

**LWRP Community Meeting
September 28, 2026**

Meeting started at 6 pm

93 attendees present

The meeting began with a presentation consisting of an explanation of the LWRP and a review of suggested strategic project ideas that were developed by the Waterfront Advisory Committee. One audience question was posed during this portion of the meeting, “Would grant funding be secured for the proposed ideas?” The community was told that yes, the municipalities would seek grant money for any projects that are selected and approved by NY State.

According to the agenda, participants then were asked to propose additional ideas, in writing, on easel charts around the room. After the ideas were posted, all participants were given five dots “for dot-mocracy” to vote on their highest priority projects. The prioritized projects and the total votes for those projects are:

- Year-round waterfront arts/music venue (51)
- Waterfront restaurant/complex (63)
- Waterfront biking/hiking (32)
- Ferry dock refurbishing (28)
- Additional water access location in Township (19)
- Water-based educational programs (19)
- Enhance DEC Aquarium (18)
- Provide connectivity/continuity of sidewalks from EEP to Village (16)

Meeting ended at 7:05

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Category	Items in Orange are from the community. Items in black are from the committee	Votes
Create waterfront year-round arts/performance venue		51
Destination Tourism - Arts/Music	Create waterfront year-round venue	51
Destination Tourism - Arts/Music	Community Art installation - instagramable and permanent statues	0
Destination Tourism - Arts/Music	House theatre, music, arts, yoga	0
Destination Tourism - Arts/Music	Coordinate with the CV Arts Council	0
Other	Botanical rock garden w/ rotating artist sculptures	0
Commercial Waterfront Complex/Restaurant		32+31
Commercial Waterfront	Waterside restaurant with transient docking	32
Commercial Waterfront	Commercial Waterfront Complex	31
Commercial Waterfront	Senior waterfront housing	1
Waterfront Biking & hiking		32
Other	Bike sharing - provide racks for bikes for visitors to get from EEP to downtown or the lighthouse	0
Additional Water Access Locations		19
Additional Water Access Locations	DEC Launch Bates Road	14
Additional Water Access Locations	Mud Bay/CR6	9
Additional Water Access Locations	Off Road - partnership with private business	6
Waterfront Enhancements	Swimming beach off bates road would be great	2
Waterfront Enhancements	Wilsons Bay - Swimming, biking, and nature - agreement with local landowners	0
Additional Water Access Locations	Hardscape Ramp/Dock	0

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Additional Water Access Locations	Kayak racks	0
Infrastructure	Ferry Dock refurbishing	28
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Enhance DEC Aquarium	18
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Specialty Museum - Fishing/photography/hamlets, schools, islands, hotels (Note: DEC Building could house fishing/photo museum)	11
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Fish hatchery upgrade with possible tours to tag fish	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Providing connectivity and continuity of sidewalks from EEP to the main village area	16
Other Suggestions - Possible LWRP		
Waterfront Enhancements	Kayak/canoe ramp at west end of village	15
Commercial Waterfront	Fishing supply and bait store w/ licensing	10
Infrastructure	Sewer facilities	10
Waterfront Enhancements	Public Swimming Area	8
Infrastructure	Bury village power lines	5
Infrastructure	Additional town water districts	4
Waterfront Biking & hiking	A gym	0
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Antique boat museum annex	3
Destination Tourism Other new venues	1000 Islands Adventure Center	3
Infrastructure	Bus shelter for transit bus service	3
Commercial Waterfront	Wellness Corner	2
Waterfront Enhancements	Outdoor Yoga/Tai Chi Space	1
Education Activity Suggestions (Water based educational programs)		
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Boat building school	15
Other	Youth sailing school	0
Other	Scuba diving school & lessons	0
Other	Youth sailing school	0

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Waterfront Enhancements	Fishing lessons	0
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Museum addition at Tibbetts Point Lighthouse	0
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Work with NOAA National Marine Sanctuary	0
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Eco ed center that links conservation/culture to local phenomena - Run Eco retreats for public officials so they understand the impacts of their decisions	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Affordable sailing lessons for kids/adults	1
Waterfront Enhancements	Teach kids and adults to fish every weekend	3

Birding Suggestions

Destination Tourism Other new venues	Birding/Wildlife	6
Destination Tourism - Education Destination	Bird watching tours	0
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Important bird area designation	0
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Christmas bird count circles	0
Destination Tourism Other new venues	breeding bird count coordination	0
Other	Develop bass ponds for viewing birds & wildlife. Parking where the lower ponds were. Great family outing	0
Additional Water Access Locations	Bird Migration	0

EEP Boat Parking - Not LWRP

Waterfront Enhancements	Address Boat Trailer Parking	15
Waterfront Enhancements	Can license readers@community docks to collect harbor/parking fees	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Launch permits	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Staging areas for bass tournament (Tents)	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Automated gate for boat launch - payment opens gate	0

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Other	Possible way to get people to pay at boat launch. Some type of vending or personnel needed.	0
Destination Tourism Other new venues	Public bus for tourism	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Taxi service from boat launch to restaurants	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Better signs to auxiliary parking	0
EEP Enhancements		
Waterfront Enhancements	Free life jacket exchange	3
Waterfront Enhancements	Small Boat Club	12
Waterfront Enhancements	Deep Water Dock	11
Waterfront Enhancements	Long Dock Safety Equipment	9
NY Forward Suggestions		
Other	Club Street - life boat for kids to sit in - pictures and pretend driving boat	0
Other	Wrought Iron "Cape Vincent Village Green" along the Broadway side of the brick triangle. Double sided with other side from the green saying "downtown cape vincent"	0
Other	Village clock near green - 4 sided	0
Other Non-LWRP Suggestions		
Other	New sign for marina in front of cape	0
Other	Safety signage on Tibbetts Pt road - biker and pedestrian signs. Speed limit signs.	0
Other	Dog noise ordinance - fines	0
Other	Village runs	0
Other	Make the French Festival - more french	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Take a trip to Kingston NY and see all of this - all of your great ideas to see	0
Waterfront Enhancements	Weed public access points (ex - end of Market St	0
Other	Dog park	5