

First Wilderness Heritage Corridor: Public Participation Plan

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Purpose: The public participation plan identifies a variety of forums and outreach mechanisms to engage interested persons in the development and preparation of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor. This plan is a guide to involving the community in the inter-municipal planning process. It is not a checklist of required actions. Some elements of the plan may prove unnecessary or inappropriate as the planning process unfolds. Other opportunities for public engagement, not identified in this plan may be identified.

Elements:

- Advisory Committee Meetings and Workshops;
- Community Visioning Workshops and Meetings;
- Informal Resident Discussions;
- Property Owner Outreach and Meetings;
- Other Focus Group Meetings;
- Ongoing Consultation with Stakeholders;
- Ongoing Coordination with the New York State Department of State (DOS); and,
- Public Hearings

Partners:

- Chief Executive Officer, Legislative Body, Planning and Zoning Boards of:
 - Town of Johnsbury;
 - Town of Chester;
 - Town of Warrensburg;
 - Town of Thurman;
 - Town of Stony Creek;
 - Town of Lake Luzerne;
 - Town of Hadley;
 - Town of Corinth;
 - Village of Corinth; and
 - Town of Horicon
- Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development;
- New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources;
- Saratoga North Creek Railway;
- Warren County EDC;
- Warren County DPW;
- Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages;
- Chambers of Commerce/Business Assoc.;
- Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council;
- Tourism Organizations;
- Regional Recreation and Trail Groups;
- Historic Preservation Organizations;
- Environmental Organizations;
- Regional Offices of NY Agencies (DEC, DOT, ORPS, APA, OGS).

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4	Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC)	11 South Street, Suite 203 Glens Falls, NY 12801	(518) 223-0086	afrankenfeld@agftc.org
6	New York State Office of Governmental Services (OGS)	Bureau of Land Management Corning Tower, 26 th Floor Albany, NY 12242	(518) 473-1292	
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18	North Warren Chamber of Commerce	P.O. Box 490, 3 Dynamite Hill Chestertown, NY 12817	(518) 494-2722	
19	Tri-Lakes Business Alliance	P.O. Box 56 Chestertown, NY 12817		info@trilakesalliance.com
20	Chestertown Museum of Local History	P.O. Box 423 Chestertown, NY 12817	(518) 494-3468	
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I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose: To review progress of active projects, share plans for future grant opportunities, and discuss potential for inter-municipal work agreements.

Membership: Current Chief Executive Officer of each First Wilderness Heritage Corridor community and Warren County in consultation with DOS.

Public Participation: All meetings are open to the public.

Notification: E-mail/Phone call from County Planner in their role as coordinator.

Schedule: Advisory Committee will meet semi-annually, in the Spring and Fall.

II. IDENTIFIED AGENCIES/OTHER INTEREST GROUPS

Purpose: Ensure broad understanding of the purpose of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor and solicit diverse input from affected stakeholders.

Membership: Identified by the Advisory Committee, DOS, and appropriate others.

Public Participation: Members of this list are invited to attend all public meetings.

Notification: E-mail list.

III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Purpose: Obtain input from the participating communities as appropriate, regarding projects in the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor and the content of related documents. This input may be gained through community visioning workshops and periodic update reports. This input will be shared with the Advisory Committee members.

Participants: All members of the public, including interest groups identified above and individuals, neighborhood associations, other community groups as appropriate.

Notification:

- Announcements on <http://www.firstwilderness.com>;
- Press releases to local print media, including the Post Star;
- Paid notices in these newspapers;
- Direct mail; and,
- E-mail.

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Schedule: Throughout the planning process as necessary to ensure broad community involvement and awareness.

IV. INFORMAL RESIDENT DISCUSSIONS

Purpose: Gain input directly from the residents of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor communities through informal, one-on-one discussions between members of the Advisory Committee and community residents.

Participants: Project Advisory Committee members and Town residents.

Notification:

- Informal discussions;
- <http://firstwilderness.com>;
- Direct mail or telephone calls; and,
- E-mail.

Schedule: Early in the plan development process.

V. PROPERTY OWNER OUTREACH AND MEETING

Purpose: Inform owners of key property of the development, progress and content of the plan and to obtain their input and feedback as appropriate. This input will be shared with the Advisory Committee members.

Participants: Key landowners and major leaseholders within the project area boundaries.

Notification:

- <http://firstwilderness.com>;
- Direct mail or telephone calls; and,
- E-mail.

Schedule: Throughout the planning process, as appropriate.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Purpose: As appropriate to facilitate formal endorsement of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor projects at the local level. Use public meetings to provide the Advisory Committee, property owners, and broad public an opportunity to address the Town regarding the progress and content of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor and related documents. Such meetings provide the Town, the County and the Advisory Committee

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with an opportunity to discuss the specific First Wilderness Heritage Corridor project(s) and provide any additional direction.

Participants: Municipal officials, including County officials and Town Boards, Advisory Committee, DOS, local residents and stakeholder organizations.

Notification:

- Announcements on <http://firstwilderness.com>;
- Announcements in the local print media including the Post Star;
- Paid notices in these newspapers;
- Direct mail;
- E-mail; and,
- Distribution of a project fact sheet.

Schedule: Throughout the planning process.

VII. CONSULTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTING

Purpose: Regular ongoing formal and informal communication between the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor communities, Warren County, and DOS for monitoring and smooth flow of all projects related to the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor and any related documents.

Participants: Local municipal officials, DOS, and the Advisory Committee.

Notification: E-mail among participants.

Schedule: Semi-annual reporting and measurable results form to be filed as required by DOS.