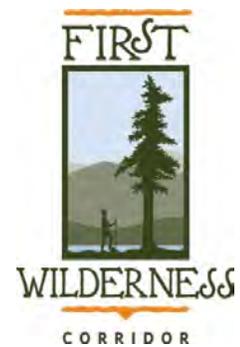




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Benefits of Expanding the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

Expanding the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor to include the Town of Horicon will significantly strengthen and maximize the regional tourism development strategy related to this initiative. From a regional perspective, the expansion will express the story of the Schroon River as a first wilderness resource and connect those resources to Hudson River communities and to communities on the west side of Lake George. This opportunity will leverage Warren County's extensive experience with tourism development to develop a set of successful tourism initiatives for the Town of Horicon that are consistent with the regional vision and complement neighboring projects and initiatives. From the Town's perspective, the opportunity for the Town to participate in cooperative tourism opportunities, initiatives and events across multiple communities that have shared resources will have a substantially greater economic impact than the Town's efforts alone.



The Town of Horicon shares a rich history with the wilderness movement. As a result, Horicon is following a community and economic development strategy that is consistent with the tenants of heritage tourism. The five principles of the National Trust for Historic Preservation provide a framework for discussing how the ideas in the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan relate to the goals of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor:

Goal 1: Focus on Authenticity and Quality of Experience

A severe climate and rugged terrain have shaped human life in the First Wilderness. In many areas, this has led to human settlement patterns that are rustic and robust. These conditions communicate something distinct about the First Wilderness. The hamlets of Brant Lake and Adirondack have managed to retain that rustic character in their redevelopment efforts.

Goal 2: Preserve and Protect Resource

Part of the legacy of the First Wilderness is the Adirondack Park and its commitment to preserve natural resources. This effort is reflected in the promotion of events to enhance the tourist experience and infuse new interest and vitality in local activities such as Food Truck Friday, while protecting the watershed and water quality of Brant Lake through participation in a voluntary water quality monitoring program and an active aquatic invasive species management program.

Goal 3: Make Sites Come Alive

A site that is actually used by a community is a much more compelling heritage tourism experience. The Town will continue to seek vacant and underutilized sites that illustrate their history and culture for new uses that fulfill a useful public purpose.

Goal 4: Find the Fit Between a Community or Region and Tourism

Historic/cultural tourism succeeds when the resources communicate what is special about this place, its environment, and its way of life. Through coordinated programs of signage and hospitality training, visitors can be directed to the features or events that make the area special. This will provide visitors with an enjoyable experience, while at the same time minimizing any unanticipated disruptions to community life caused by errant or uninformed visitors.

Goal 5: Collaboration

A successful heritage tourism experience comes from the creation of consistent messages and a well-coordinated series of experiences for each visitor. This can only be done through the close collaboration of existing organizations and enterprises. An important future opportunity will be to create trail connections into the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area in the Town of Schroon, and to Lake George via the towns of Ticonderoga, Hague and Bolton.



Next Steps

The Project Advisory Committee will become the “First Wilderness Plan Implementation Committee” for the Town of Horicon. The Implementation Committee will request that the Town Board formalize the committee with the mission of guiding the implementation process, bringing awareness to the Town Board of project funding opportunities, and coordinating projects that do not require funding.

The Committee has identified the following six projects as their priorities for the next year:

1. Request Brant Lake to be Named a “Designated Inland Waterway”
2. Mill Pond Master Plan
3. Adirondack School House Community Building Reuse Feasibility Study
4. Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam Trail Feasibility Study
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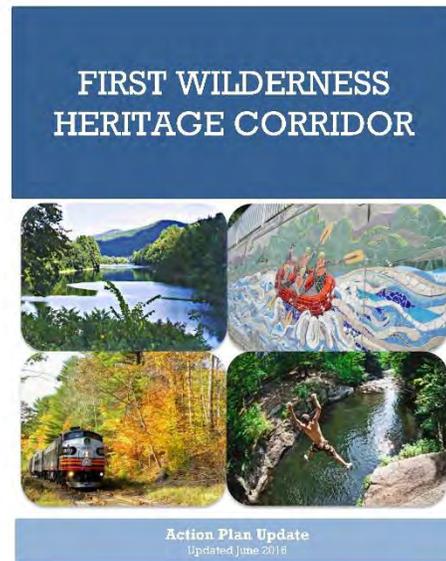
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¹ Further details on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program as well as a list of all designated inland waterways is available at <https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/programs/lwrp.html>.

SECTION 2: COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Location

The Town of Horicon is located at the northern end of Warren County, just south of the Town of Schroon in Essex County. Horicon is bordered by the Town of Chester to the west, the Town of Hague to the east, and the Town of Bolton to the south.

Horicon encompasses approximately 72 square miles of rolling hills, lakes, ponds, and forests, including just over 4,186 acres of state-owned lands in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area to the north and about 7,094 acres in the Lake George Wild Forest to the east. There are two hamlets in the town, Brant Lake to the southwest where the outlet to Brant Lake (Mill Creek) and Mill Pond meet, and Adirondack in the north on the eastern shoreline of Schroon Lake. The town center (Brant Lake) is a 30-minute drive from Gore Mountain and a 20-minute drive from the Village of Lake George by way of the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) a few miles west of Brant Lake.



Place in the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

The history of Horicon is representative of the history of the First Wilderness. Like most First Wilderness communities, the area was settled in the late 18th century by millers and loggers moving north in search of new wilderness lands. By the time the Town was established in 1838, Horicon had grown to include five hamlets with sawmills and tanneries supported by the dense wilderness. These industries began to decline in the latter half of the 19th century as lumber resources diminished. Although the dense forests had been severely impacted, the beautiful lakes and rivers that ran through the wilderness remained in good condition. These waterbodies became the focal point of a growing tourism industry. By the end of the 19th century, several hotels, lodges and summer camps lined Brant Lake and Schroon Lake. They provided comfortable lodging for wealthy visitors and their children interested in the natural beauty of the area as well as the numerous fishing and hunting opportunities. Local employment shifted to services for these visitors or subsistence farming on small estates that provided a comfortable rural lifestyle. Many of the descendants of these families still live in Horicon.

Several of these natural features have been recognized for their recreational, environmental and aesthetic value. Schroon River is a classified Recreational River in the NYS Wild, Scenic and Recreational River System, and was named a Designated Inland Waterway by the State Legislature in 2014. Schroon Lake has been a Designated Inland Waterway since 2012. Over a quarter (27%) of lands in the town are owned and managed by the State to protect their valuable qualities as wildlife habitats and to provide opportunities for public recreation.

Horicon has a central role in the maintenance and protection of these resources as a member of the Schroon Lake Park District (SLPD). SLPD is a



legislatively-appointed board with representatives from the towns of Chester, Horicon and Schroon. The District was established by an act of the New York State Legislature to manage the water level of Schroon Lake. The water level is controlled by Starbuckville Dam located on Schroon River about 4 miles south of the lake. Maintenance and administrative costs for Starbuckville Dam are covered by an annual assessment from all properties within 1,500 feet of the lake shore.



The natural environment continues to make Horicon an attractive place to live and visit. Rivers, lakes and creeks provide essential recreational and aesthetic amenities. Campsites, summer camps and lodging facilities are available for residents and visitors to connect with these places throughout the year. The two remaining hamlets on Brant Lake and Schroon Lake provide access to the largest and most frequented lakes in Horicon. The hamlets host several family-friendly events such as Food Truck Fridays at the Horicon Community Center, the Adirondack Shindig at the Adirondack General Store, the Great Brant Lake Canoe Race, a fishing derby for kids, and a winter carnival in Brant Lake.



Horicon is an ideal candidate for the FWHC because it shares a common history and culture with its neighbors. Like all First Wilderness communities, from the first pioneers to the current seasonal tourists, people are drawn to the town's vast forests, rolling hills, and beautiful lakes and streams.



The FWHC is an opportunity for Horicon to further promote its amenities, events and community. The FWHC is a tourism and economic development initiative that enhances and celebrates these assets to attract visitors to the small vibrant communities along the Hudson and Schroon Rivers. The Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan details the Town's strategy to further its connection to the First Wilderness by investing in its local resources and integrating them into the FWHC brand.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROCESS

A detailed and well-rounded public participation process was established at the beginning of the project to better understand the local values and needs, create excitement about the potential of the town, and give the public an opportunity to take ownership of their future. This was accomplished through three levels of public participation.

Advisory Committee Meetings – As a first step, a seven-person Project Advisory Committee was established, consisting of a diverse group of public officials and local leaders who have successfully implemented projects in Horicon. The Committee met several times to allow for intimate discussion of the local needs and potential revitalization projects. Committee members were also the community liaisons.

Interviews with Key Stakeholders – As a next step, a list of important local and regional figures was created, whose expertise will be vital for successfully implementing desired revitalization projects. The list was created to facilitate a series of stakeholder interviews. These one-on-one interviews helped fill information gaps, better understand an individual’s perspective on an important project or topic and determine what existing plans compliment the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor and therefore should be incorporated into the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan.

Community Workshops – Several public meetings in a workshop format were conducted to receive unfiltered input directly from the community and update them on the progress of the plan. Meetings also allowed for revitalization projects to be prioritized through an open and democratic process.

The schedule of Community Workshops was as follows:

- Community Workshop #1: Project Introduction Meeting – May 23, 2019
- Community Workshop #2: Project Open House Meeting – August 22, 2019
- Community Workshop #3: Report Review Meeting – September 19, 2019

The first workshop introduced the public to the project and described how they would be able to participate in the planning process going forward. The workshop was also an opportunity for those in attendance to list their most valued community resources.

The second workshop was held to solicit input on a draft inventory and projects list. The public was asked to vote for their top three projects. The results of the votes were tallied and the projects were ranked on their level of priority. High Priority projects received at least 10 votes, Medium Priority projects received 5 to 9 votes and Low Priority projects received less than 5 votes. Each project’s priority ranking is included in its Revitalization Project Profile in the Priority Waterfront and Community Revitalization Projects section at the end of this plan.

The final workshop presented the completed draft of the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan at a public meeting of the Town Board to gather final comments from Board members and those in the community in attendance. Prior to submitting the plan to the County and DOS, an updated draft plan, which incorporated the input from the Town Board meeting, was reviewed and finalized by the Advisory Committee.

Each meeting, interview and workshop was followed by a review and comment period, with a written summary distributed to the Project Advisory Committee, Warren County, DOS, and the public. Input on the results of each meeting or interview was received in person, by direct email or through a dedicated project Facebook page established prior to the first committee meeting. This participation process created a collaborative environment that improved the accuracy of the plan and energized the citizens of Horicon.



SECTION 4: REVIEW OF EXISTING REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES

Information Sources

A review of relevant local, regional and state plans was completed to identify community and waterfront revitalization issues and needs, and to determine whether there is planning support for recommended projects in the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan. This review process was supported by consultation with the Project Advisory Committee, the Warren County Planning Department, the Department of State, and other stakeholders.

The information gathered from planning documents and interviews was compiled into a list of community needs and opportunities. This list informed the first meetings with the Advisory Committee, the project consultant team, the Department of State, key stakeholders, and the general public. Out of these discussions grew a more accurate and defined list that would become the basis for the community resources inventory and recommended revitalization projects for the town.

Local information sources included:

- **Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)** – The most recent update to the Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan completed in 2010 by the Center for Earth and Environmental Science out of SUNY Plattsburgh in consultation with a designated local Steering Committee. The plan includes a townwide inventory and analysis, a review of existing land use regulations with a buildout analysis involving different regulatory scenarios, and a list of goals and corresponding recommendations. Some of the topics included in the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan were improvements to the Mill Pond area, community and economic development initiatives, Brant Lake access and management, and developing new parks and open spaces.
- **Brant Lake Watershed Assessment (2000)** – Completed in 2000 by the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, the report details the water, soils and land use conditions within the Brant Lake watershed. The recommendations for the Horicon municipal government and the Brant Lake Association, which oversees activity at Brant Lake, were considered for the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan.

Regional information sources included:

- **First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Master Plan (2000)** – The first planning effort for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor completed by Saratoga Associates and the Warren County Planning Department in 2000. Recommendations on how to improve the local tourism experience and increase overnight stays were considered for the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan.
- **First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action Plan Update (2016)** – Completed by the Warren County Planning Department in 2016, the Action Plan was the second planning

effort for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor. The purpose of the Action Plan was to update the inventory and projects lists for the First Wilderness communities and incorporate the Town of Chester into the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor. The Action Plan also provided a list of regional principles and priorities. Those that were determined to be applicable to Horicon were considered for the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan. Completing revitalization projects for Horicon that correspond to these principles and priorities will help integrate the town into the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor.

- **First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Marketing and Promotion Plan (2016)** – Completed by the Warren County Planning Department in 2016 following the Action Plan to identify strategies for regional marketing, sustainable tourism economic development, event planning, and corridor branding. The components of the Marketing and Promotion Plan were an analysis of the existing tourism market and a list of future opportunities. The Marketing and Promotion Plan includes several valuable suggestions on how to market local attributes and amenities within the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor brand that were incorporated into the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan.
- **Adirondack Community-based Trails and Lodging System (2017)** – Prepared by Leading E.D.G.E for the Department of State in 2017, the ACTLS was a regional effort to enhance recreation-based tourism through a network of interconnected trails, lodging facilities, and community connections. Renamed the “Hamlet-to-Hut” initiative, the report mapped out potential routes for new trails throughout the Adirondack Park that would connect existing community resources. There were two suggested routes for new trail systems that would improve the connection between Horicon and neighboring communities. Both were discussed and considered too conceptual and low priority to be included in the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan. These trail systems could be reconsidered at a later date.

State information sources included:

- **Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Unit Management Plan (1992)** – The most current Unit Management Plan (UMP) prepared by the Department of Environmental Conservation for the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area, Bald Ledge Primitive Area, First Brother Primitive Area, Gooseneck Primitive Area, and Hague Brook Primitive Area. Area descriptions and planned projects were incorporated into the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan. Updates to the progress of these projects was the focus of the interview with Corrie Magee, Land Manager for the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area.
- **Horicon Boat Launch Unit Management Plan: River Area Management Plan for the Schroon River (2016)** – The Department of Environmental Conservation Division of First & Wildlife’s recently completed Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Horicon Boat Launch and River Area Management Plan for the Schroon River. A description of the site, the management model, and planned projects were valuable additions to the First Wilderness Plan. The progress of planned projects was the focus of the interview with Rob Fiorentino, Senior Aquatic Biologist for the State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Town of Warrensburg.



Findings

The information sources were reviewed to determine if there were any proposed actions that were consistent with the purpose of this plan. As a First Wilderness Plan within the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, recommendations from this report focus on regional tourism economic development through local waterfront and community revitalization projects that expand or enhance public resources.

There are 7 actions proposed by previous planning efforts that were determined to meet these criteria. None of these actions have been completed. Further information on these actions and their components are available in Appendix B, "Summary of Actions from Past Plans".

SECTION 5: COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Community Profile section provides an overview of the existing conditions in the Town of Horicon. The Community Profile was a valuable tool for ensuring the recommended revitalization projects would accurately address local needs and be impactful.

There are two parts to the Community Profile. These include:

1. An analysis of socioeconomic conditions, land use and land ownership patterns; and
2. A list of community resources, including the parcel number, the property owner, the parcel size, a description of the resource, a needs assessment, and a list of any relevant reports or concept plans.

All demographic and employment data was collected from the U.S. Census Bureau 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates. The analysis of land use and ownership data was based on 2018 Warren County Tax Parcel Data managed by the Warren County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Charts and tables detailing the full data for the first part of the Community Profile are available in Appendix A, "First Wilderness Community Profile: Town of Horicon, NY".

Demography and Employment

More people live in Horicon than ever before, but the town is getting older.

According to the 2017 ACS data, the population of the Town of Horicon is 1,640. This represents an increase of nearly 20 percent since 2010.

The median age of residents also increased during this period. As of 2017, it was 54.7, up 4.4 years since 2010. This follows a nearly 40-year trend where the median age of the population has increased approximately 65 percent. Much of this appears to be the result of a growing share of the population aged 65 years and older. As of 2017, nearly a third of the population was in this age group compared to about a quarter in 2010.

With changes in the population have come corresponding changes in the number of households. During the same period, the number of households in Horicon increased approximately 85 percent to 710. However, the rate of increase has recently slowed. Since 2010, the number of households in Horicon has increased by only about 11 percent, the smallest measured increase since 1960. Although the growth rate is slower, it is a significant improvement given population and number of households in the town decreased between 2000 and 2010.

Largest recorded number of housing units, but a growing number of vacant units.

Positive population trends are also reflected in data on the total number and types of new housing units in Horicon. In 2017, the town recorded its largest number of total housing units ever with 2,025. Data on the number of occupied housing units since 2000 also corresponds to the fluctuations in the number of households mentioned previously. There is some immediate



concern over the growing number of vacant units, which has increased by approximately 100 percent since 2010. While the total number and types of housing units have been changing, the distribution by the type of unit has remained relatively similar.

Between 2010 and 2017 the town recorded a loss of seasonal units for the first time in at least 40 years. This loss appears to correspond to the increase in vacant units. It should be noted that this is a shorter timeframe, therefore this conclusion may no longer be valid by 2020.

Median household size remains the same, but smaller range in household sizes.

Median household size has remained relatively similar over the past few decades. In 2017, the median household size was 2.3 persons. This is at the same level as in 2000 and only a decrease of 0.3 people since 1990. However, the distribution of households by size has been changing. In 1990, less than 75 percent of all households consisted of 3 or fewer people. As of 2017, approximately 90 percent of all households had 3 or fewer people. This represents a decreasing range of household sizes.

Horicon households pay less on their monthly housing costs as a share of their income on average. Housing values are increasing at the fastest rate, resulting in greater wealth for existing owners but fewer affordable housing options.

The median household income in 2017 was \$63,600. This was an increase of over 41 percent since 1990 and an increase of nearly 26 percent in just seven years.

Housing values and costs have been rising as well. Since 1990, the median value of an owner-occupied unit has increased by approximately 77 percent to \$221,000. Monthly housing costs (with a mortgage) for owners of these units have also increased, but at a far slower rate. The result has been a decrease of approximately 31 percent in the share of household income required to cover monthly homeowner expenses. Median gross rent during this period increased as well, but by an even smaller percentage than median monthly homeowner costs. Although the census data does not include additional housing costs for renters, it is indicative of the affordability of housing options for a household earning at least the median income.

Some of the reason monthly costs may have remained low is the heating fuel source. In 2017, a majority (52.5 percent) of occupied units utilized fuel oil, kerosene and the like to provide heat. This was followed by bottled/tank/liquified petroleum gas at 20.1 percent. There has been a considerable rise in the number of homes being heated by electricity. It may be valuable in the future to analyze how this shift is affecting housing values and costs.

More than one in every 10 residents are living in poverty. Three out of four of these residents are adults, most without families.

While the town has experienced many positive trends over the last few decades, there has also been a rise in the percentage of the population living below the poverty line. Since 1990, the total population living below the poverty line has increased by approximately 1.7%. As of 2017, over 11 percent residents are living below the poverty line. Over 75 percent of these residents are adults, most likely the result of an aging population with less families. In less than a decade, the



majority of the population living below the poverty line completely flipped from families to non-families.

Horicon now has a majority of residents with at least some post-secondary education.

The growing percentage of people living below the poverty line is despite a positive trend in educational attainment. In less than two decades, the percentage of residents with at least a high school diploma or an equivalent has increased by nearly 14 percent to just under 90 percent. The most significant change has been in the number of residents who've at least completed some college or an associate degree. During the same period, the percentage of people with this level of education increased by nearly 17 percent to where now the majority of the population has at least some college experience.

Rising employment, shift toward self-employment, growing arts and entertainment industry, and more high skilled service workers.

Employment data for Horicon is positive as well. In 2017, the unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, a decrease of nearly 7 percent since 1990 and nearly 3.5 percent in less than a decade. It should be kept in mind that this data does not account for those who have not sought employment within the last year and those who are retired. These workforce statistics also count part-time and seasonal work the same as full-time employment.

At the same time, the distribution of employment by class of worker has remained relatively unchanged. Since 1990, private wage and salary workers have outnumbered government workers about three-to-one. There has been significant change in the percentage of self-employed workers since 2010, which has nearly doubled to account for approximately 15 percent of all workers.

Over the past three decades, there have been several significant changes in the type of industries with local residents. The industries that have experienced the greatest change in their share of the local workforce have been the retail trade, other service industries, and the arts, entertainment, accommodations, and food services. Since 1990, the retail trade has lost about 9.5 percent of the workforce, other services industries have lost 17 percent of the workforce, and the arts, entertainment, accommodations, and food services have gained nearly 14 percent of the workforce. In 1990, nearly half of all workers in Horicon were in the retail trade and other services compared to only 4 people who were estimated to work in the arts, entertainment, accommodations, and food services. As of 2017, there are more people working in the arts, entertainment, accommodations, and food services than in the retail trade or in other services. This shift may account in part for the rising percentage of self-employed workers.

There are several notable changes in employment by industry since 2010. After two decades of growth, the educational, health and social services industry experienced its first measured employment decrease with a loss of nearly 22 percent of its workers. Manufacturing appears to be making a comeback, increasing its share of the local workforce by 6.4 percent since 2010. Finally, the increase in the percentage of higher skilled service jobs continues a three-decade long trend, possibly the result of rising education levels. As of 2017, nearly 9 percent of all workers



were either in the finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing industry, or the professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services industry.

Land Use and Ownership

The Town of Horicon is primarily a residential community.

Residential land uses constitute over 60 percent of parcels and over 70 percent of the land acreage. Residential parcels are the second largest on average at 17.9 acres. Residential uses are scattered throughout the town while the wild, forested, conservation lands and public parks are mostly concentrated at the eastern side of the town in state lands.

Vacant lands are frequent but are an opportunity to expand public wilderness areas and parks.

The second most frequent private land use is vacant land. Over one-in-four parcels are vacant and nearly 20 percent of the land in the town is vacant. Several vacant parcels are landlocked and in proximity to wild, forested, conservation lands and public parks, which are about 4.5 percent of the parcels and acreage in the town. These lands are also much larger on average than the vacant parcels at 16.5 acres. Most of the public wild, forested, conservation lands and parks in Horicon are owned by the State of New York. On average, the State owns the largest parcels in the town, with an average parcel size of 142.4 acres. Almost all of this land is part of two forest preserves, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area and Lake George Wild Forest. In Horicon, Pharaoh Lake Wilderness covers approximately 4,186.4 acres and Lake George Wild Forest covers approximately 7,093.9 acres.

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), a wilderness area maintains its primitive character and is managed to preserve its natural conditions. The wild forest designation permits a slightly greater amount of recreational use. The State has prepared unit management plans (UMPs) for the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area and Lake George Wild Forest that detail the specific purpose of each area, their assets and any proposed projects. then coordination with DEC and its conservation partners to expand these wilderness areas and amend the UMPs will be necessary. This may represent an opportunity to formally expand conserved wild areas and parks if the Town is interested in providing more public areas without purchasing additional properties. The Town currently owns 20 parcels totaling nearly 162 acres.

Although the State owns the great majority of the public lands in Horicon, the Town owns most of the roads and is therefore responsible for their maintenance and any improvements.

2017 highway mileage data from the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) shows that the Town manages 58.3 percent of the roads, the County manages 30.7 percent, and the State manages 10.9 percent. County roads include routes 15, 31, 36, 53, 55, and 64. State roads include Route 8 and the Adirondack Northway (Interstate 87) which travels along the border between the towns of Horicon and Chester.

Commercial, community service and public service uses are concentrated in the activity centers and along the major roadways. Commercial properties tend to be scaled to a neighborhood whereas public and community services tend to serve a larger region.

Most commercial, community service and public service uses are located within the hamlets of Adirondack and Brant Lake and a few are scattered around Schroon Lake and Brant Lake. Commercial uses have average parcel sizes in the single digits despite an average parcel size in Horicon of 15.7 acres. Community service land uses have on average the largest parcels at 23.6 acres. This large average is mainly due to land for cemeteries, the Town Highway Department offices and equipment storage, and the Community Center. The Community Center site includes the Town Public Library, municipal offices, a baseball field, and a pavilion.

Most recreation and entertainment uses rely on their connection to larger wilderness areas, public parks and water bodies.

Similar to commercial uses, recreation and entertainment uses have average parcel sizes in the single digits. Much of the lands labeled for recreation and entertainment uses are the properties for the several camps, ranches, resorts, waterfront amenities, and trail areas throughout Horicon that provide desirable experiences for residents and visitors. Although these parcels are some of the smallest in the town on average, most are adjacent to larger wilderness areas, public parks and water bodies and offer direct access to these amenities.

Community Resources

Community resources are public areas with an explicable link to a local waterfront community and its residents. The list of community resources was determined through input on a list of public lands and amenities from the Project Advisory Committee, key stakeholders and the general public.

Nineteen community resources were selected based on the feedback received from these groups. Appendix D, "Town of Horicon Community Resources Inventory", provides the tax parcel number (if any), the owner, the group or individual responsible for its management, the parcel or area size, a picture of the resource, a short description of the resource, a list of assessed needs, and a list of any reports or concept plans which address the assessed needs. A map of all community resources listed can be found beginning on page 17.

Townwide resources:

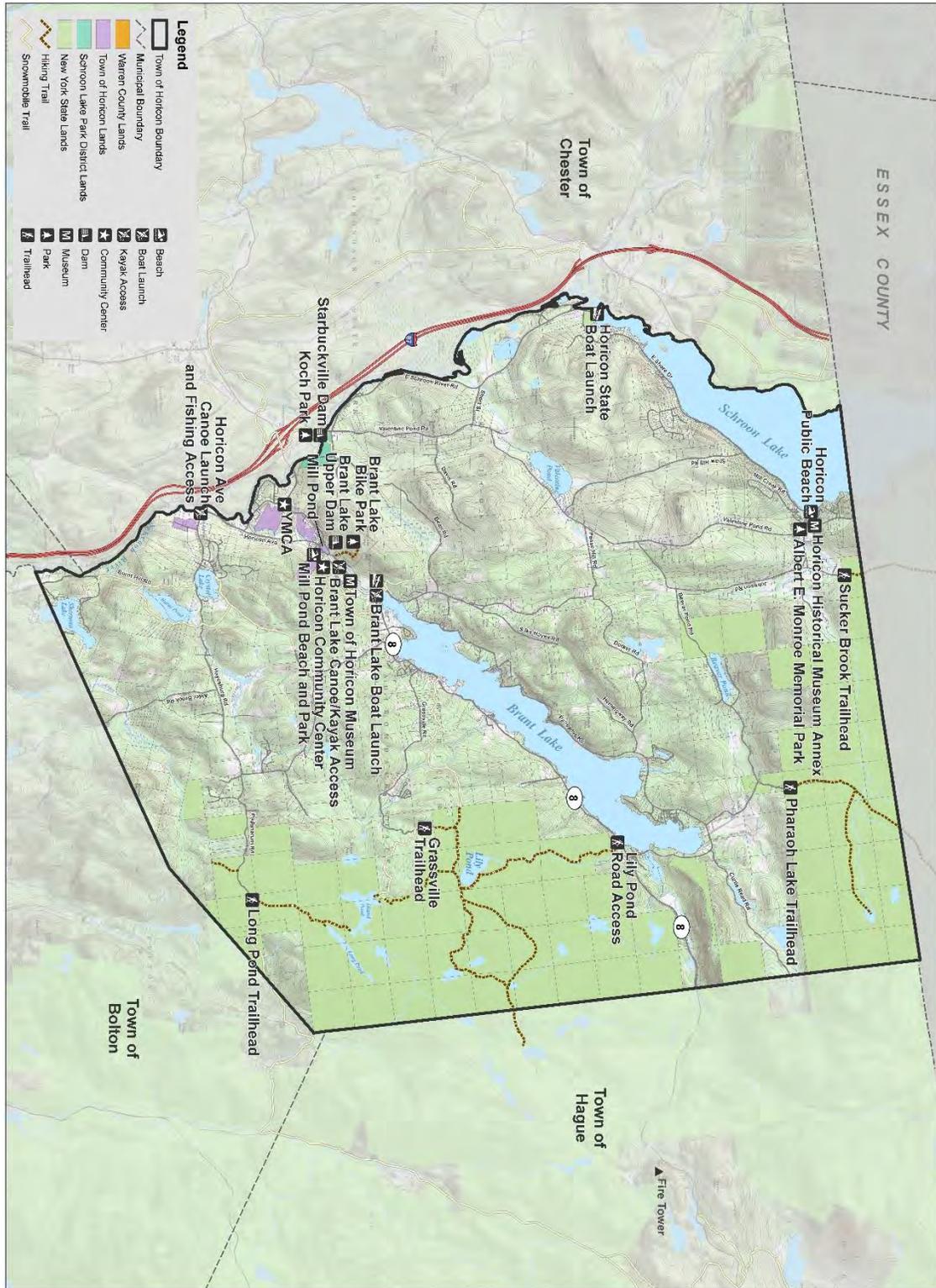
- Grassville Trailhead;
- Horicon Avenue Canoe Launch and Fishing Access;
- Horicon State Boat Launch;
- Lily Pond Road Access;
- Long Pond Trailhead;
- Pharaoh Lake Trailhead;
- Starbuckville Dam and Koch Park; and
- Suckerbrook Trailhead.

Hamlet of Brant Lake resources include:

- Brant Lake Boat Launch;
- Brant Lake Canoe/Kayak Access;
- Brant Lake Upper Dam;
- Historic Heintzelman Library;
- Horicon Community Center;
- Horicon Historical Museum;
- Mill Pond Beach and Park;
- The Hub/Brant Lake Bike Park; and
- YMCA Adirondack Center.

Hamlet of Adirondack resources include:

- Adirondack School House Community Building;
- Albert E. Monroe Memorial Park;
- Horicon Historical Museum Annex; and
- Horicon Public Beach.



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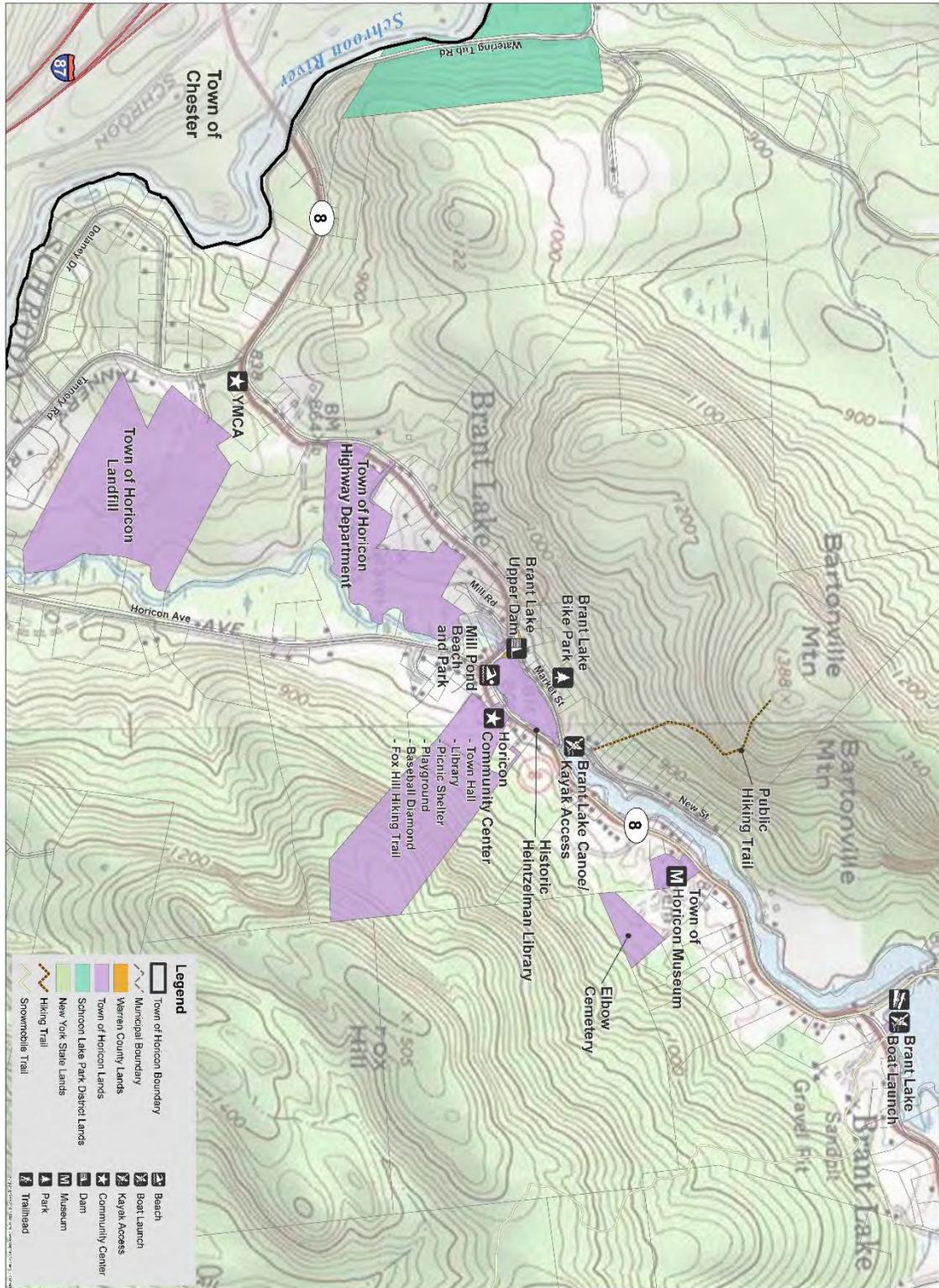
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SECTION 6: REVITALIZATION PROJECTS

Overview

The First Wilderness program presents an opportunity for the Town of Horicon to work with its regional partners to maximize its potential through strategic investments in waterfront and community revitalization projects. A list of projects was developed based on the results of the community profile and the community participation process, demonstrating that Horicon is a community distinctly of and for its residents. The successful completion of these projects will build on the strong sense of community to encourage, promote and celebrate Horicon as a safe, comfortable, and welcoming community with an exciting future.

Thirty three waterfront and community revitalization projects were selected by the Advisory Committee and the general public for the Town of Horicon. Thirteen projects are town wide, fourteen projects are in the hamlet of Brant Lake, and six projects are in the hamlet of Adirondack.

TOWNWIDE REVITALIZATION PROJECTS:

- PROJECT 1: Brant Lake Boat Wash Station
Identify a location for a boat wash station in the vicinity of the Brant Lake Boat Launch.

- PROJECT 2: Brant Lake Designated Inland Waterway
The Town Board should send a letter to the Department of State requesting for Brant Lake to be named a Designated Inland Waterway.

- PROJECT 3: Brant Lake Town Beach Feasibility Study
Complete a feasibility study to determine a site for a Town Beach on Brant Lake.

- PROJECT 4: Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam Trail Feasibility Study
Determine the feasibility of a hike-bike trail connecting Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam.

- PROJECT 5: Town of Horicon Recreation Map
Contract the services of a graphic designer to work with the Town and Warren County to develop a professional town wide recreation map.

- PROJECT 6: Adirondack to Horicon State Boat Launch Trail Feasibility Study
Develop a report that analyzes all road shoulders, property owners and rights-of-way between the Adirondack General Store on Johnson Road in the hamlet of Adirondack to the Horicon State Boat Launch off Glendale Road on the south end of Schroon Lake.



- PROJECT 7: Pharaoh Lake Trail Access Road Improvements
The Town will work with DEC to include making the Pharaoh Lake Trail access road suitable for hikers and bikers in the ongoing updated to the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area Unit Management Plan.
- PROJECT 8: Town of Horicon Signage Plan
Develop a uniform wayfinding, informational and interpretive signage plan.
- PROJECT 9: Horicon State Boat Launch Kayak and Canoe Access
The Town will work with DEC to update the Horicon State Boat Launch UMP to add a dedicated launch site for kayaks and canoes.
- PROJECT 10: Brant Lake Watershed Assessment and Lake Management Plan
Develop a combined watershed and lake management plan for Brant Lake.
- PROJECT 11: Town of Horicon Schroon River Access Feasibility Study
Complete a feasibility study to determine eligible sites for additional waterfront access to the Schroon River in Horicon.
- PROJECT 12: Schroon River Paddling Access Handicap-Accessibility Improvements
Make handicap-accessibility improvements to the paddling access to Schroon River near Exit 25 of the Adirondack Northway.
- PROJECT 13: Brant Lake Trail Feasibility Study
Complete a feasibility study for a hike-bike path or trail around all of Brant Lake.

HAMLET OF BRANT LAKE REVITALIZATION PROJECTS:

- PROJECT 14: Mill Pond Master Plan
Develop a master plan for the entire area around Mill Pond.
- PROJECT 15: Mill Pond Beach Crosswalk
Layout a pedestrian crosswalk from the Mill Pond Beach to the Horicon Volunteer Fire Department.
- PROJECT 16: Fox Hill Trail Master Plan
Develop a formal trailhead and expand the Fox Hill Trail behind the Horicon Community Center.
- PROJECT 17: Mill Pond Walkway
Design and construct a dedicated off-road pedestrian path around the circumference of Mill Pond.

PROJECT 18: Mill Pond Street Light Study

Work with National Grid to address inefficient and outdated lighting around Mill Pond. Replace as needed with LED and dark sky compliant lighting. Give priority to the older lights along State Route 8.

PROJECT 19: Market Street Pedestrianization

Convert Market Street from a County Road to a Town Road that dead ends at the proposed pocket park at the corner of New and Market Streets.

PROJECT 20: Brant Lake Gateway Master Plan

Develop a gateway master plan to beautify the intersection of State Route 8 and Horicon Avenue.

PROJECT 21: Brant Lake Gateway Traffic Analysis

Complete a traffic analysis from the Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park to the Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of Horicon Avenue and State Route 8.

PROJECT 22: Mill Pond Pocket Park

Create a pocket park to function as a community space from the corner of New and Market Streets at the east dam on Mill Pond to The Hub.

PROJECT 23: Mill Pond Municipal Parking

In partnership with The Hub, purchase or lease The Hub's auxiliary parking area for municipal parking.

PROJECT 24: Mill Pond Fishing Dock Crosswalk

Layout a pedestrian crosswalk from the pocket park at the fishing dock to the Horicon Community Center.

PROJECT 25: Mill Pond Walkway Extension Feasibility Study

Determine the feasibility of extending pedestrian access along State Route 8 from the Horicon Community Center to the Brant Lake Wesleyan Church, Horicon Historical Museum and Elbow Cemetery.

PROJECT 26: Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park Master Plan

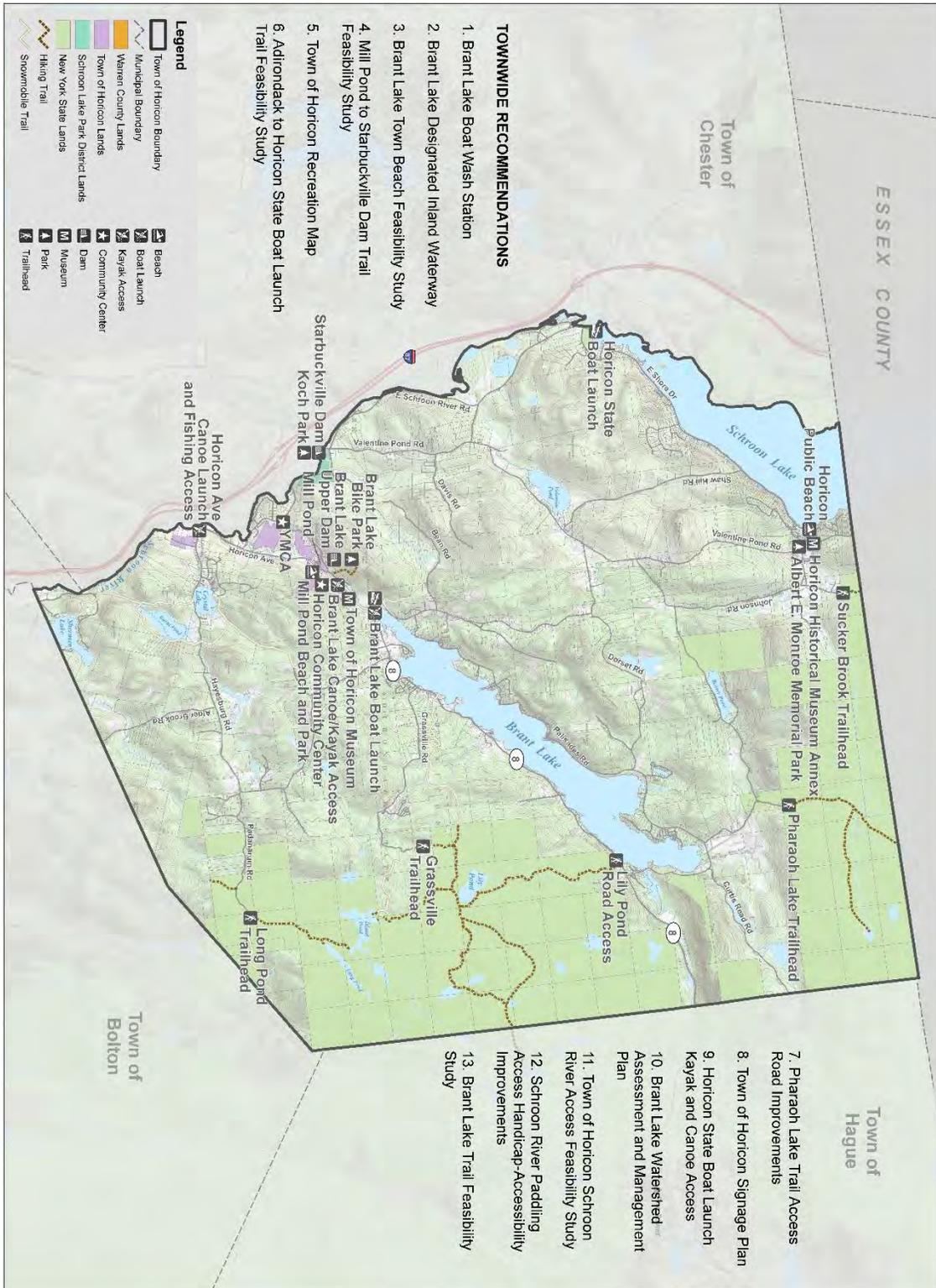
Expand and enhance Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park with landscaping and parking improvements.

PROJECT 27: Mill Pond Fishing Dock Master Plan

Improve the pocket park at the fishing dock with landscaping and a formal parking area.

HAMLET OF ADIRONDACK REVITALIZATION PROJECTS:

- PROJECT 28: Adirondack School House Community Building Reuse Feasibility Study
Investigate the potential future use of the Adirondack School House Community Building.
- PROJECT 29: Adirondack Hamlet Master Plan
Develop a master plan for the hamlet of Adirondack.
- PROJECT 30: Adirondack Hamlet Walkway
Develop a pedestrian path between the Public Parking Lot, Town Beach, Veterans Park, Albert E. Monroe Park and Mill Brook.
- PROJECT 31: Horicon Public Beach Master Plan
Upgrade the Horicon Public Beach, including making the site fully accessible, improving the landscaping, adding signage identifying the site, and consolidating all other signage.
- PROJECT 32: Schroon Lake Access Feasibility Study
Determine the feasibility of adding a public dock and canoe/kayak access point on Schroon Lake.
- PROJECT 33: Adirondack Hamlet Signage Plan
Develop a wayfinding, informational and interpretive signage plan for the hamlet of Adirondack.



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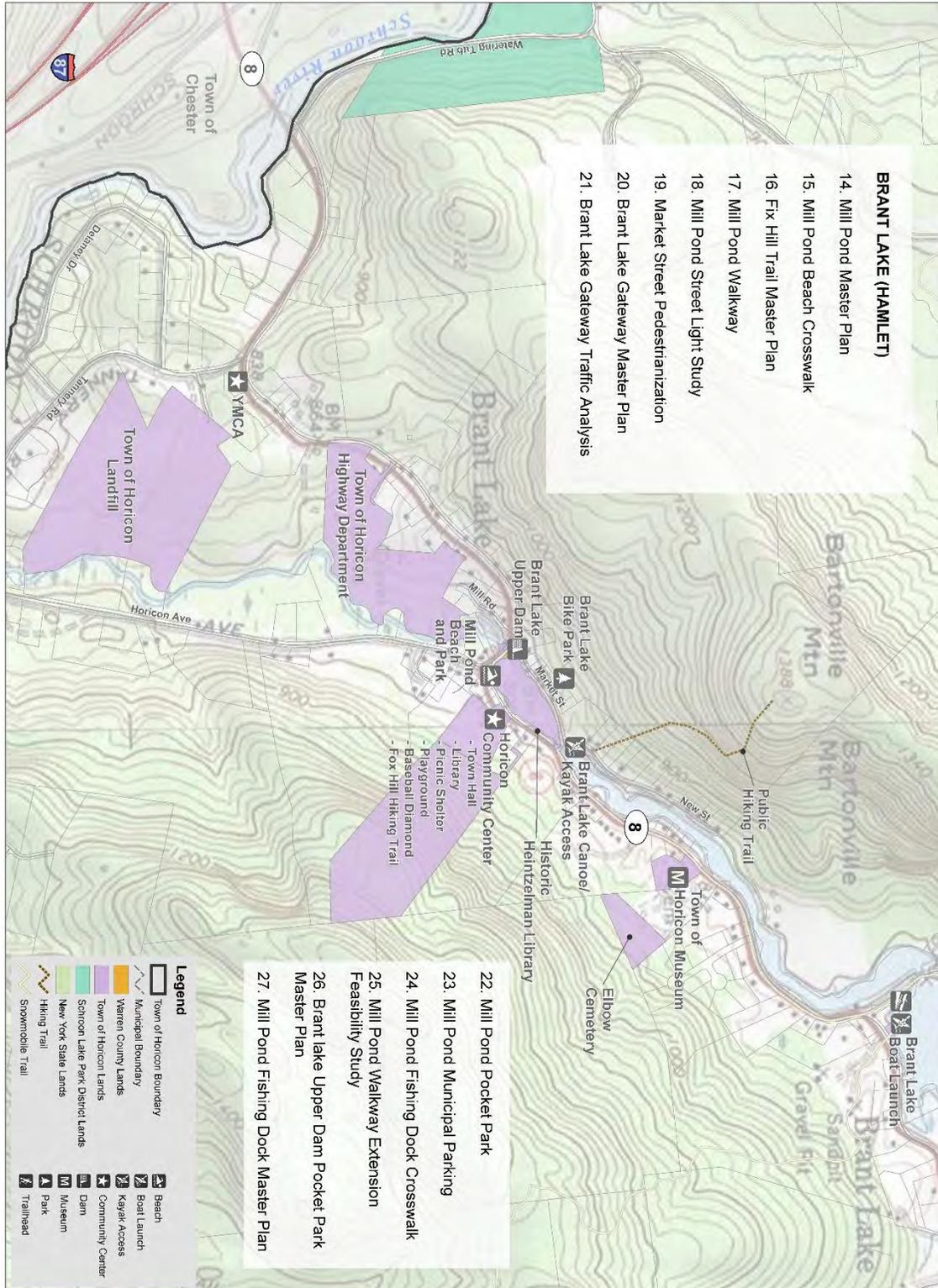
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Project Profiles

An information sheet was developed for each revitalization project that provides a comprehensive overview, including the project type, priority, description, land use, land ownership, water access points, strengths, challenges, funding opportunities, and immediate next step. Each project was given a priority ranking based on input from the public. High Priority projects are recommended to be completed within the next three years. Medium Priority projects are recommended to be started in at most three to five years. Low Priority projects should be reconsidered after all higher priority projects are completed.

An approximate cost range for each project is included on its profile as a series of orange circles in the right hand corner. One dot is equivalent to a \$10,000 to \$20,000 range. It should be kept in mind that these cost estimates are highly conceptual. Cost estimates should not be used as part of any final project proposal or for any official bidding and construction process. They should only be used as a variable in the determination of a project's priority and feasibility.

The following are the Project Profiles for each waterfront and community revitalization projects. Projects are first organized by project type (Townwide; Brant Lake; Adirondack) and then by priority (High; Medium; Low).

PROJECT 1: Brant Lake Boat Wash Station



Parking area at the Brant Lake Boat Launch.



Boat wash station at Horicon State Boat Launch.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: High

Description: Identify a location for a Brant Lake Boat Wash Station for Brant Lake.

Existing Land Use: Mostly single-family homes. There are some lodges, camps and other private organizations.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town owns the Brant Lake Boat Launch (71.20-1-13).

Public Water Access Points: Brant Lake

Project Strengths: Existing public boat launch for Brant Lake; Maintain high water quality standards at Brant Lake.

Project Challenges: Lack of available land; Town may require financial assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Boating Infrastructure grant; NYS EFC Clean Vessel Assistance Program grant.

Next Step: Budget a short feasibility study and design for a boat wash station near the Brant Lake Boat Launch.

PROJECT 2: Brant Lake Designated Inland Waterway



State Route 8 by the entrance to the Brant Lake Boat Launch.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: High

Description: Send a letter to DOS requesting for Brant Lake to be named a Designated Inland Waterway.

Existing Land Use: Recreation

Land Ownership: New York State

Public Water Access Points: Brant Lake Boat Launch

Project Strengths: Opportunity for planning and funding projects by preparing and adopting a LWRP.

Project Challenges: None

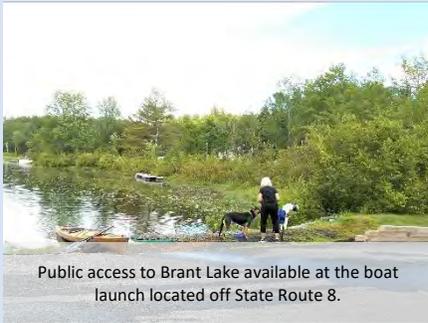
Potential Funding: N/A

Next Step: Town Board should submit a request in writing to the Department of State.

PROJECT 3: Brant Lake Town Beach Feasibility Study



Private home along Brant Lake.



Public access to Brant Lake available at the boat launch located off State Route 8.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Continue to monitor properties for sale on Brant Lake that may be suitable for the development of a public beach.

Existing Land Use: Mostly single-family homes and several private lodges and camps, and a few accommodations.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town owns the Brant Lake Boat Launch (71.20-1-13).

Public Water Access Points: Brant Lake Boat Launch

Project Strengths: Potential to increase the number of visitors to Brant Lake.

Project Challenges: Lack of available land and a local preference toward private access to Brant Lake.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant

Next Step: Select grants and apply when appropriate.

PROJECT 4: Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam Trail Feasibility Study



Starbuckville Dam on the Schroon River.



Entrance to Brant Lake Bike Park near The Hub at Mill Pond.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Determine the feasibility of a hike-bike trail beginning at the Brant Lake Bike Park near The Hub and finishing at Koch Park where the Starbuckville Dam is located. Work with landowners and consultants to develop a conceptual route for viable alternatives of the trail.

Existing Land Use: Largely open forests on residential, vacant, commercial, or public service properties.

Land Ownership: 3-4 private (88.-1-3, 88.-1-4, 88.10-1-1, 88.-1-1); 1 public (87.2-2-4/1)

Public Water Access Points: Mill Pond; Schroon River

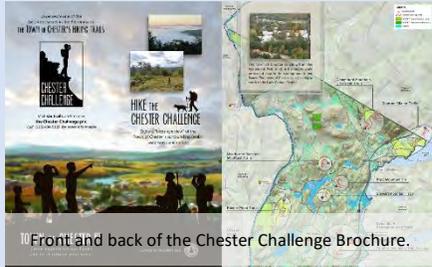
Project Strengths: Existing hiking and mountain biking trails at the Brant Lake Bike Park; Strong partnership with The Hub; Horicon is on the Schroon Lake Park District board.

Project Challenges: Uncertainty about site conditions and the interests of private landowners.

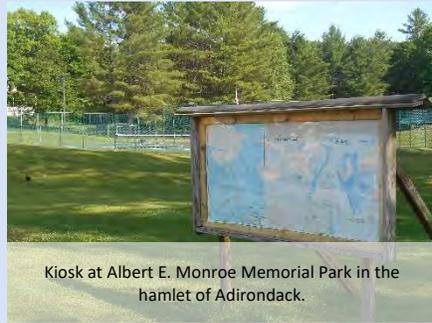
Potential Funding: LWRP component grant; OPRHP Recreational Trails Program grant; A/GFTC Make the Connection Program grant

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 5: Town of Horicon Recreation Map



Front and back of the Chester Challenge Brochure.



Kiosk at Albert E. Monroe Memorial Park in the hamlet of Adirondack.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Contract the services of a graphic designer who would work with the Town and Warren County to develop a professional town wide recreation map. The map could be available online and at First Wilderness kiosks.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Land Ownership: N/A

Public Water Access Points: N/A

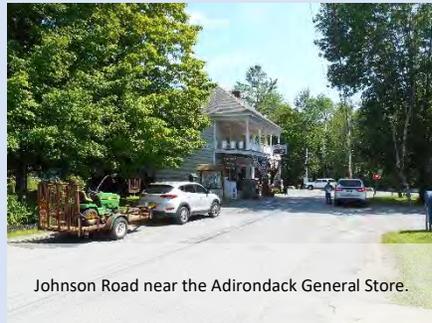
Project Strengths: Markets the recreational resources of Horicon with the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor; Creates an easy-to-use product for tourists.

Project Challenges: Would require contracting the services of a professional graphic designer.

Potential Funding: Municipal funds; County funds; LWRP component funds

Next Step: Contact Warren County, the Town of Chester and consultants to determine the potential project costs.

PROJECT 6: Adirondack to Horicon State Boat Launch Trail Feasibility Study



Johnson Road near the Adirondack General Store.



Entrance onto Glendale Road from East Shore Road by the Horicon State Boat Launch.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Analyze the terrain, road shoulders, property owners and rights-of-way between the Adirondack General Store and the Horicon State Boat Launch.

Existing Land Use: Primarily residential properties along East Shore Drive; The boat launch is a recreational use and the general store is a commercial use.

Land Ownership: East Shore Drive is managed by Warren County; 1 private (20.10-1-14); 1 public (53.-3-2)

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake

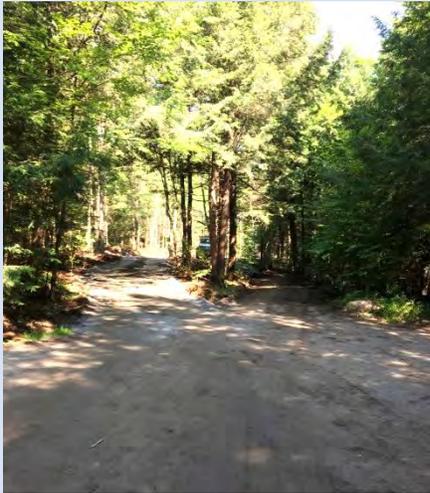
Project Strengths: Increase the accessibility of the Adirondack hamlet to boaters; Potential to increase hamlet visitorship; Adds the Adirondack hamlet to the First Wilderness regional tourism and recreation network.

Project Challenges: Narrowness of East Shore Road and many private landowners outside the road's right-of-way.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant; OPRHP Recreational Trails Program grant; A/GFTC Make the Connection Program grant

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 7: Pharaoh Lake Trail Access Road Improvements



Parking area and trailhead for the Pharaoh Lake and Crab Pond trails.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Work with DEC to add improving the Pharaoh Lake Trail access road for hikers and cyclists to the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area UMP.

Existing Land Use: Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area

Land Ownership: New York State

Public Water Access Points: Trail provides access to Pharaoh Lake and Crab Pond.

Project Strengths: Reestablishes hiking and biking access to Pharaoh Lake and Crab Pond; Additional tourist activity in the hamlet and camps have an improved amenity.

Project Challenges: Several previous efforts have been unsuccessful. This is not a current priority of DEC.

Potential Funding: N/A

Next Step: Contact Corrie Magee, the Department of Environmental Conservation Land Manager for the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area.

PROJECT 8: Town of Horicon Signage Plan



First Wilderness kiosk at the Town of Chester Municipal Center.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Medium

Description: Develop a uniform wayfinding, informational and interpretive signage plan for the Town. Incorporate First Wilderness kiosks into the plan.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Improve Town wayfinding and promote valuable community resources; Town beautification project; Integrates Horicon into the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor.

Project Challenges: May require funding assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; NYSCA Architecture, Planning and Design Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant

Next Step: Determine which grant program best suits this project and apply during the next funding round.

PROJECT 9: Horicon Boat Launch Kayak and Canoe Access



Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Low

Description: Work with DEC to update the 2016 Horicon Boat Launch UMP to include adding a dedicated launch site for kayaks and canoes.

Existing Land Use: Recreation (boat launch)

Land Ownership: New York State (53.-3-2)

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake

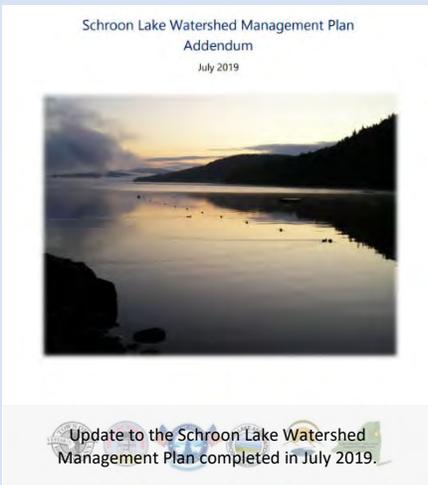
Project Strengths: A public kayak/canoe launch on Schroon Lake in Horicon makes the Town more accessible.

Project Challenges: Not much land at the boat launch; Potential conflicts with boaters; East Shore Schroon Lake Association manages the staff for the boat launch.

Potential Funding: NYS DEC

Next Step: Explore potential locations on the Schroon River and Schroon Lake. Contact Rob Fiorentino at the NYS DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 office in Warrensburg.

PROJECT 10: Brant Lake Watershed Assessment and Lake Management Plan



Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Low

Description: Develop a combined Brant Lake Management Plan and updated watershed assessment.

Existing Land Use: Mostly forested with residential, commercial, and recreational focused around the lake.

Land Ownership: Mostly private along the lake; State owns Pharaoh Lake Wilderness and Lake George Wild Forest.

Public Water Access Points: Brant Lake and its tributaries

Project Strengths: New water quality data; More accurate land and water use and management recommendations based on the watershed's condition; Would allow for historic comparisons.

Project Challenges: Will require funding and technical assistance; Regional effort means many stakeholders.

Potential Funding: DEC Invasive Species grant; LWRP component grant; Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning Grants

Next Step: Contact the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to request updating the 2000 Brant Lake Watershed Assessment. Prepare a DEC Invasive Species grant for February.

PROJECT 11: Town of Horicon Schroon River Access Feasibility Study



Existing access to the Schroon River on Schroon Lake Park District property by Starbuckville Dam.



Possible location for a new kayak/canoe pullout before Starbuckville Dam.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Low

Description: Complete a feasibility study of eligible sites for waterfront access to the Schroon River in Horicon.

Existing Land Use: Mostly residential or vacant land; Some agriculture, recreation and public services.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; New York State (53.-3-2); Schroon Lake Park District (87.2-2-4/1).

Public Water Access Points: Schroon River

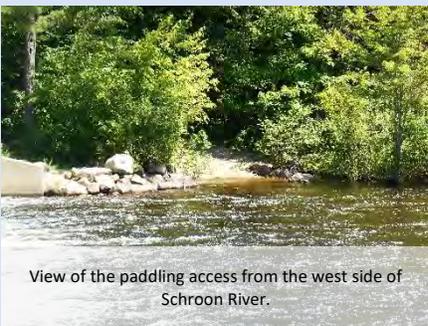
Project Strengths: Public access to Schroon River for water recreation; Considerable land already publicly owned may be candidates for new access points.

Project Challenges: Wetland conditions; Mostly private.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds

Next Step: Determine the levels of interest from the SLPD and DEC before applying for grants.

PROJECT 12: Schroon River Paddling Access Handicap-Accessibility Improvements



View of the paddling access from the west side of Schroon River.



View from the paddling access.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Low

Description: Make handicap-accessibility improvements to the paddling access to Schroon River off State Route 8.

Existing Land Use: Public Service

Land Ownership: Schroon Lake Park District (87.2-2-4/1)

Public Water Access Points: Schroon River

Project Strengths: Improve the accessibility of the only official paddling access on the east side of the Schroon River; Horicon is on the board of the Schroon Lake Park District.

Project Challenges: Under the jurisdiction of the Schroon Lake Park District.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Boating Infrastructure grant; SLPD funds

Next Step: Approach the Schroon Lake Park District to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 13: Brant Lake Trail Feasibility Study



State Route 8 by the entrance to the Brant Lake Boat Launch.



Aerial of Palisades Road by the Palmer Bros Marina.

Project Type: Townwide

Priority: Low

Description: Complete a feasibility study for a hike-bike path or trail around all of Brant Lake.

Existing Land Use: Mostly single-family homes. There are some lodges, camps and other private organizations.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town owns the Brant Lake Boat Launch (71.20-1-13); State owns Route 8; County owns Palisades Road.

Public Water Access Points: N/A

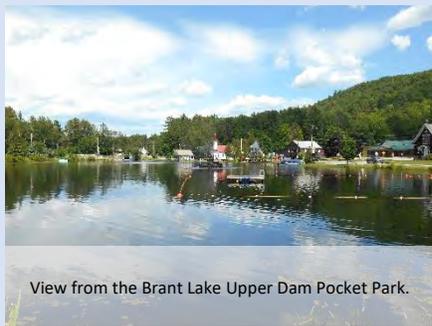
Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety around Brant Lake; Increase the accessibility of places around Brant Lake; Potential to increase the number of visitors to Brant Lake.

Project Challenges: High speed traffic; County and State road ownership; Mostly private land along Brant Lake; Narrow roads and bridges over wetlands.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Recreational Trails program grant; CDBG; A/GFTC Make the Connection Program grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 14: Mill Pond Master Plan



View from the Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park.



View from the Market Street bridge.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: High

Description: Develop a Mill Pond Master Plan.

Existing Land Use: Residential, commercial, vacant land, and community services.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town (88.7-1-41, 88.11-1-3, 88.11-1-8); County (88.10-1-15); Volunteer Fire Department (88.10-1-24).

Public Water Access Points: Mill Pond; Mill Creek; Brant Lake

Project Strengths: Develop a targeted investment strategy; Make the Mill Pond area a unique experience.

Project Challenges: Requires outside financial assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant; ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Project grant; ESD Market NY

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 15: Mill Pond Beach Crosswalk



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Layout a pedestrian crosswalk from the Mill Pond Beach to the Volunteer Fire Department firehouse.

Existing Land Use: Community Services (Beach and fire house)

Land Ownership: Volunteer Fire Department (88.10-1-24); State owns Route 8

Public Water Access Points: Mill Pond

Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian safety crossing State Route 8 to the fire house where the public restrooms for the beach are located.

Project Challenges: High speed traffic along State Route 8; Road owned by the State.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; Town funds; Department of Transportation funds

Next Step: Contact the Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 16: Fox Hill Trail Master Plan



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Develop a formal trailhead with signage and expand Fox Hill Trail behind the Horicon Community Center.

Existing Land Use: Vacant forest land

Land Ownership: Town of Horicon (88.11-1-11.2)

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Expand a unique amenity right in the hamlet of Brant Lake; Town owns the land; Private owner of a large forested property nearby is interested in expanding the trail system into their property.

Project Challenges: Will require funding assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant; OPRHP Recreational Trails Program grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 17: Mill Pond Walkway



View south west on Market Street.



View west from the Mill Pond Fishing Dock.



View west from the Post Office on State Route 8.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Design and construct a dedicated off-road path around Mill Pond linking the kayak/canoe launch off New Street, the Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park, the Mill Pond beach entry, and the public fishing dock across from the Horicon Community Center.

Existing Land Use: Mixture of residential, vacant land, commercial, and community services.

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town owns 3 parcels (88.7-1-41, 88.11-1-3, 88.11-1-8); County owns 1 parcel (88.10-1-15); Volunteer Fire Department owns 1 parcel (88.10-1-24); State owns Route 8; County owns Market Street.

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian circulation and safety around Mill Pond.

Project Challenges: County and State own the roads.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; CDBG; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 18: Mill Pond Street Light Study



Pedestrian lighting at the Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Work with National Grid to address inefficient and outdated lighting around Mill Pond. Replace as needed with LED and dark sky compliant lighting. Give priority to the older lights along State Route 8.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Land Ownership: State owns Route 8; County owns Market Street.

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian safety around Mill Pond; Reduce operating costs; Mill Pond beautification.

Project Challenges: County and State own the roads.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; NY Main Street Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant; NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program; NYPA Smart Street Lighting NY Program grant

Next Step: Contact National Grid to discuss options.



Examples of different street lighting.

PROJECT 19: Market Street Pedestrianization



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Convert Market Street from a County Road to a Town Road that dead-ends at the proposed pocket park at the corner of New Street and Market Street.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Land Ownership: County owns Market Street; Town owns New Street.

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Eliminate speeding cars traveling from New Street down Market Street; Improve pedestrian safety on Market Street; Give control over the use of Market Street to the Town; Allow for the street to be closed off for street fairs and other events; County has stated their willingness to transfer the road to the Town.

Project Challenges: County Board of Supervisors and Town Board must agree to transfer the road to the Town; Increases the number of roads the Town must pay to maintain.

Potential Funding: N/A

Next Step: Town Board votes to request transference of ownership of the road.

PROJECT 20: Brant Lake Gateway Master Plan



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Develop a gateway master plan to beautify the intersection of State Route 8 and Horicon Avenue.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Land Ownership: County owns Horicon Avenue; State owns Route 8

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Make the entrance to the hamlet of Brant Lake more inviting; Increase the visibility of the intersection to reduce confusion at the intersection.

Project Challenges: County and State own the roads.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; Town funds; County funds; NY Main Street Program grant; CDBG

Next Step: Contact County and Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 21: Brant Lake Gateway Traffic Analysis



View west from the Post Office on State Route 8.



View east from the Post Office on State Route 8

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Complete a traffic analysis of State Route 8 from the Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park to the intersection with Horicon Avenue.

Existing Land Use: Mixed residential, commercial and community services.

Land Ownership: 4 private (88.10-1-38, 88.10-1-41, 88.10-1-43); 3 public (88.10-1-24, 88.10-1-25, 88.10-1-15)

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Reduce conflicts at the Horicon Avenue and State Route 8 intersection; Improve pedestrian safety within the hamlet of Brant Lake.

Project Challenges: County and State own roads; Will require outside funding assistance.

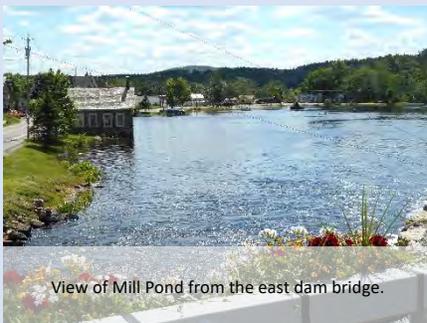
Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; CDBG.

Next Step: Contact Warren County and Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 22: Mill Pond Pocket Park



Looking east across Mill Pond to the intersection of New and Market Streets.



View of Mill Pond from the east dam bridge.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Create a public pocket park from the corner of New Street and Market Street to The Hub.

Existing Land Use: Dirt surface parking lot; County road

Land Ownership: 1 private (88.7-1-1); 1 public (88.7-1-41); County owns Market Street

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Fulfill need for community space in the hamlet; Additional event and activity space near The Hub and Brant Lake Bike Park; Reduce traffic on Market Street

Project Challenges: Most of the land is privately owned; County owns Market Street.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; NYSCA Architecture, Planning and Design Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Contact Warren County and private landowner to determine their levels of interest.

PROJECT 23: Mill Pond Municipal Parking



The Hub auxiliary parking lot at the intersection of New and Market Street.



Parking lot for The Hub and Brant Lake Bike Park.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: In partnership with The Hub, purchase or lease The Hub's auxiliary parking area for municipal parking.

Existing Land Use: Dirt surface parking lot

Land Ownership: Mill Pond ADK Holdings LLC (88.7-1-1)

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Provide public parking by the Brant Lake Bike Park entrance and planned pocket park; Increase site attractiveness

Project Challenges: County owns the road; Private owner of the auxiliary parking lot; Increase number of properties off the tax rolls

Potential Funding: Town funds; CDBG;

Next Step: Continue dialogue with the private landowner to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 24: Mill Pond Fishing Dock Crosswalk



Location of proposed crosswalk on State Route 8.

Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Layout a pedestrian crosswalk from the pocket park at the fishing dock to the Horicon Community Center.

Existing Land Use: Community service; Vacant land with fishing dock.

Land Ownership: Town (88.11-1-8, 88.11-1-7); State owns Route 8.

Public Water Access Points: Mill Pond

Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian safety across State Route 8 from the Community Center, where people park, to the fishing dock.

Project Challenges: State owns the road.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; Town funds; State funds.

Next Step: Contact the Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 25: Mill Pond Walkway Extension Feasibility Study



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Determine the feasibility of extending pedestrian access along State Route 8 from the Horicon Community Center to the Brant Lake Wesleyan Church, Horicon Museum, and Elbow Cemetery.

Existing Land Use: Community service; Residential; Commercial;

Land Ownership: 2 public (88.7-1-25, 88.11-1-3); Mostly private property along State Route 8; State owns Route 8

Public Water Access Points: N/A

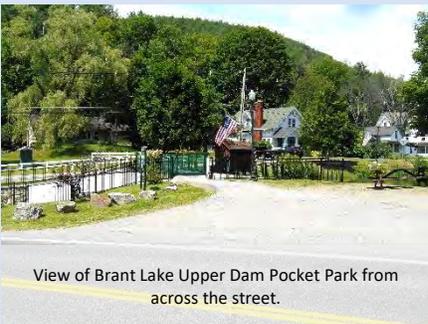
Project Strengths: Encourage walking and improve pedestrian safety.

Project Challenges: State owns the road; High speed traffic on State Route 8; Narrow right-of-way in some locations.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; CDBG; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 26: Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park Master Plan



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Expand and enhance Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park with landscaping and parking improvements.

Existing Land Use: Small park area with dam infrastructure.

Land Ownership: County (88.10-1-15)

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Improve site conditions, accessibility, and visual quality to maximize the potential of the space.

Project Challenges: County owns the land.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; NYSCA Architecture, Planning and Design Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 27: Mill Pond Fishing Dock Master Plan



Project Type: Brant Lake

Priority: Medium

Description: Improve the pocket park at the fishing dock with landscaping and a formal parking area.

Existing Land Use: Vacant land with a fishing pier.

Land Ownership: Town (88.11-1-4)

Public Water Access Points: Mill Pond

Project Strengths: Improve site conditions, accessibility, and visual quality to maximize the potential of the space; Owned by the Town.

Project Challenges: Small piece of land adjacent to desirable additional waterfront land that is tied to St. Teresa's Church across the street and its owner.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; NYSCA Architecture, Planning and Design Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 28: Adirondack School House Community Building Reuse Feasibility Study



Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: High

Description: Investigate the potential future use of the Adirondack School House Community Building.

Existing Land Use: Mostly single-family homes. There are some lodges, camps and other private organizations.

Land Ownership: Volunteer Fire Department (20.10-1-17)

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Reuse of a vacant community building; Potential to meet the need for services and event space in the hamlet.

Project Challenges: Volunteer fire department owns the property, does not use the building, but does use a garage onsite for a fire truck.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds.

Next Step: Continue dialogue with the Volunteer Fire Department to determine their level of interest.

PROJECT 29: Adirondack Hamlet Master Plan



View south on Church Street.



View south on Red Wing Road by the general store.



Example of a home in the hamlet.

Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: High

Description: Develop a master plan for the hamlet of Adirondack.

Existing Land Use: Mostly residential with single-family homes; Commercial; Park land; Beach; Vacant land; Community Services

Land Ownership: Mostly private landowners; Town (20.10-1-28.1, 20.10-1-28.2, 20.10-1-1, 20.10-1-4, 20.10-1-11, 20.10-1-22); Volunteer Fire Department (20.10-1-17)

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake; Mill Brook

Project Strengths: Assess the needs and opportunities for the Adirondack hamlet to develop a targeted investment strategy; Make Adirondack a unique hamlet experience.

Project Challenges: Will require outside funding assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant; ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study Project grant; ESD Market NY.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 30: Adirondack Hamlet Walkway



View west down Church Street.



View west on Johnson Road.

Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: Medium

Description: Pedestrian path between the Public Parking Lot, Town Beach, Veterans Park, Albert E. Monroe Park, and Mill Brook.

Existing Land Use: Mostly single-family homes; Others include commercial, park land, a beach, vacant land, and community services.

Land Ownership: Town beach, parking lot and park (20.10-1-1, 20.10-1-11, 20.10-1-s28.1, 20.10-1-28.2); Town owns Church Street and Red Wing Road; County owns Johnson Road, Valentine Pond Road and East Shore Drive.

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake; Mill Brook

Project Strengths: Improve pedestrian safety and circulation around the hamlet.

Project Challenges: County owns two major roads.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; CDBG; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 31: Horicon Public Beach Master Plan



Looking south down Horicon Public Beach.



Entrance to Horicon Public Beach.

Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: Medium

Description: Upgrade the Horicon Public Beach, including making the site fully accessible, improving the landscaping, adding signage identifying the site, and consolidating the other signage.

Existing Land Use: Recreation (public beach)

Land Ownership: Town (20.10-1-1)

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake

Project Strengths: Improve site conditions, accessibility, and visual quality; Potential increase visitorship to the Adirondack hamlet; Beach is owned by the Town.

Project Challenges: Will require outside funding assistance; Shallow water limits boat docking and launching.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 32: Schroon Lake Access Feasibility Study



View from town beach of public swimming area and the shallowness of the water.

Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: Medium

Description: Determine the feasibility of adding a public dock and canoe/kayak access point on Schroon Lake.

Existing Land Use: Almost all single-family residences; Recreation (public beach).

Land Ownership: All private parcels but 1 public owned by the Town (20.1-1-1).

Public Water Access Points: Schroon Lake

Project Strengths: Potential to increase the number of visitors to the Adirondack hamlet by providing a local access point to Schroon Lake. The closest lake access is the Horicon State Boat Launch about 4.5 miles to the south.

Project Challenges: Lack of available land; Shallow water; May require outside funding assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; OPRHP Parks grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant; OPRHP Boating Infrastructure grant.

Next Step: Apply for grants during the next funding round.

PROJECT 33: Adirondack Hamlet Signage Plan



Existing signage at Albert E. Memorial Park.



Existing signage at the town beach.

Project Type: Adirondack

Priority: Medium

Description: Develop a wayfinding, informational and interpretive signage plan for the hamlet of Adirondack.

Existing Land Use: N/A

Public Water Access Points: N/A

Project Strengths: Improve wayfinding and promote valuable community resources in the Adirondack hamlet; Hamlet beautification project; Helps to integrate the hamlet into the townwide plan and the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor.

Project Challenges: Will require outside funding assistance.

Potential Funding: LWRP component grant funds; NYSCA Architecture, Planning and Design Program grant; DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth grant.

Next Step: Determine which grant program best suits this project and apply during the next funding round.



Funding Opportunities

A fundamental component in determining the feasibility of the recommended projects is the availability of outside funding sources. In total, 20 grant programs are listed that can offer financial assistance. A short description of each program is provided below to help guide the Town and its partners.

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC) Make the Connection Program – Funds for municipalities to improve non-motorized travel networks by addressing gaps or deficiencies in existing surface transportation systems that discourage or physically impede efficient and safe bicycle and pedestrian activities. Improvements can be specific to a specific part of surface transportation infrastructure or to the relevant infrastructure and facilities of a destination for pedestrians and cyclists. Grants can be applied to design and/or construction projects. Design-only projects are limited to \$20,000 in funding while a maximum funding award of \$60,000 is available for construction-only or design and construction projects. All grants require a 20 percent match. Applications are due the second-to-last Saturday of July.

Empire State Development (ESD) Market New York Program – Grants to support regionally-themed marketing projects that promote tourism destinations, attractions and special events, as well as tourism facility capital improvement projects. Additional eligible projects include the hosting, coordination and execution of new special event in the State, and the promotion of agritourism and craft beverage tourism. Any State-certified non-profit organization, municipality, tourism promotional agency, or public benefit corporation is eligible to apply. Funding requests for regional tourism marketing projects must be at least \$50,000 and requests for tourism capital projects must be at least \$150,000. All grant awards require a 25 percent match. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.

Empire State Development (ESD) Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Program – Funds for area-wide strategic development plans and for feasibility studies to assess and plan sites or facilities. Projects must have an economic development focus. Special attention is given to projects supported by Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) priorities and other ESD programs. The program is available to a municipality, county, business improvement district, local development corporation, or non-profit economic development organization in the State. Awards are limited to \$100,000 and require a 50 percent match. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.

NY Power Authority (NYPA) Smart Street Lighting NY Program – NYPA works with municipalities to help them purchase street lights and install LED technology. The Town of Horicon would complete an inventory of the street lights that they would like to replace and would submit an online interest form to NYPA with the number of street lights, the phase in the process, and the utility provider's name. NYPA will then work with the Town to implement the request. This can include upfront financing of the project, with payments made to NYPA in the years following from the cost-savings created by the reduced energy use of the LED streetlights. NYPA is also able to



fully finance the purchase of street lighting systems from the utility company if necessary. Interest forms are reviewed on a rolling basis.

NYS Council of the Arts (NYSCA) Architecture, Planning & Design Program – Grants for design projects that encourage innovation and support excellence in design, the preservation and interpretation of the State’s architectural and design heritage, and the development of design literacy for all state residents. NYSCA provides the ability to request funds for a range of subcategories, including general operating support, project support and regrants and partnership. Any non-profit, municipality or public agency in the State is able to apply. Although there is no match requirement, the grant amount is limited to 50 percent a projects cost or 25 percent of an organization’s budget. Applications are due through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) by the last Thursday of March.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program – Grant funding to support planning projects that foster sustainable development, environmental protection and community livability. The program also assists with funding for the implementation of the key projects identified by priorities in the plans. Only counties and municipalities entirely or partially within the Adirondack Park and non-profit organizations are eligible for this program. Awards vary based on the level of need and the amount of total funding budgeted by the State. There is no match requirement for this program. Grant rounds are generally available annually but there is no set date for individual rounds.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning Program – Funds for regional comprehensive water quality management planning activities, such as determining the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint water pollution problems and developing solutions to address these issues. Awards are limited to \$100,000 and require at least a 10 percent local match. Only regional and interstate planning organizations are eligible to apply. The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board is the organization that would apply for the Town of Horicon. The next round of requests for applications is expected to be issued in 2022. Applications are usually due by the middle of the third week of November.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Invasive Species Program – Supports projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. This includes the preparation and implementation of a Lake Management Plan. Eligible applicants include any municipality, academic institution or non-profit seeking funding for a project connected with a priority waterbody detailed in the request for applications. Awards are limited to \$100,000 and require a 25 percent match. Applications are generally due annually in February.

NYS Department of State (DOS) Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) – Matching funds for local governments to participate in the State’s Coastal Management Program (CMP) by preparing and adopting a LWRP. The program includes funds for the preparation of a planning document by the community and to implement the plans proposals. A LWRP can be comprehensive in its approach or specific to the most important issues in the community. Any



village, town, or city located along the New York State coast or a Designated Inland Waterway is eligible for the program. Awards are limited to \$2 million and require a 20 percent match. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.

NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities Program – Information resources and both financial and technical assistance for clean energy projects to municipalities that become a designated Clean Energy Community by completing four of the ten high impact actions listed by NYSERDA. One high impact action item is the conversion of at least half of a municipality’s cobra-head-style street lights to energy-efficient LED technology. Up to \$250,000 can be awarded to the Town to implement this and other actions with no required match. Applications must be submitted by September 30th.

NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure Program – Funding for counties with less than 200,000 people and municipalities with less than 50,000 people to complete public infrastructure and facilities projects. Projects will only be eligible to receive funding if at least 51 percent of the the benefits will go to low- and moderate-income persons. Standalone public facilities projects that the Town of Horicon may wish to seek financial assistance for include the provision or improvement of sidewalks, streets, parking, open spaces, and publicly-owned utilities. Public infrastructure projects that may be of interest to the Town of Horicon include the maintenance, replacement, construction, or expansion of water, stormwater and sewage infrastructure. Grants for public facilities projects are limited to \$300,000 while public infrastructure projects can receive up to \$750,000. There is no match requirements. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Boating Infrastructure Grant Program – Grants to construct, renovate, and maintain either publicly or privately-owned boating infrastructure with public access. Funds can be used for grant administration, preliminary costs, and the production of informational and educational materials related to the boating infrastructure. The program is open to anyone sponsored by a State Agency who can provide proof of their representation of the interests of the owner of the land and facilities seeking financial assistance. Awards are limited to \$1.5 million and require at least a 25 percent match. Applications are due to OPRHP in mid-September.

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Parks Grant Program – Matching grant funds for any phase of the acquisition, development and planning of parks and recreational facilities. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and municipalities. The maximum grant amount is \$600,000 and requires a 50 percent match. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.



NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Recreational Trails Program
– Grants for the following components of recreational trails: trail maintenance and restoration; trailhead and trailside facilities development or rehabilitation; trail linkage development or improvement; construction and maintenance equipment purchases or leases; new trail construction; easement and fee-simple property title acquisitions; and condition and accessibility assessments. Any non-profit organization, municipality or government entity is eligible to apply. Award amounts are limited to \$200,000 and require a 20 percent match. Applications must be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) on the last Friday of July.

Implementation Matrix

An Implementation Matrix was developed for the Town of Horicon and Warren County to be used as a framework for the implementation of the recommended revitalization projects. The matrix includes the project title, funding opportunities, next steps, estimated costs, and priority rankings for each project by project type as described in the Project Profiles. A total estimated cost by project type is provided to help the Town and County assess the feasibility and priority of the revitalization projects.

#	Project Title	Funding Opportunities	Next Step	Cost Range (estimate)	Priority
Townwide (\$270,000 - \$540,000)					
1	Brant Lake Boat Wash Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Boating Infrastructure NYS EFC Clean Vessel Assistance Program 	Budget a short feasibility study for a boat wash station at the Brant Lake Boat Launch.	\$20k-\$40k	High
2	Brant Lake Designated Inland Waterway	N/A	Town Board should submit a request in writing to the Department of State.	\$10k-\$20k	High
3	Brant Lake Town Beach Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Parks DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Select grants and apply when appropriate.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
4	Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam Trail Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP 	Apply for the next round of LWRP grant funds. The LWRP is part of the NYS CFA open May 1 – July 26.	\$20k-\$40k	Medium
5	Town of Horicon Recreation Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP Municipal funds County funds 	Contact Warren County, the Town of Chester and consultants to determine the potential project costs.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
6	Adirondack to Horicon State Boat Launch Trail Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Recreational Trails A/GFTC Make the Connection 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium



7	Pharoah Lake Trail Access Road Improvements	N/A	Contact Corrie Magee, the DEC Land Manager for the Pharoah Lake Wilderness Area.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
8	Town of Horicon Signage Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP NYSCA Architecture, Planning & Design DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Determine which grant program best suits this project and apply during the next funding round.	\$20k-\$40k	Medium
9	Horicon State Kayak and Canoe Launch	N/A	Explore potential locations on the Schroon River and Schroon Lake. Contact Rob Fiorentino at the NYS DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife Region 5 office in Warrensburg.	\$10k-\$20k	Low
10	Brant Lake Watershed Assessment and Lake Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEC Invasive Species LWRP Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning 	Contact the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to request updating the 2000 Brant Lake Watershed Assessment. Prepare a DEC Invasive Species grant for February.	\$60k-\$120k	Low
11	Town of Horicon Schroon River Access Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP 	Determine the levels of interest from SLPD and DEC before applying for grants.	\$30k-\$60k	Low
12	Schroon River Paddling Access Handicap-Accessibility Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Boating Infrastructure SLPD funds 	Approach the Schroon Lake Park District to determine their level of interest.	\$10k-\$20k	Low
13	Brant Lake Trail Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Recreational Trails CDBG A/GFTC Make the Connection 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$30k-\$60k	Low
Brant Lake (\$280,000 - \$560,000)					
14	Mill Pond Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth ESD Strategic Planning & Feasibility Study ESD Market NY 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$50k-\$100k	High
15	Mill Pond Beach Crosswalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP Town funds DOT funds 	Contact the Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
16	Fox Hill Trail Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LWRP OPRHP Recreational Trails 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$20k-\$40k	Medium

17	Mill Pond Walkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • CDBG • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium
18	Mill Pond Street Light Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • NY Main Street • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth • NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities • NYPA Smart Street Lighting NY 	Contact Natinal Grid to discuss options.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
19	Market Street Pedestrianization	N/A	Town Board votes to request transference of ownership of the road.	Unknown	Medium
20	Brant Lake Gateway Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • Town funds • County funds • NY Main Street • CDBG 	Contact County and Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.	\$20k-\$40k	Medium
21	Brant Lake Gateway Traffic Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • CDBG 	Contact Warren County and Department of Transportation to determine their levels of interest.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium
22	Mill Pond Pocket Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • OPRHP Parks • NYSCA Architecture, Planning & Design • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Contact Warren County and private landowner to determine their levels of interest.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium
23	Mill Pond Municipal Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town funds • CDBG 	Continue dialogue with th eprivate landowner to determine their level of interest.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium
24	Mill Pond Fishing Dock Crosswalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • Town funds • State funds 	Contact the Department of Transportation to determine their level of interest.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
25	Mill Pond Walkway Extension Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • CDBG • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
26	Brant Lake Upper Dam Pocket Park Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • OPRHP Parks • NYSCA Architecture, Planning & Design • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$20k-\$40k	Medium



27	Mill Pond Fishing Dock Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • OPRHP Parks • NYSCA Architecture, Planning & Design • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
Adirondack (\$160,000 - \$320,000)					
28	Adirondack School House Community Building Reuse Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP 	Continue dialogue with the Volunteer Fire Department to determine their level of interest.	\$40k-\$80k	High
29	Adirondack Hamlet Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth • ESD Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study • ESD Market NY 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$40k-\$80k	High
30	Adirondack Hamlet Walkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • CDBG • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$30k-\$60k	Medium
31	Horicon Public Beach Master Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • OPRHP Parks • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth • OPRHP Boating Infrastructure 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$30k-\$40k	Medium
32	Schroon Lake Access Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • OPRHP Parks • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Apply for grants during the next funding round.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium
33	Adirondack Hamlet Signage Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWRP • NYSCA Architecture, Planning & Design • DEC Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth 	Determine which grant program best suits the project and apply during the next funding round.	\$10k-\$20k	Medium

SECTION 7: CONCLUSION

Benefits of Expanding the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

Expanding the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor to include the Town of Horicon will significantly strengthen and maximize the regional tourism development strategy related to this initiative. From a regional perspective, the expansion will express the story of the Schroon River as a first wilderness resource and connect those resources to Hudson River communities and to communities on the west side of Lake George. This opportunity will leverage Warren County's extensive experience with tourism development to develop a set of successful tourism initiatives for the Town of Horicon that are consistent with the regional vision and complement neighboring projects and initiatives. From the Town's perspective, the opportunity for the Town to participate in cooperative tourism opportunities, initiatives and events across multiple communities that have shared resources will have a substantially greater economic impact than the Town's efforts alone.

The Town of Horicon shares a rich history with the wilderness movement. As a result, Horicon is following a community and economic development strategy that is consistent with the tenants of heritage tourism. The five principles of the National Trust for Historic Preservation provide a framework for discussing how the ideas in the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan relate to the goals of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor:

Goal 1: Focus on Authenticity and Quality of Experience

A severe climate and rugged terrain have shaped human life in the First Wilderness. In many areas, this has led to human settlement patterns that are rustic and robust. These conditions communicate something distinct about the First Wilderness. The hamlets of Brant Lake and Adirondack have managed to retain that rustic character in their redevelopment efforts.

Goal 2: Preserve and Protect Resource

Part of the legacy of the First Wilderness is the Adirondack Park and its commitment to preserve natural resources. This effort is reflected in the promotion of events to enhance the tourist experience and infuse new interest and vitality in local activities such as Food Truck Friday, while protecting the watershed and water quality of Brant Lake through participation in a voluntary water quality monitoring program and an active aquatic invasive species management program.

Goal 3: Make Sites Come Alive

A site that is actually used by a community is a much more compelling heritage tourism experience. The Town will continue to seek vacant and underutilized sites that illustrate their history and culture for new uses that fulfill a useful public purpose.



Goal 4: Find the Fit Between a Community or Region and Tourism

Historic/cultural tourism succeeds when the resources communicate what is special about this place, its environment, and its way of life. Through coordinated programs of signage and hospitality training, visitors can be directed to the features or events that make the area special. This will provide visitors with an enjoyable experience, while at the same time minimizing any unanticipated disruptions to community life caused by errant or uninformed visitors.

Goal 5: Collaboration

A successful heritage tourism experience comes from the creation of consistent messages and a well-coordinated series of experiences for each visitor. This can only be done through the close collaboration of existing organizations and enterprises. An important future opportunity will be to create trail connections into the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area in the Town of Schroon, and to Lake George via the towns of Ticonderoga, Hague and Bolton.

Next Steps

The Project Advisory Committee will become the “First Wilderness Plan Implementation Committee” for the Town of Horicon. The Implementation Committee will request that the Town Board formalize the committee with the mission of guiding the implementation process, bringing awareness to the Town Board of project funding opportunities, and coordinating projects that do not require funding.

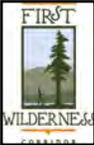
The Committee has identified the following six projects as their priorities for the next year:

1. Request Brant Lake to be Named a “Designated Inland Waterway”
2. Mill Pond Master Plan
3. Adirondack School House Community Building Reuse Feasibility Study
4. Mill Pond to Starbuckville Dam Trail Feasibility Study
5. Adirondack Hamlet Master Plan
6. Brant Lake Watershed Assessment Update and Lake Management Plan
7. Town of Horicon Signage Plan



APPENDIX A

First Wilderness Community Profile: Town of Horicon, Warren County, NY



FIRST WILDERNESS COMMUNITY PROFILE

Town of Horicon, Warren County, NY

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Demographics and Employment

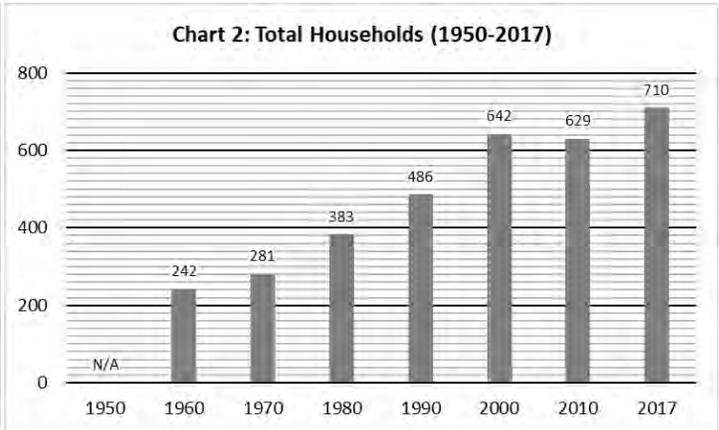
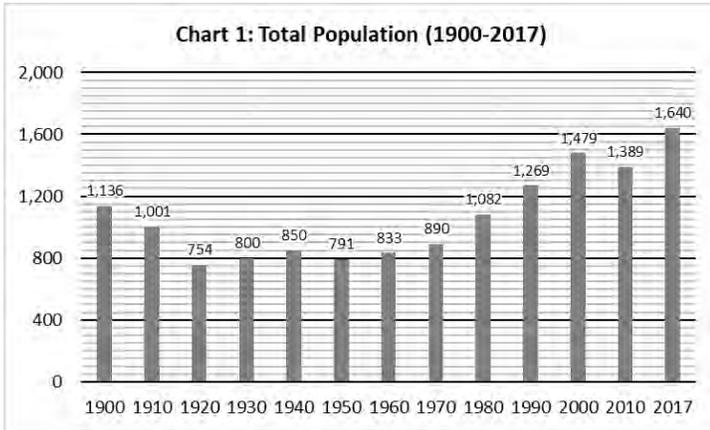


Table 1: Age Distribution (1980-2017)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
0-17	302	323	565	221	210
18-64	614	747	993	813	924
65+	166	199	248	355	506
Median	33.1	35.6	45.8	50.3	54.7

Table 2: Housing Units by Occupancy Status (1980-2017)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Occupied	383	486	642	629	710
Vacant	39	162	64	49	98
Seasonal	737	1,016	1,061	1,248	1,217
TOTAL	1,159	1,664	1,767	1,926	2,025

Table 3: Household Size (1990-2017)

	1990	2000	2010	2017
1-person	88	170	166	198
2-person	195	284	291	339
3-person	79	72	87	99
4-person	87	77	55	50
5-person	21	24	21	20
6-person	11	11	8	0
7-person+	5	4	1	4
Median Size	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.3

Table 4: Median Household Income (1980-2017)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Median Household Income (\$)	30,837	44,958	45,966	50,524	63,600

Table 5: Housing Value and Costs (1980-2017)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Median Value of Owner Occupied Units	N/A	124,998	114,660	210,700	221,000
Median Monthly Owner Costs					
<i>With Mortgage</i>	N/A	935	1,005	1,134	1,325
<i>% of Household Income</i>	N/A	21.3	23.0	18.3	14.7
Median Gross Rent	526	679	665	756	850

Table 6: Type of House Heating Fuel (Occupied Units)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Utility gas	2	0	8	35	12
Bottled/tank/LP gas	9	27	70	206	143
Electricity	33	55	39	23	78
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc	235	251	414	283	373
Coal or coke	0	2	2	15	4
Wood	104	142	109	141	97
Solar energy	N/A	2	0	0	0
Other fuel	0	0	2	7	4
No fuel used	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7: Poverty Status for Individuals and Households (1980-2017)

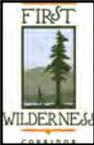
Individuals	1980	1990	2000	2012	2017
Under 18	68	54	61	34	40
18-64	N/A	63	80	96	125
65+	5	4	2	11	22
Households					
Families	N/A	21	28	33	16
Non-Families	N/A	N/A	13	11	32

Table 8: Educational Attainment (18 Years and Older)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Less than High School	280	229	324	132	152
High School Graduate	344	357	473	434	451
Some College to Associate's Degree	100	218	304	285	351
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	56	113	192	331	383

Table 9: Workforce (16 Years and Older)

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2017
Employed	N/A	502	655	639	742
Unemployed	N/A	65	58	58	38
TOTAL	419	567	713	697	780



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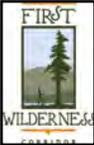
Demographics and Employment

Table 10: Employment by Class of Worker

	1990		2000		2010		2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Private wage and salary workers	328	65.3	431	65.8	429	67.1	479	64.4
Government workers	98	19.5	140	21.4	153	23.9	152	20.5
Self-employed workers	72	14.3	79	12.1	57	8.9	111	15.0
Unpaid family workers	4	0.8	5	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0

Table 11: Employment by Industry (1990-2017)

	1990		2000		2010		2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	8	1.6	8	1.2	3	0.5	4	0.5
Construction	70	13.9	77	11.8	70	11.0	85	11.5
Manufacturing	54	10.8	44	6.7	16	2.5	66	8.9
Wholesale trade	3	0.6	8	1.2	9	1.4	11	1.5
Retail trade	102	20.3	106	6.2	91	14.2	80	10.8
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	24	4.8	26	4.0	30	4.7	31	4.2
Information	N/A	N/A	15	2.3	0	0.0	18	2.4
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	26	5.2	48	7.3	50	7.8	66	8.9
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	N/A	N/A	47	7.2	30	4.7	66	8.9
Educational, health and social services	52	10.4	110	16.8	147	23.0	115	15.5
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	4	0.8	84	12.8	87	13.6	108	14.6
Other services (except public administration)	134	26.7	38	5.8	73	11.4	72	9.7
Public administration	25	5.0	44	6.7	33	5.2	20	2.7



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Land Use and Ownership

Table 12: Land Use Classification (2018)

Land Use Type	Parcels		Acreage	
	#	%	#	%
Agriculture	3	0.11%	10.09	0.02%
Residential	1,669	63.24%	29,816.08	72.02%
Vacant Land	721	27.32%	8,031.87	19.40%
Commercial	30	1.14%	234.37	0.57%
Recreation and Entertainment	66	2.50%	648.10	1.57%
Community Services	29	1.10%	685.64	1.66%
Industrial	0	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
Public Services	7	0.27%	98.35	0.24%
Wild, Forested, Conservation Lands and Public Parks	114	4.32%	1,877.60	4.54%
TOTAL	2,639	100.00%	41,402.10	100.00%

Table 13: Land Ownership (2018)

Ownership Type	Parcels		Acreage	
	#	%	#	%
Public	108	4.09%	11,562	27.93%
Private	2,532	95.91%	29,840.09	72.07%
TOTAL	2,640	100.00%	41,402.10	100.00%

Table 14: Town of Horicon Centerline Highway Mileage by Jurisdiction (2017)

Road Type	Town	County	State	Total
Miles	49.2	25.9	9.2	84.4

Source: 2017 Highway Mileage Report for New York State, New York State Department of Transportation, June 2018.

Table 15: Public Lands (2018)

Name	Tax ID	Ownership	Size	Access
Brant Lake Upper Dam	88.10-1-15	Warren County	0.37 acres	Market Street; State Route 8
Pharaoh Lake Wilderness	N/A	State of New York	4,186.4 acres	Blair Crossing Road; Beaver Pond Road
Lake George Wild Forest	N/A	State of New York	7,093.9 acres	Padanarum Road; Grassville Road; Lily Pond Road
First Brother Primitive Area	39.-1-13	State of New York	95.64 acres	Palisades Road
Horicon State Boat Launch	53.-3-2	State of New York	17.16 acres	East Schroon River Road
Horicon Avenue Canoe Launch and Fishing Access	87.2-2-4./1	Schroon Lake Park District	56.49 acres	Watering Tub Road
Mill Brook Cemetery	20.-1-6.2; 20.10-1-22	Town of Horicon	1.47 acres	Johnson Road
Town of Horicon Public Beach	20.10-1-1	Town of Horicon	0.14 acres	Church Street
1881 Union Church	20.10-1-4	Town of Horicon	0.22 acres	Church Street
Church Street Parking	20.10-1-11	Town of Horicon	0.2 acres	Church Street; Red Wing Road
Albert E. Monroe Memorial Park	20.10-1-28.1; 20.10-1-28.2	Town of Horicon	8.43 acres	Johnson Road; Valentine Pond Road
Brant Lake Public Boat Launch	71.20-1-13	Town of Horicon	0.44 acres	State Route 8
Historic Grist Mill Site	88.10-1-42	Town of Horicon	0.08 acres	State Route 8
Town Highway Department Garage and Storage	88.10-1-52	Town of Horicon	27.98 acres	State Route 8
Horicon Community Center	88.11-1-3	Town of Horicon	5.9 acres	State Route 8
Mill Pond Fishing Dock	88.11-1-4	Town of Horicon	0.02 acres	State Route 8
Historic Heintzelman Library	88.11-1-8	Town of Horicon	0.04 acres	State Route 8
Large Wooded Area	88.11-1-11.2	Town of Horicon	32.01 acres	None
Brant Lake Cemetery (part)	88.7-1-24	Town of Horicon	4.2 acres	State Route 8
Horicon Historical Museum	88.7-1-25	Town of Horicon	2.19 acres	State Route 8
Brant Lake Canoe/Kayak Access/SUP	88.7-1-41; 88.7-1-1	Town of Horicon; Mill Pond ADK Holdings LLC	2.8 acres	New Street
Underwood Cemetery	54.1-1-7	Town of Horicon	1.05 acres	Valentine Pond Road
Mill Pond	88.11-1-5	Town of Horicon	5.07 acres	State Route 8; Market Street
Horicon Landfill	88.-2-3	Town of Horicon	47.4 acres	Landfill Road
South Horicon Cemetery	105.10-2-11; 105.10-2-13	Town of Horicon	24.99 acres	South Horicon Cemetery Road
Frasier Cemetery (part)	89.-1-88	Town of Horicon	0.08 acres	Hayesburg Road



APPENDIX B

Summary of Actions from Past Plans

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The actions listed below were selected based on their level of support and their consistency with the purpose of the Town of Horicon First Wilderness Plan.

Action 1: Establish a Mill Pond Overlay Zone.

1. Architecture review guidelines for the design of buildings as well as suggestions for landscaping and other components of the visual environment.
2. Commercial uses permitted by right.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Master Plan (2010)

Action 2: Construct a new walkway around Mill Pond.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action Plan (2016)

Action 3: Make improvements to the town beach for the Mill Pond area.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action Plan (2016)

Action 4: Improve public access and amenities along Brant Lake.

1. Expand the parking lot at the Brant Lake Boat Launch to accommodate more visitors and reduce instances of overflow.
2. Conduct a feasibility study into the establishment of a municipal beach, park and recreation area on Brant Lake.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action Plan (2016)

Action 5: Establish a public recreation fund by capturing some of the value of new major subdivision developments through a payment in lieu of new recreation space and impact fees per new lot to increase funds for public parks and open spaces.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)

Action 6: Enhance heritage and recreational tourism through the First Wilderness brand.

1. Complete a local historic resource inventory. Identify what makes them special and how that ties in with the greater region. Create marketing materials which draw visitors to these resources and celebrate them as special places.
2. Develop a town-wide marketing campaign and support and encourage local events. Promote multi-day and community events which will encourage more overnight stays.
3. Encourage the local business community to market products and services with the First Wilderness logo and name. Consider a Business Assistance Program revolving loan fund through a local development corporation with support from Warren County EDC to assist with capital for marketing and promotional items.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Master Plan (2010); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Marketing and Promotion Plan (2016)

Action 7: Work with stakeholders to improve and maintain the condition of Brant Lake.

1. Develop viewshed guidelines for clear cutting and preserving scenic views of forested ridgelines and slopes.
2. Repair Brant Lake upper dam and improve the lake leveling system.
3. Work with NYS DOT on designing and installing stormwater improvement structures for identified high priority drop inlet sites. Develop a maintenance schedule with NYS DOT for cleanout of these infiltrators to ensure that they still have the capacity to work effectively.

Support: Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010); Brant Lake Watershed Assessment (2000); First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action Plan (2016)



APPENDIX C

Town of Horicon Community Resources Inventory

Town of Horicon Community Resources Inventory

Name	Tax ID	Owner/ Manager	Size	Description	Needs	Report
<p><u>Horicon Public Beach</u></p> 	20.10-1-1	Town of Horicon	0.1 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the hamlet of Adirondack • Small public beach on Schroon Lake • Access from Church Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General site improvements • Entrance and wayfinding signage • Pedestrian improvements from parking lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon • Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Albert E. Monroe Memorial Park</u></p> 	20.10-1-28.1; 20.10-1-28.2	Town of Horicon	8.4 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the hamlet of Adirondack • Open space • Public ball field, basketball court and tennis courts • Picnic sites • Playground • Parking off Valentine Pond Road and Johnson Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to Mill Brook • Wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon • Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Sucker Brook Trailhead</u></p> 	6.-1-2	State of New York	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the hamlet of Adirondack • North of Mill Brook off Johnson Road • 7.5-mile Sucker Brook Trail (horse/hiking trail) moves north into Essex County and east along Sucker Brook to Pharaoh Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking improvements completed • No additional changes planned by DEC • Wayfinding signage and information on Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Complex UMP (1992) • Town of Horicon • Comprehensive Plan (2010)

Name	Tax ID	Owner/ Manager	Size	Description	Needs	Report
<p><u>Pharaoh Lake Trailhead</u></p> 	21.-1-6	State of New York	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to 3.3-mile Pharaoh Lake Trail (multipurpose) off Beaver Pond Road • Leads to Pharaoh Lake and Pharaoh Mountain • 1.4-mile connector trail to Crab Pond; Camp sites at Crab Pond, Mill Brook and Pharaoh Lake • Fishing allowed in Pharaoh Lake and Crab Pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking lot in 2017 • No changes planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Complex UMP (1992) • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Lily Pond Road Access</u></p> 	N/A	State of New York	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEC access road off State Route 8 to Lily Pond • Parking lot, boat launch and campsite at Lily Pond • Snowmobiling is permitted on the road; • Fishing is permitted in Lily Pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned reroute to improve visibility, user experience and ease of access • Installation of a trail register and info kiosk at the trailhead in Draft UMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake George Wild Forest Internal Draft UMP (ongoing) • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Horicon State Boat Launch</u></p> 	53.-3-2	State of New York	17.2 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public boat launch on Schroon Lake off East Schroon River Road • Parking lots for 50 vehicles with trailers and 5 without trailers; Parking and access off East Schroon River Road/Glendale Road • Town pays for the staff of the boat inspection station that is managed by the East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to construct a 210'-long, 12'-wide gravel lane from the parking area to the open grass along East Shore Drive, ending at a 20'x40' gravel pad for a new boat wash unit • Town and County awarded State grant money to support existing facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horicon Boat Launch UMP (2016) • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010) • Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan (2010)

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<p><u>Grassville Trailhead</u></p> 	73.-1-19	State of New York	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access off Grassville Road to Grassville Trail (multipurpose) • Connector to Lily Pond Trail and Island Pond • Parking lot, boat launch and campsite at Lily Pond • Campsite at Island Pond; • Fishing is permitted in Lily Pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking area planned for Grassville Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake George Wild Forest Internal Draft UMP (ongoing) • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Brant Lake Boat Launch</u></p> 	71.20-1-13	Town of Horicon	0.4 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public boat launch for Brant Lake; Owned by the Town of Horicon • Leased to DEC to operate and maintain it • Parking for 11 vehicles with trailers and 2 without trailers • Boat inspection station • Separate kayak launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat wash station with staffing • Additional parking • Consolidate all signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010) • Brant Lake Watershed Assessment (2000)
<p><u>Horicon Historical Museum</u></p> 	88.7-1-25	Town of Horicon	2.2 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free public museum in a historic farmhouse • Sponsored by the Horicon Historical Society • Access off State Route 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes planned • Wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)

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<u>Brant Lake Canoe/Kayak Access</u> 	88.7-1-41; 88.7-1-1	Town of Horicon; Mill Pond ADK Holdings LLC	2.8 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small public canoe/kayak launch • Storage shed and picnic tables on site • Access off New Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed 1.5-mile new trail from Schroon River Route 8 Bridge/ Watering Tub Road to base of Bartonville Mountain and Brant Lake access • Entrance and wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adirondack Community-based Trails & Lodging System: Task 10 (2017)
<u>The Hub/Brant Lake Bike Park</u> 	88.-1-3	Mill Pond ADK Holdings LLC	207.3 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.7 miles of public, single track mountain bike trails on Bartonville Mountain • Access off Market Street • Managed by volunteers • Includes one 0.67-mile hiking trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Mill Pond area as the community and business center • Proposed leasing of dirt parking lot at Market and New Streets by the Town • Wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>Horicon Community Center</u> 	88.11-1-3	Town of Horicon	5.9 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of the Town offices and Public Library • Little League field, pavilion and playground • Location of the Fox Hill Trail • Access off State Route 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Mill Pond area as the community and business center • Proposed new town beach on Mill Pond in front of the Community Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)

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<p><u>Mill Pond Beach and Park</u></p> 	88.10-1-24	Horicon Volunteer Fire Department	0.7 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small public beach on Mill Pond • Leased by the Town who operates and manages the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance and wayfinding signage • Proposed crosswalk across State Route 8 to porta potties at the Volunteer Fire Department firehouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Brant Lake Upper Dam</u></p> 	88.10-1-15	Warren County	0.4 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam used to control the water level in Brant Lake • Pedestrian bridge over dam • Small park area with a picnic table and a bench • Location of Brant Lake hamlet sign • Owned and managed by Warren County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently repaired by Warren County • Recommended professional evaluation of dam and lake leveling system needs • Proposed site plan for park area and walkway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Starbuckville Dam and Koch Park</u></p> 	87.12-1-21	Schroon Lake Park District	6.5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam used to regulate Schroon Lake water level; Owned and managed by the Schroon Lake Park District • Parking lot with a picnic table accessed by Schroon River Road • Fishing allowed in Schroon River 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed trail connection to Dynamite Hill Recreation Area in Chester • Proposed trail connection to Horicon State Boat Launch • Proposed trail connection to The Hub/Brant Lake Bike Park • Entrance and wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010) • Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan (2010) • Chestertown to Pottersville Trail Linkage Plan (2018)

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<p><u>YMCA Adirondack Center</u></p> 	88.14-1-10	Family YMCA of the GF Area	1.1 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Warren County regional YMCA; Open year-round Property donated by the Himoff Family Access off Tannery Road/State Route 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayfinding signage No changes planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p><u>Horicon Avenue Canoe Launch and Fishing Access</u></p> 	87.2-2-4./1	Schroon Lake Park District	56.5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small public canoe launch and fishing access on Schroon River Schroon River is a NYS Recreational River Owned and managed by the Schroon Lake Park District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance and wayfinding signage No changes planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Long Pond Trailhead</u></p>	107.-1-8	State of New York	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking lot with access to 1.1-mile (multipurpose) Long Pond Trail off Padanarum Road Southern access to Island Pond Boat launch at Long Pond Fishing allowed in Long Pond Campsites at Long Pond and Island Pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved parking planned off Padanarum Road for the Long Pond Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake George Wild Forest Internal Draft UMP (ongoing) Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)

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<p><u>Horicon Historical Museum Annex</u></p> 	20.10-1-4	Town of Horicon	0.2 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former 1881 Union Church Annex of the Horicon Historical Museum managed by the 1881 Committee of the Horicon Historical Society Access off Church Street Preview opening August 10, 2019 Official opening in Spring 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised \$50,000 in donations for church rehab Received \$100,000 grant from NYS for church rehab Estimated need is \$40,000 for the foundation, \$20,00 for the roof, bell tower and painting, and \$35,000 for the interior Descriptive and wayfinding signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Adirondack School House Community Building</u></p> 	20.10-1-17	Horicon Volunteer Fire Department	1.6 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located on Johnson Road in the hamlet of Adirondack Built in 1975 1 story, 1,540-square foot building Unused former neighborhood school now Volunteer Fire Department property Most recently was a neighborhood library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of interior and exterior rehab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)
<p><u>Historic Heintzelman Library</u></p> 	88.11-1-8	Town of Horicon	0.04 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located on State Route 8 across from the Community Center in the hamlet of Brant Lake 1 story, 560-square foot stone and wood building Built in 1907 First Horicon Free Public Library Now the Historical Library and office of the town historian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan (2010)