/infrastructure

Community, Culture & Education

Positives

Community Programs / Resources

- Street Fairs
- Park/Community Concerts (3rd Friday) 2
- Farmer's Market
- Senior Events (at the library)
- ITAV (Senior Care / Help)
- Community Coalition
- Existing cultural resources a draw for new residents

Community Centers / Facility

- Library – community involvement, senior events, new resident information
- New Pool at the Recreation Center 2
- YMCA – membership scholarships, childcare 2
- Music Hall
- Great school district

Unique Small Town

- Hudson Newspaper
- Diversity of Residents & Cultures 2
- Good outreach to new residents of the community

Village community diverse, welcoming, integrated 2

- EF adds diversity
- Diversity helps to support small businesses
- Strong school system

Issues / Challenges

Lack of Accessibility

- Rec Center – must pay to use facilities
- Rec Center not available to Sleepy Hollow residents. Coordinate TT and SH amenities/facilities 2

Main Street

- Maintenance – trash cans are overflowing
 - Flower beds are unkept
- Retail Options are limited

Minimal Tourist information

- Hours are unavailable
- Overall lack of info on restaurants / historical areas

Programs for all Demographics

- Music Hall tends to book concerts for particular age groups. Need to diversify concerts.
- Increase opportunities for interactions of diverse populations

Historical Society

- Needs more outreach to the community
- Lack of Historical Signage & Markers

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Unique Small Town

- College town atmosphere not embraced by all

Strategies / Suggestions

Flexible use of spaces

- Pop up events/stores/art in vacant buildings
- Teen Center: use the senior center as the teen center when available (efficient use of space)
- Utilize the Rec Center for more events
- Allow Sleepy Hollow to use Rec Space

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Historic Preservation

- Support the historical society – preserve history and culture
- Attract young volunteers to the historical society
- Place more historical markers describing the history of a particular area
- Use existing historical structures to influence the design of new structures (preserve historical feel)

Tarrytown online

- Coordinate all town information on town website

Improve Tourism/Wayfinding

- Map of Town at Train Station
- Signage directing to a tourist center (wayfinding)
- Utilize the street fair to showcase all community events
- Highlight Tarrytown Events
- Local Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Trolley (stop at historical sites) for visitors and residents

More Community Services

- Community gardens
- Provide local amenities – house to house services
- Support elder population with social & recreation facilities
- Create outdoor fitness facilities (senior circuits)
- Continue to invest in schools – through growing the tax base / new businesses

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Community Events

- Connect new neighbors/generations through more community involvement – Community Center
- More parades or sporting events

Natural Environment & Open Space

Positives

Tarrytown Lakes and Parks

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- Neperan, Pocket, Patriot Park, Waterfront, Old Croton Aqueduct, Rockefeller Estate

Pathways & Trails

- South of Tarrytown Lakes, have both paved and unpaved pathways – gravel- amazing view
- Tarrytown Lakes – branch-off marked trail system

- Shared-use path across Tappan Zee Bridge
- Riverwalk

Natural Resources

- Trees
- River View

Commissions/Civic Groups

- Shade-tree commission

Recreation & Open Spaces

- Charm of Tarrytown is thru its open space
- Close to beautiful outdoor – trail, bikes, parks, sunset views, viewsheds)
- Semi urban feel
- Route 9 cemetery (Irvington) – giant trees, alleys
- Maintain a ring of green – bucolic area
- School soccer/baseball fields – keep them, maintain them
- Fields and trails are well used
 - School board a good advocate
 - Pierson's field a good improvement

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Issues/Concerns

Trails & Paths

- Trail parallels 87 connects Greenburgh – needs enhancement
- Better trail signage
 - Sleepy Hollow Trails
 - Trails Committee to provide recommendations
- Old Croton aqueduct trail could use better connection

Tree Maintenance & Plantings

- Stagnant tree-planting effort – near Walgreens – too city like
- Upset with landscape changes – trees
- Big trees need preservation
- Disconnect between administration on tree preservation and staff implementation

Park Access & Mobility

- Parking issue – near soccer field, west of Tarrytown Lakes
- Too crowded Wilson Park Drive
- Better parking at all parks
- Improve recreational mobility on River front

Development Encroachment

- Neperan Park – prevent encroachment
- Need to preserve open space for future generations
- Housing development encroaching on natural beauty (old county house rd, not anymore)
- Solar farms suggested northeast of Tarrytown Lakes – need policy/regulations on solar, don't want to destroy trees and open space
- Different plans – not all preserve current green open spaces. (eg. Pierson – Losee Parks space be preserved) – inconsistent planning
- Preserve open space near Tarrytown Lakes
- Don't destroy connections
- Stop waterfront from further development – enough for now
- Washington Irving Boat Club is an interruption to waterfront connection

Preservation & Maintenance

- Rundown facilities at Lyndhurst
- Taxter Ridge Rd needs signage
- Kayak Club on Tarrytown Lake – no signage
- Create a distinction between open and recreational spaces
- Preserve old roads – Peekskill/Ossining

- Preserve remnant of bluestone steps

Invasive species

- An issue everywhere, especially Old Croton Aqueduct Trail

Light quality & nighttime light pollution

- streetlights after 11 pm, bridge lights
- Dark sky lighting

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Strategies/Suggestions

Connections

- Connected bike/walk lanes among lakeside open spaces
- Connect trails to neighboring counties – safely!
- Connect all green spaces safely
- Walkways, entire Riverwalk connected to Kingsland Park
- Connection of Riverwalk and bridge
- Expand Riverwalk southward
- Create Preserve necessary pathways – next to historical sites

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Create & Improve Trails

- Improve trails – some are muddy – Old Croton Aqueduct trail
- Create more pedestrian paved paths
- Create more hiking on the hill on south side of Tarrytown Lake

Create New Open Spaces & Inventory Current Open Space

- "High-line" concept like NYC brought to Tarrytown
- Learn from Houston St. in NYC regarding green spaces – not necessary trees – more green spaces in other forms
- More urban pocket parks
- Create inventory of current open space – determine needs
- Trails committee should create a joint municipal open space map
- More Sculptures, benches
- Dog park or set off-leash times at park (eg. 9pm – 9am)
- Designate permanent open space

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Natural Resources

- Enforcement on tree removal permits
- Educating people about saving trees – pruning
- Create a list of Planting species – specific trees
- If take down trees, then replant

Create an invasive species Committee

- Removing invasive species but need priorities (eg. Earth Day clearing)
- keep inventory of invasive species

Link of Open Space to Economic Development

- Link open space with business/tourism
- Create Visitor Center at waterfront near bridge
- Better signage, marketing
- Job training for veteran agriculture on Lyndhurst

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Built Environment & Green Spaces

- Incorporate green commercial areas – quaint feeling
- Build on the town side reduce riverfront footprint
- Potential development of new marina
- Utility wires buried
 - river and bridge areas
 - visual pollution
 - discuss with utility co
- Preserve colonial facade architecture review

- GM plant – ensuring sufficient recreational places for increasing household #

Sustainability & Resiliency

Positives

Environmental conscience

- Practice energy conservation
- Solar Program - 29 households added
- Electric vehicle adoption including by Village (parking enforcement)
- Some charging stations – 3 or 4 at station (only Tesla)

Issues/Concerns

Food waste

- Not enough composting; TaSH doesn't accept it; need to bring in Recultivate NY
- Compost going to for-profit company

Tree Canopy

- Village is discouraging trees because pull up pavement but doing well with trees

Climate change

- Concerns about new infrastructure being destroyed by SLR

Energy use & lighting

- Energy use in businesses after-hours (eg. TVs and lights that keep going)
- light pollution – how to keep light in street and out of houses (no stars); nuisance to nearby homeowners
- re-evaluate need/location – comprehensive plan/study
- smart grid, sensing system (how much energy would save?)
- need to track zoning

Noise pollution

- From bridge, depending on location (related to wind direction)

Strategies / Suggestions

Energy production & consumption

- Need more charging stations
- Meters become charging stations
- Continue solar campaign
- Integrate solar – proactively identify new buildings and retrofits that are good solar locations, as well as parking facilities
- Sensors on lights
- Design guidelines for energy
- Introduce wind turbines on Ridge, bridges

Composting

- Set up and expand system
- On-site composting – provide with bins
- Include schools

Climate, heat island effect

- Improve streetscape
- Tree pits
- Guidelines for lawn maintenance need to be more flexible
- Increasing permeable services

Education on current resources use and best practices

- Education about SLR/More workshops
- Make resources more obvious/accessible
- Education needs to be more long-term not just stop with easy changes

- Energy audits
- Preparation/long-term planning for SLR and hurricane events (eg. sewage treatment)
- Venue for education: library, Facebook, farmers market, Sustainable Westchester

Transparency & tracking

- Need inventory of trouble-spots to volunteer work
- Better record keeping necessary

Other

- Encourage local farming (does zoning allow?)
 - Community gardens in/near parks
 - Over regulation prevents local gardening
 - Streamline building/zoning process (eg. green houses)
- Sustainable Halloween supplies/displays

Public Workshop

**Sunday, September 17, 1-4 pm
Warner Library**

TarrytownConnected.com
Comprehensive Plan & Station Area Zoning

Yes, we have had workshops and open houses
and now the nitty gritty...

**Comprehensive Plan for the entire village
and Zoning for the Station Area**

is getting put to paper, drawn, drafted and legalized

we need your help again

to establish Priorities and Goals about

Built Environment, Economy,
Resiliency and Sustainability, Mobility,
Housing, Natural Environment and Open Space,
Community, Culture and Education

Involvement is the key. Your voice is part of our voice.

refreshments

Tarrytown Connected

Agenda

On behalf of the Village of Tarrytown and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, we thank you for attending! This event is a great way to voice your opinion regarding the things you care about. We need to know the priority issues, assets and challenges facing the Village in relation to its land use patterns: community amenities and services, parks and recreation, housing needs, parking and transportation issues, economic development, and commercial areas. Updating the Comprehensive Plan will provide a blueprint for future growth and preservation. We look forward to hearing your comments.

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| 1:00 pm | Registration and Sign-in |
| 1:15 | Welcome <i>Richard Slingerland, Village Administrator</i> |
| 1:15 – 1:40 | Overview of Existing Conditions of Tarrytown <i>WXY Architecture + Urban Design / Land Use Law Center</i> |
| 1:45 – 3:15 | Breakout Sessions – small table discussions Participants will have a chance to visit 3 of 6 tables for 30 minutes each and will be asked to move to their next theme of choice after each round. Theme I (choose 1 of 6) Theme II (choose 1 of 6) Theme III (choose 1 of 6) |
| 3:15 | Closing Remarks |

Tarrytown Connected

Discussion Themes

Today there are six various themes. Facilitators will ask questions related to each theme. The theme and an explanation of each are below. Also, below are sample questions that we will be asking you during the facilitation in regards to these topics. 3x5 cards are available, if you would prefer to make written comments. You are also welcome to provide comments regarding themes that you didn't get time to visit today by filling out the provided handout. We ask that everyone **please follow the Ground Rules** posted.

Economy

Fiscal condition, tax base & Village budget
Economic development strategy
Employment & workforce
Tourism
New economy (co-working, light industry)
Potential redevelopment sites
New developments and school impacts

Community, Culture & Education

Historical & Cultural Resources
Community Facilities & Services
Arts & Culture
Health & Wellness
Educational Institutions & School Impacts
Community Safety & Emergency Services

Built Environment

Land Use & Zoning
Housing Affordability & Choice
Historic Preservation & Districts
Utilities & Infrastructure
Accessibility

Mobility

Transportation infrastructure – roads, rail, sidewalks
Transit systems & system integration
Congestion & parking
Ridehail & carshare
Wayfinding & street design
Bicycles
Walkability

Natural Environment & Open Space

Natural & Environmental Features
Critical Environmental Areas
Natural Resources
Local Controls Protecting the Environment
Open Space & Recreation

Sustainability & Resiliency

Climate mitigation
Resource consumption
Green & passive buildings
Climate adaptation

Questions

For each of the following topics, consider the following questions. We need to know the priority issues, assets and challenges facing the Village in relation to its land use patterns.

What's **good** now?
What do you like?
What should be maintained?

What **issues** remain?
What do you dislike?
What needs to be changed?

What are some **strategies** to overcome what is not working?
What **new things** can we do to make it better?
What exciting **ideas** do you have?
Where can we make these ideas happen?

Recorded Notes
from
September 17
Public Workshop

Built Environment

Positives

- Doing a good job improving handicap accessibility
- Like the historic nature.
- Waterfront development is good
- Like the diversity (and proximity of diversity) of population
- River views are important to keep
- Have great natural resources and parks
- ARB and ZBA do a great job. They do preserve our buildings and we appreciate that.
- Love waterfront
- Love parks
- Love small village feel
- Love library
- Love music hall
- Love live music at waterfront
- Love Jazz Forum arts on Dixon
- Like the addition of sidewalks on Benedict (keep going)
- Like the economic development on 119
- Like the village feel. Preserve the old buildings. Maintain the historic scale in downtown
- River views – preserve
- Lots south of train on east side of tracks – highest and best use can be improved
- Like the diversity of the population, diversity of establishments (price in restaurants) and diversity of housing stock
- Done a great job on the waterfront
- Like diversity of signage, etc. Why be so strict on signage> Variety is good.
- Love the uniqueness of Tarrytown (variety is part of what adds value, not cookie cutter)

Negatives

- Water pressure is a huge issue up near The Crest
- Continual problems with phone lines/infrastructure
- Concerned that historic nature it isn't protected enough (esp. some historic homes). We lost Pryce cottage.
- Increase opportunities for interactions of diverse populations
- Waterfront development needs better connection to Main Street
- Concerned with The Edge development. When approving Tarrytown projects, take into account what will happen there.
- Downtown parking is bad.
- Is the park on Neperan the highest and best use?

- Need to think about sea level rise (for sake of people and taxpayer money that it will cost to fix)
- Don't be so free to grant parking variance (esp. west of train) People are driving, even if they live near train. Example: Hudson Harbor has huge parking issues because parking requirements were lowered due to train proximity.
- Concerned about southern end of town. Even though a lot is protected as historic, it could be a development asset. Protect it.
- Don't want another Toll Bros. situation
- No more traffic. Get people out of cars (not more parking)
- Concerns that roads can't handle all the new proposed development
- Concerns with new traffic coming off the bridge
- Concerned with air quality from added traffic
- Some development in other areas of town is too large (like near 119 and down on river)
- Scale by river is too large. Visual wall from river
- 119 is way too wide and doesn't have safe pedestrian or bike pathways
- Diesel fuel from recycling plant is terrible (esp. for residents there) and trucks are terrible
- Bridge Plaza: can't go in/out without taking into your hands. Needs improvement. (especially for cyclists and pedestrians). The parking lot is extremely confusing/chaotic there if you are a pedestrian or cyclist.
- We have an issue with parking and traffic that needs to be resolved
- How is development in nearby towns going to impact us? Need to plan for this. Not just Sleepy Hollow but as far as White Plains.
- We don't want to be a little Fort Lee. We don't need that second entrance to the bridge on Route 9. It should stay closed so people don't cut through town
- Permitting process is onerous. Need to get businesses open faster
- You don't need the same review process for an interior buildout as you do for new construction.
- Tarrytown ARB doesn't enforce a style on contemporary development as well as other communities (Dobbs Ferry)
- Better pedestrian access to train on west side of tracks. Not enough through streets on waterfront.
- Missed opportunity for mixed use development in waterfront project. It's too much of a private development.
- Tourism: sales taxes go to the town, not the village, so why do we want to increase tourism and traffic to get sales taxes for the town? Economy should be based on something else
- Attitude toward historic preservation is piecemeal. It caters to developers.
- Toll Bros. was a mistake, especially re: loss of Bryce cottage. Board had an inability to stand its ground against developers

- Some development locations as if dice were rolled. No rhyme or reason. Especially re toll Bros. and re: placement of village hall
- Taxes are a problem. We love our homes & restaurants but need to retain some larger economic uses.
- Lack of affordable housing
- Hudson Harbor is a neighborhood gone wild. Major issue is lack of parking. Designed as one area with a fixed number of spaces, but sold as separate building so one building has four spots per unit while others have one. Builders say to park at lodge and carry groceries to water. Who in the town approved this?

Suggestions

- Collaborate with Sleepy Hollow
- Do more regarding bike lanes. Hasn't been enough movement
- Have more architectural markers (spires, etc) along waterfront at end of Main Street
- Need economic growth in some places to keep taxes down. May have to allow larger scale in some places
- Use impact fees on new development
- Collaborate with Greenburgh (re traffic resulting from that development)
- Create community gardens (link to the TASH)
- Outdoor fitness/active recreation opportunities should be increased (Adult/circuit fitness)
- Add a garage downtown – dig down because we don't want to block eye view
- Add underground parking
- Need to upgrade phone lines/infrastructure
- Add bike parking. Developers should be required to provide this too.
- Need a bike share (add between waterfront and Main St)
- Plan infrastructure and development that reacts to changing economy and region
- Use waterfront park (and other parks) to improve tourism
- Improve understanding of tourism resources
- Build a parking facility next to village hall
- New developments should include garages. The zoning should require this.
- Get Metro-North to provide bike racks on the train (inside)
- Open tunnel under H bridge
- Shuttle or tram from river to Main Street
- Keep enough green space in the town
- There is a lot of parking in inefficient spaces. Creates conflict on Main Street and on Broadway – Don't need entrance on Main Street (can access from side street). Add a developable lot there.

- Accessory apartments should be permitted to increase affordability for younger and older generations
- Tennis courts should be moved a bit to put parking there
- Need clarity/roadmap for small businesses to startup a business in Tarrytown
- Streamline development process
- Preserve artisanal well building in the center or lakes (Rockefeller might be involved)
- Take a nicer boulevard approach along 119
- Add some night time uses along 119 (to get day and night activity)
- Include Sleepy Hollow residents in rec center memberships
- Ensure safety of bikes and pedestrians
- Build a parking structure next to village hall
- Create incentives for businesses to get employees to bike to work
- Expand handicap accessibility to non-sidewalk areas

Community, Culture & Education

Positives

- Street fairs and park concerts (3rd Friday) – connects community
- Walkability, cultural diversity in restaurants, clubs
- Main Street, community concerts, Music Hall, farmers market, new pool, YMCA – all foster a sense of community
- Community coalition, Rec. Center, school district, new bridge walkway
- YMCA – membership scholarships, childcare
- Library – community involvement, senior events, new resident information
- Hudson newspaper, I.T.A.V. (senior care/help), diversity of residents, lack of chain stores, sense of belonging extended to new residents

Issues/Concerns

- Rec Center – must pay to use facilities
- Cleanliness of Main Street – clean, empty trash cans, take care of flower beds (must be more attractive to visitors). retail options in town are lacking
- Lack of historical signage, availability of parking
- Do NOT put in bike parking
- Riverfront development is unaffordable
- Rec Center not available to Sleepy Hollow residents. Larger need to coordinate Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow amenities/facilities
- Tourist information - hours are lacking, overall lack of info on restaurants/historical areas
- Library accessibility/parking
- need for more historical society involvement - maybe the historical society needs to do outreach and demonstrate value
- Sports – connect community, parades
- Lack of diverse concerts. Music hall only books for certain age groups.

Strategies/Suggestions

- Pop up stores in vacant buildings
- Open up the Rec Center to Sleepy Hollow residents
- Community gardens, maps of town at train station
- Coordinate all town information on town website
- Eliminate individual parking meters – consolidate meters
- providing local amenities – house to house services
- Support the historical society – preserve history and culture
- place more historical markers describing the history of a particular area
- Need to connect new neighbors/generations through community involvement – Community Center
- Teen Center: use the senior center as the teen center when available (efficient use of space)

- Use existing historical structures to influence the design of new structures (preserve historical feel)
- Utilize the rec Center for more events
- Signage directing to a tourist center (wayfinding)
- Expand parking into park
- Attract young volunteers to the historical society
- Utilize the street fair to showcase all community events
- Local Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Trolley (stop at historical sites) for visitors and residents

Economy

Positives

- Location + climate
- Hospitals + library system
- English language school brings diversity + investment into local economy
- Love Main Street / 119 Businesses
 - Restaurants, gift shops
 - If can walk, everything one needs is in walking distance
- New residents drawn to green and open spaces, cultural resources
- Main St. + Town attract Tourists
- New residents drawn to welcoming community and diverse population
- Walkability and natural resources
- Longtime resident loves the diverse pop. + school system and the strength in the integrated nature of T-town
 - For local architect, this diversity helps small business

Issues/Challenges

- College town atmosphere not embraced
- Focus beyond the riverfront
 - Should Main Street remain mixed-use?
 - Need to look at Tarrytown in conjunction with Sleepy Hollow
 - Can business on Main St. be sustained as develop. Occurs at waterfront?
- Concern that new commercial development will have unwanted impacts on other areas, traffic, etc.,
- Metal buildings east of trains + private development
- By train station, property is underutilized
- Future employees
 - Want mixed use
 - Don't want to feel like they are in isolated areas
 - Want future Tarrytown employees to want to live, work, shop where they work
- Local hotels won't let businesses leave information/resources
- Want to maintain individual appeal of downtown by avoiding replacement of mom + pop shop with chain stores
- Recycling center- is industrial the right zone for the waterfront area?
- How do we do this to benefit whole community and be fair to existing business?
 - Riverfront as Enviro. Asset but key to economic opportunity
- Understand the economic resources of the natural environment

Strategies/Suggestions

- Ex: Beacon

- Project tourist attractions to grow tourism
 - Art museum attracted people, just like HHV sites and the music hall does- need to capitalize on these resources
- In Town Hotel (Service Industry)
 - Boutique
 - Waterfront?
- Make Main St. 119, and future downtown more accessible
 - Trolley, loop bus system
 - To service those who cannot walk/ bike
- Build on the international "flavor"
- Cater to young, college grads
- Cater to elder pop. With social/recreation facilities
 - Like new rec. center w/ pool
- Build on + embrace young professionals, architects, engineers
- Build up retail options by river to connect with Main Street
- Would like to see more bike paths and easier mobility to service the local economy
- Outdoor fitness facilities, waterfront businesses
- Tarrytown local business map with gift shops, vintage stores, etc.
- New Businesses / Sectors?
 - Tourism- HHV Hub → Park and Shuttle to sites
 - Capitalize on regional tourist draws- outdoor recreational resources → 5ks, other events
 - Issue= transportation and parking (bike path)- CUS lot options
 - Open chamber on weekends, visitor center with volunteers
 - Support commercial office buildings on 110
 - Shuttle between rt. 119 office buildings and downtown- addresses parking
 - How to create new sectors that would attract people to work/live/shop in same place
 - Shared work spaces
 - Family services (daycares)
 - Small manufacturing and trace spaces (shared?)
 - Biotech and tech (support industries)
- Open dialogue to see what Tarrytown can do to service employees- do with ALL companies
- The biotech industry- how can we capitalize?
- \$4 bill. Commitment to develop area- Regeneron – EF
- Rt. 119 Coordination
 - Mixed-use, maintain architectural identity but you need Big Co. to draw smaller Cos.
- Business we want
 - Tax base to go towards school systems
 - Want small businesses- shoes, clothes, deli, etc.

- Restaurants, beauty services, diverse businesses and entrepreneurs.
 - Have to overcome hurdles to gain access to store/office space → need to make process easier for small businesses
- College town is a way to diversify the economy

Mobility

Positives

- Railroad working well
 - Reliable
 - 1 stop service good
- Scale of stores good
 - Walkable main street
 - Lack of chains
 - Things close together
 - Need more bike-able infrastructure
- Riverwalk enjoyable
 - Attraction
- Good connections to recreational spaces
- Destinations walkable
- Train access
- Express train
- Walkability through village except where sidewalks missing
- Highway access
- River access for recreation
- Bus access
- Pathway network
- Aqueduct path
- N./S. County Trails
 - Rockefeller Trails
- Development on bottom of Benedicts
- Trail system strong
- Train schedule helpful
- Grocery store accessible
- Walkable village
- Many bus routes
- Shared use path on new bridge good
- Good taxi access
 - Sometimes issues calling them
 - Easier 2 use from RR
- Loop bus in Dobbs Ferry is great
- Good: taxi stand at school, food pantry
- Good: Uber, Uber Eats
- Edge on Hudson shuttle
- Walkable village

Issues/Concerns

- Have to make it easier 2 go uphill

- Uber can't pick up at RR
- River path extension plans
 - From RR. To Biz. District
 - Not necessarily walking (hilly)
 - Improve connection
 - Don't ruin connections to recreational spaces
 - Avoid congestion (esp. over RR.)
- Congestion near RR station
- Maintain integrity of Main St.
- Issues crossing at Rt. 9
- Improve connection to Riverfront
- Maintain walkability across Rt. 9
- Parking limited (on + off street)
- Traffic from developments on north and south sides
- Parking when event at music hall is difficult
- 450 spaces planned near Hudson Harbor
- People don't want to bike on Rt. 119 (and Rt. 9)
- With new bridge→ concern about congestion
- Keep character of village, not become transit hub
- Rt 9: dangerous for bikers
- Issue of trucks/ traffic on BWay
- Lack of sidewalks (Ex. Benedict Ave.)
- Lack of connections 2 geographic areas
- Connection to train/riverfront limited (walking)
- Music Hall events lead to congestion
- What happened to connectivity w/ Depot Place
- Preserve green space near lakes
- People scared to bike on Rt. 9
- Village areas disconnected
- Bad bike infrastructure on Riverfront / Rt 9
- Biking hard on Main St. (congestion)
- As development continues, Neperan should not become congested/wider
- Don't increase road capacity too much→ preserve character
- Need more biking near river
- Edge development→ will cause congestion
- No loop bus to RR Congestion issue on Rt. 9
- Bus schedule doesn't match trains
- Crosswalks on Rt. 9 dangerous
 - People don't pay attention
 - But flashing signs annoying
- Scared with 1,100 units, hotel, new bridge
- Aesthetic overload from signage. Flashing signs hurts character
- Spreading Rt. 9, res. Streets (Independence)

- Access to River (H bridge)
 - Can't make tunnel ADA
- Congestion will go into residential areas
- nonresidents parking at RR station
- Streetlights post 11 PM→ bright
- Light from bridge in too bright
- Nighttime lighting bad
- Restaurants narrow sidewalks
- Issue of blacktop interrupting sidewalks
- Loss of Parking (ex. City Bank)
- Not a fan of bike lanes that will take any parking away for visitors. Parking is enough of an issue

Strategies/Suggestions

- Could use EF campus shuttle/ could expand
- Could expand biz. busses/ shuttles
- Improve loop bus schedule
- Edge on Hudson shuttle should expand
- Dobbs Ferry Hill Loop Bus- repeat here
- Could increase bus routes on weekends
- Could use more sidewalks
- Could have ferry
- Pathway network
- Crossing Rt. 9
 - Create crosswalks
 - Traffic calming
 - Street scape design
 - Traffic lights on Rt. 9 between Main + McKeel
- Congestion
 - Use trolley
 - Use Jitneys
 - People leave cars at home
 - Improve bike parking near RR station
 - Car pooling
 - More bike lanes (due to new bridge)
 - Parking problem
 - Create valet parking from CVS Lot- trying to fund
 - Create parking structure @ CVS lot
 - Loose parking, loose business
 - Rt 9: bike lanes vs. parking
 - Traffic from developments on north and south sides, create another pedestrian bridge to river
 - Conditions on federal \$ for parking (maybe \$ from state)- investigate

- Plan for multi-story parking structure by village hall
- Could make walkable/bike-able
- Shuttle to train and future developments
- Build out connectivity
- Improve bike lanes/walkability along rt. 119 in Crest neighborhood, connection of Crest→ Main St.
- Improve recreational mobility on River front
- Music hall should provide marketing solution to promote transit use by patrons
- Increase parking capacity- busy by RA + downtown (parking)
- Non-residents parking + going to the city- build parking structure by RR
- Design better drop-off area for RR station
- Block off access to create public space by RR entrance w/ multi story lot— all at Main St. RR Station
- Improve signage/ infrastructure for biking
- Promote group rides in biking
- Electric bikes help with hills- faster, feels safer
- Traffic calming / bike project can be difficult
- Utilize JCC
- Need traffic calming around RR station
- White/Main (lighting, traffic, calming)
- Use: dark sky lighting
- Consider underground parking (behind CVS) at Riverfront (preserve land)
- Work with owners of CVS lot
- Reduce permits for non-residents
- Improve transit during events
- Trains need bike racks (work with MTA)
- Busses need bike racks
- Improve street design from RR to downtown
- Reduce driveways
- Use bump-outs
- Aesthetic buffer between sidewalk + road
- Limit commercial vehicles on Rt. 9
- Lower speed limit on Rt. 9
- We are a neighborhood not a transit hub for other Counties and northern county traffic – it's traffic abuse of our neighborhoods
- Do not allow buses to drive through residential streets to alleviate growth
- Sidewalks created (Benedict, Highland, Union, Sunnyside, Tarrytown Lakes) (Sheldon, Meadow, Rt. 119)
- Restaurants narrow sidewalks
 - One-ways make more pedestrian space
 - Closing Washington at BWay

Natural Environment & Open Space

Positives

- Tarrytown Lakes, Neperan Park, pocket parks, patriot parks, waterfront
- Possible to bike to NYC
- Charm of Tarrytown is thru its open space
- Close to beautiful outdoor – trail, bikes, parks, sunset views, viewsheds)
- Semi urban feel
- Express stop, close to NYC
- Old Croton aqueduct
- Neperan Park
 - Prime real estate
 - Rockefeller Estate
 - Tarrytown Lakes
- South of Tarrytown Lakes, have both paved and unpaved pathways – gravel- amazing view
- Shade-tree commission
- Tree city
- Route 9 cemetery (Irvington) – giant trees, alleys
- Tarrytown Lakes – branch-off marked trail system (used to be just lake side)
- Riverwalk – good evening walk
- Rockefeller properties
- Neperan Park – butterflies
- Maintain a ring of green – bucolic area
- Shared-use path across Tappan Zee Bridge
- Patriot's Park – farmer's market public facilities in rec center
- School soccer/baseball fields – keep them, maintain them
- Fields and trails are well used
 - School board a good advocate
 - Pierson's field a good improvement

Issues/Concerns

- Trail parallels 87 connects Greenburgh – needs enhancement
- Need to preserve for future generations
- Housing development encroaching on natural beauty (old county house rd, not anymore)
- Parking issue – near soccer field, west of Tarrytown Lakes
- Too crowded Wilson Park Drive
- Stagnant tree-planting effort – near Walgreens – too city like
- Self-storage building area – ruin first impression of Tarrytown when you get off train
- Aesthetics near train station need improvement– signage issue,
- Need an upgraded marina
- Upset with landscape changes – trees

- Gilded age beauty chipped away
- Big trees need preservation
- Solar farms suggested northeast of Tarrytown Lakes – need policy/regulations on solar, don't want to destroy trees and open space
- Rundown facilities at Lyndhurst
- Disconnect between administration on tree preservation and staff implementation
- Taxter Ridge Rd needs signage
- Better trail signage
 - Sleepy Hollow Trails
 - Trails Committee to provide recommendations
- Different plans – not all preserve current green open spaces. (eg. Pierson – Losee Parks space be preserved) – inconsistent planning
- Don't destroy connections
- Washington Irving Boat Club is an interruption to waterfront connection
- Stop waterfront from further development – enough for now
- Kayak Club on Tarrytown Lake – no signage
- Old Croton aqueduct trail could use better connection
- Create a distinction between open and recreational spaces
- Bike traffic between Yonkers and Cortlandt – intersection congestion, safety issues – bike, pedestrian, horse
- Neperan Park – prevent encroachment
- Preserve old roads – Peekskill/Ossining
- Preserve remnant of bluestone steps
- Invasive species
 - An issue everywhere, especially Old Croton Aqueduct Trail

Strategies/Suggestions

- Create an invasive species Committee
 - Removing invasive species but need priorities (eg. Earth Day clearing)
 - keep inventory of invasive species
- Create inventory of current open space – determine needs
- Link open space with business
- More Sculptures, benches
- Resiliency development on waterfront
- Connection of Riverwalk and bridge
- Create Visitor Center at waterfront near bridge
- Expand tourism, businesses
- Walkways, entire Riverwalk connected to Kingsland Park
- Connected bike/walk lanes among lakeside open spaces
- “High-line” concept like NYC brought to Tarrytown
- More urban pocket parks
- Connect river towns

- Improve trails – some are muddy – Old Croton Aqueduct trail
- Better signage, marketing
- Connect trails to neighboring counties – safely!
- Connect all green spaces safely
- Create more parking on Eastview side of Tarrytown Lake
- Create more hiking on the hill on south side of Tarrytown Lake
- Learn from Houston St. in NYC regarding green spaces – not necessary trees – more green spaces in other forms
- Communal gardens
- Outdoor exercise area on riverfront
- Underground parking lots – look to European ways – maintaining green beauty historic charms
- Build on the town side reduce riverfront footprint
- Potential development of new marina
- Educating people about saving trees – pruning
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- Expand Riverwalk southward and preservation
- Trails committee should create a joint municipal open space map
- Composting for all river towns
- GM plant – ensuring sufficient rec places for increasing household #
- Bike racks near restaurants
- Dog park or set off-leash times at park (eg. gpm – gam)

Sustainability

Positives

- Environmentally consciousness
- Energy conservation
- Solar panels
- Parking enforcement – 2 electrical vehicles out of 35 total vehicles
- Some charging stations – 3 or 4 at station (only Tesla)
- Will parking lots become obsolete?
- Lighting – street seem well lit
- Pierson Park replanting
- Solar program
 - 29 households added
 - Proactively ID projects (eg. new buildings should be required to to evaluate solar feasibility)
 - Look at existing building stock
- School programs like with food corps
- Recently streamlined process for shallow-angled roof (could also apply to windmills)
- Walkability good
- Music Hall generates great atmosphere

Issues/Concerns

- Compost (recultivate NY) – not doing at all
- Compost – farmer's market doesn't accept
- Mixed use (Walgreen's Plaza) – concerns over losing parking
- Bike to station – difficult, scary, stops people from biking
- Walking, pedestrian connections – Benedict needs to be safer on ascending path
- Village is discouraging trees because pull up pavement but doing well with trees
- Sidewalks not well-maintained (eg. McKeel)
- Pierson Park maintenance after replanting – grass out of control
- Compost problem: compost going to for-profit company
- Concerns about new infrastructure being destroyed by SLR
- Energy use in businesses after-hours (eg. TVs and lights that keep going)
- Night lighting (eg. parking lots, not necessary)
 - re-evaluate need/location – comprehensive plan/study
 - nuisance to nearby homeowners
 - smart grid, sensing system (how much energy would save?)
 - need to track zoning
 - light pollution – how to keep light in street and out of houses (no stars)

- Noise pollution from bridge, depending on location (related to wind direction)
- Wait/congestion at Beekman unreasonable
- Halloween/Philipsburg Mansion is a nightmare
- Lack of parking creates congestion
- Patriots Park has a lot of trash, needs more attention
 - more regular clean-up
 - signs to call 311/park for clean-up
 - feeling that Pierson Park is priority above Patriots
- Not enough parking for commercial uses

Strategies/suggestions

- Need more charging stations
- Meters become charging stations
- Windrow technology
- Wind – location? The Ridge, Bridges
- Underground parking (eg. Spain) – cost is an issue
- Education about sharing the road
- Improve streetscape
- Hide parking, integrate into mixed-use design guidelines
- Tree pits
- Increasing permeable services
- Education on current resources use and best practices
 - Energy audits
 - Venue for education: library, Facebook, farmers market, Sustainable Westchester
 - Education needs to be more long-term not just stop with easy changes
- Parking with solar canopy
- Continue solar campaign
- Need inventory of trouble-spots to volunteer work
- Better record keeping necessary
- Prioritizing natural areas and promoting formerly un-usable areas (Wilson parks lake trail renovation)
- Redoing pump-house
- On-site composting
 - Provide with bins
 - Educational component (process and use of final product)
- Police vehicles more clean fuel
- Encourage local farming (does zoning allow?)
 - Community gardens in/near parks
 - Over regulation prevents local gardening
 - Streamline building/zoning process (eg. green houses)

- Guidelines for lawn maintenance need to be more flexible
- Commuter bus like the commuter loop in Dobbs Ferry, 8-12 person, 6am-5pm
- Better education about SLR/More workshops
- Preparation/long-term planning for SLR and hurricane events (eg. sewage treatment)
- Sensors on lights
- Design guidelines for energy
- Zoning – zone in solar – need to stop looking at solar panels as ugly thing
- Evaluate potential for wind and solar
- Village needs to be proactive in identifying areas for energy production
- Optimize traffic lights (Beekman & Broadway)
- Sustainable Halloween supplies/displays
- Link up Riverwalk (old toll booth to other portion)
- Make resources more obvious/accessible