

Village of Athens, NY
Waterfront Steering Committee Meeting One

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

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AGENDA Athens Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

- Welcome
- Waterfront Steering Committee/WAC
- NYS DOS Role in Helping Athens Update its LWRP
- Consultant Support
 - Team Members and Timeline
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 - What is an LWRP
 - LWRP Planning Process
 - Sections of the LWRP
 - LWRP Review Process
 - Implementing the LWRP
- Community Engagement and Website
- Discussion about the WRA Boundary
- Time Keeping (Match)



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Athens Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC)

The Waterfront Advisory Committee is made up of local, diverse representatives who oversee and coordinate development of the LWRP. The existing WAC reviews proposed projects within the Waterfront Revitalization Area for consistency with Athens' LWRP.

For the 2024 LWRP Update, additional community members will work in tandem with the existing WAC to help guide the planning process for a new LWRP.

Meeting Notes Coming Soon

NYS DOS Coastal Resources Staff

- April Brun
- Lisa Vasilakos

River Street Planning & Development Staff

- Margaret Irwin
- Christina Snyder

6-8 committee meetings and 3 (+) public events.

2024 LWRP Update Steering Committee

Current Waterfront Advisory Committee Members

- Amy Serrago – Mayor, Village of Athens
- Andrea Smallwood – Current WAC Chair
- Caroline Gillaspie – Current WAC Member
- Paul Petramale – Current WAC Member
- Paul Salvino – Current WAC member
- Caitlin VanValkenburg – Current WAC member

Additional LWRP Update Steering Committee Members

- Lois Ballinger – Waterfront Business Owner – The Stewart House
- Todd Bernard – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Chair
- Sheila Brady – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Member and riverfront resident
- Bob Braine – Riverfront resident, builder and avid kayaker
- Joe Dillberg – Village Trustee, liaison to DPW and Water/Sewer
- Maggie Moree – Planning Board Chair
- Leslie Reed – Conservation Advisory Council Member and riverfront resident
- Merrill Roth – Former Conservation Advisory Council Member, riverfront resident and commercial real estate professional

<https://www.revitalizeathensny.com/lwrp>

NYS Department of State Role in Helping Athens Update the LWRP

- **April Brun, NYS Department of State**
 - Summary of the grant
 - NYS DOS Role in the project
 - Reviewing products
 - Providing technical assistance
 - Approving the LWRP



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More Information

[Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs in the Coastal Area: Guidance Manual for Preparing Local Programs](#)



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River Street Planning & Development Team

Firm	Role	Team Members	Website	M/ WBE
River Street Planning & Dev.	Lead Planner	Margaret Irwin, Principal Christina Snyder, Planner	www.riverstreet.org	WBE
Byer Planning	Mapping	Laura Byer, Planner	www.byerplanning.com	WBE
Fu Wilmers Design	Landscape Architecture	Jonie Fu, Principal	www.fuwilmersdesign.com	MBE
HR&A	Real Estate & Economic Development	Bret Collazzi, Managing Partner & Hannah Glosser, Director	www.hraadvisors.com	

This team exceeds the NYS DOS Minority and Woman Business Enterprise goal for the project of 30%.



Photo: Athens Riverfront Park, Village of Athens, NY

VILLAGE OF ATHENS LWRP SCHEDULE

Task #	Task	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
1-4	Initiation Meeting; Committee Formed; Contracts	X									
5	Waterfront Advisory Committee Meetings	X		X		X		X		X	X
6	Community Outreach Process and Plan										
7	WRA Boundary (Section I)										
8	Inventory and Analysis (Section II)										
9	First Public Information Meeting			X							
10	LWRP Policies LWRP Policies(Section III)										
11	Proposed Land and Water Uses/Projects (Section IV)										
12	Second Public Information Meeting					X					
13	Techniques for Local Implementation (Section V)										
14	Fed./State Actions/Programs Likely to Affect Imp. (Section VI)										
15	Local Commitment and Consultation (Section VII)										
16	Draft Appendices										
17	Preliminary Draft LWRP										
18	SEQRA										
19	Third Public Information Meeting							X			
20	60-Day Review Draft LWRP										
21	Final LWRP										
22-24	Reporting										

Athens Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Public Participation

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Waterfront Advisory Committee Meetings
- Three Community Workshops
- Revitalization Website
- Community Survey (With NYF on Website)
- Call for Projects (with NYF on Website)
- Interviews & Focus Groups as Needed
- Meeting with Business Owners (with NYF)

OUTREACH METHODS

- Village newsletter
- Announcements at events
- Flyers and posters
- Save the date cards
- Mailers (if necessary)
- Press releases and interviews
- Hybrid meetings with recordings posted on the website

Community engagement strategy for review by the Village, NYS DOS and this will be distributed shortly.

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Learn More



Photo: Village of Athens

[Video: Introduction to Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs - YouTube](https://www.revitalizeathensny.com/lwrp)
<https://www.revitalizeathensny.com/lwrp>

Enacting an LWRP builds on 50 years of Federal, State, & Local Legislation

1972

1981

1982

1986

1992

1999

2002

Federal Coastal Zone Management Act

NYS Article 42 Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas Act

NYS Coastal Management Program approved regulations first adopted and approved (NYC)

Article 42 was amended to expand the benefits of the Act Landward

Article 42 was amended to include Comprehensive Harbor Management Plans

Long Island Sound Coastal Management Program

Village of Athens Adopts its LWRP

A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a land and water use program that expresses a vision for the waterfront area and provides the means to achieve that vision.

What is a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?

A Long-Term Land and Water-Use Plan



A Framework for Implementation



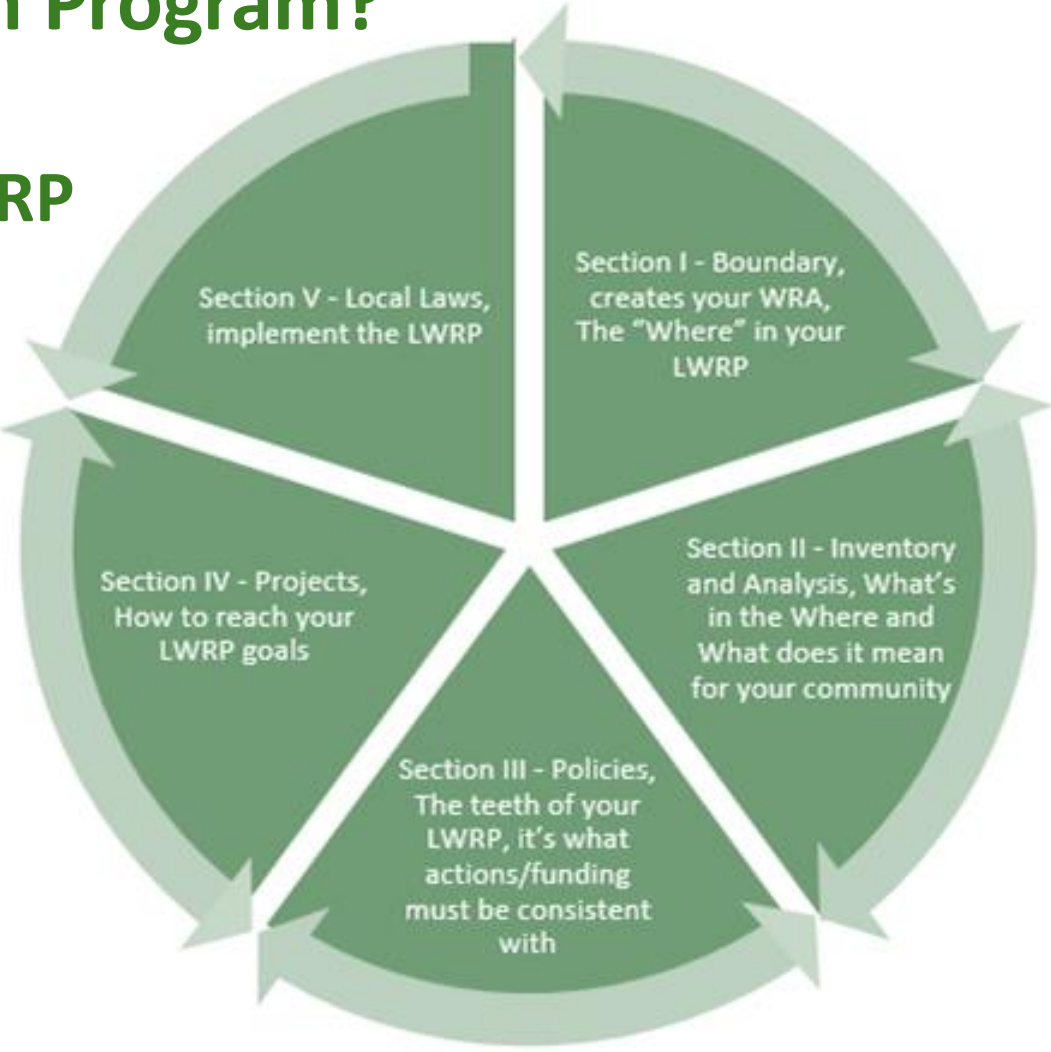
LWRP

Major Sections:

- Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary
- Inventory and Analysis
- Coastal Policies
- Proposed Land/Water Uses and Projects
- Techniques for Local Implementation
- State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect the LWRP
- Local Commitment and Consultation

Additional Elements:

- Local Consistency Review Law
- New or Amended Local Laws Necessary to Implement the LWRP and HMP
- Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan (HMP)
- Guidelines for Notification and Review of State Agency Actions



Graphic: NYS DOS

Circular Nature of an LWRP
Sections are interrelated, one section informs the next.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program - Purpose

“Municipalities are in the best position to determine their own waterfront objectives and to adapt statewide approaches”. (NYS DOS)

The Village and its stakeholders will:

- Evaluate local waterfront resources.
- Develop goals.
- Develop a comprehensive strategy to best use resources.
- Propose future projects.
- Adopt a local program to guide appropriate development.

Purpose of the LWRP

- Specify legal techniques for implementation.
- ID local regulations guide future land uses.
- Regulations must:
 - Ensure development is well-designed/sited.
 - Provide for public access to the water.
 - Prevent displacement of water dependent uses.
 - Conform land uses to State regulations.
 - Reduce impacts from flooding, erosion and rising water levels.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Benefits

- Attract appropriate development
- Protect waterfront and valued resources
- Ensure eligibility for further funding
- Establish consensus
- Create long-term partnerships (with community organizations and State agencies)
- Provide a comprehensive framework for decision-making
- Ensure that actions by federal and State agencies (permits, funding) are consistent with the LWRP



Photo: Athens Riverfront Park

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Partnerships

LWRP in place (Approved by Secretary of State)

Local review
of actions in
the LWRP
(Revise Village Local
Consistency Law)

NYS review
of actions
in the
Coastal
Zone

Federal
review of
actions in
the Coastal
Zone

PARTNERSHIPS

- Establish State/local partnerships for planning, TA and advice
- Review government agency actions that affect the local waterfront
- Technical assistance provided ongoing from NYS DOS
- Opportunity to apply for financial assistance from State grants

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Planning Process

Task #	Task Description
1-4	Initiation Mtg.; Committee Formed; Consultant Contract
5	Waterfront Advisory Committee Meetings (ongoing)
6	Community Outreach Process and Plan
7	Draft Section I – WRA Boundary
8	Draft Section II - Inventory and Analysis
9	First Public Information Meeting
10	Draft Section III – LWRP Policies
11	Draft Section IV - Land & Water Uses/Projects
12	Second Public Information Meeting
13	Draft Section V - Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program

Task #	Task Description
14	Draft Section VI - Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation of the LWRP
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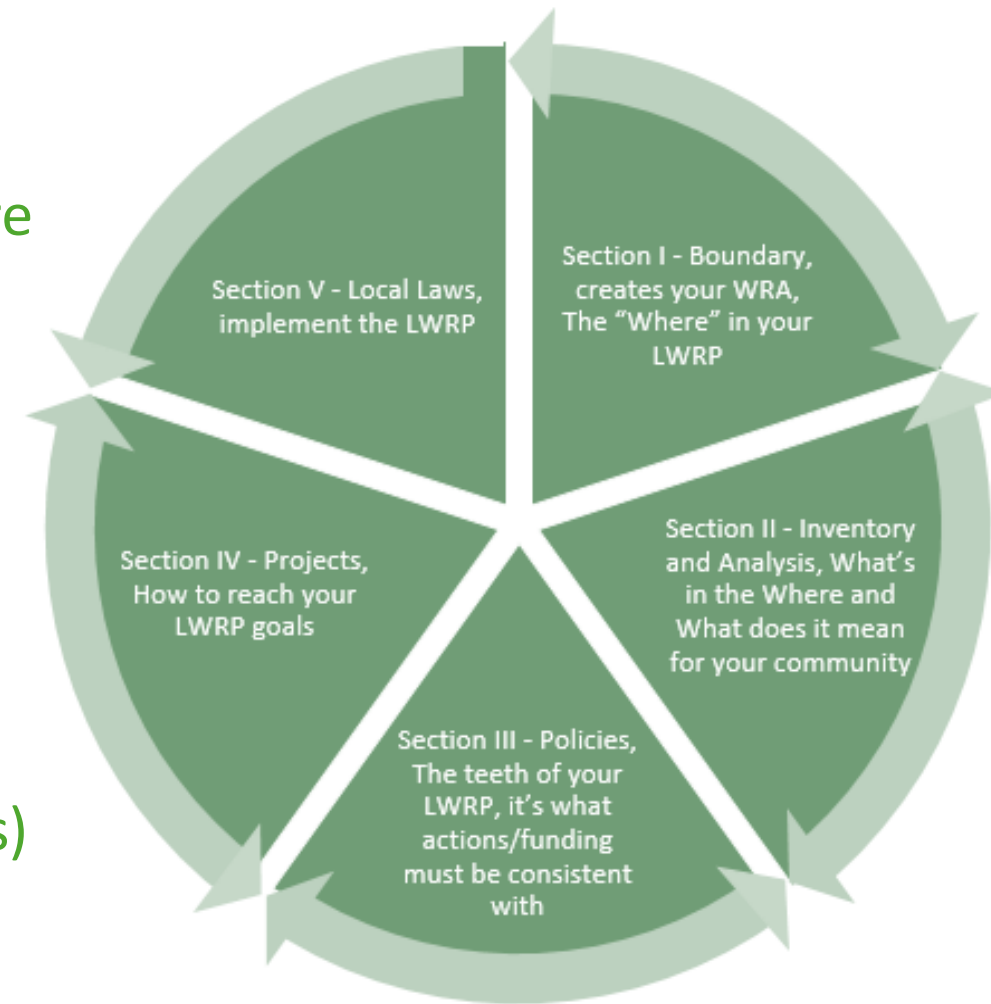


Local Waterfront Revitalization Program - Required Sections

Introduction with Goals and Objectives

- I. LWRP Revitalization Area Boundary (WRA & HMA)
- II. Inventory and Analysis (Existing Conditions)
- III. Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies (Guide Future Actions of All Levels of Government)
- IV. Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects (Includes Harbor Management Plan)
- V. Techniques for Local Implementation
- VI. Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation
- VII. Local Commitment and Consultation (With Other Affected Federal, State, Regional and Local Agencies)

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Section I: Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary

- Table of Contents
- Legal Actions
- Acknowledgements
- Introduction
 - Introduce the LWRP and legislative background
 - Include Community Vision/Goals/Objectives
- Section 1: WRA Boundary
 - Delineate a Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary
 - Include the existing Coastal Area boundary
 - Include the municipal jurisdiction
 - Include the Harbor Management Area



Photo: Athens Riverfront Park

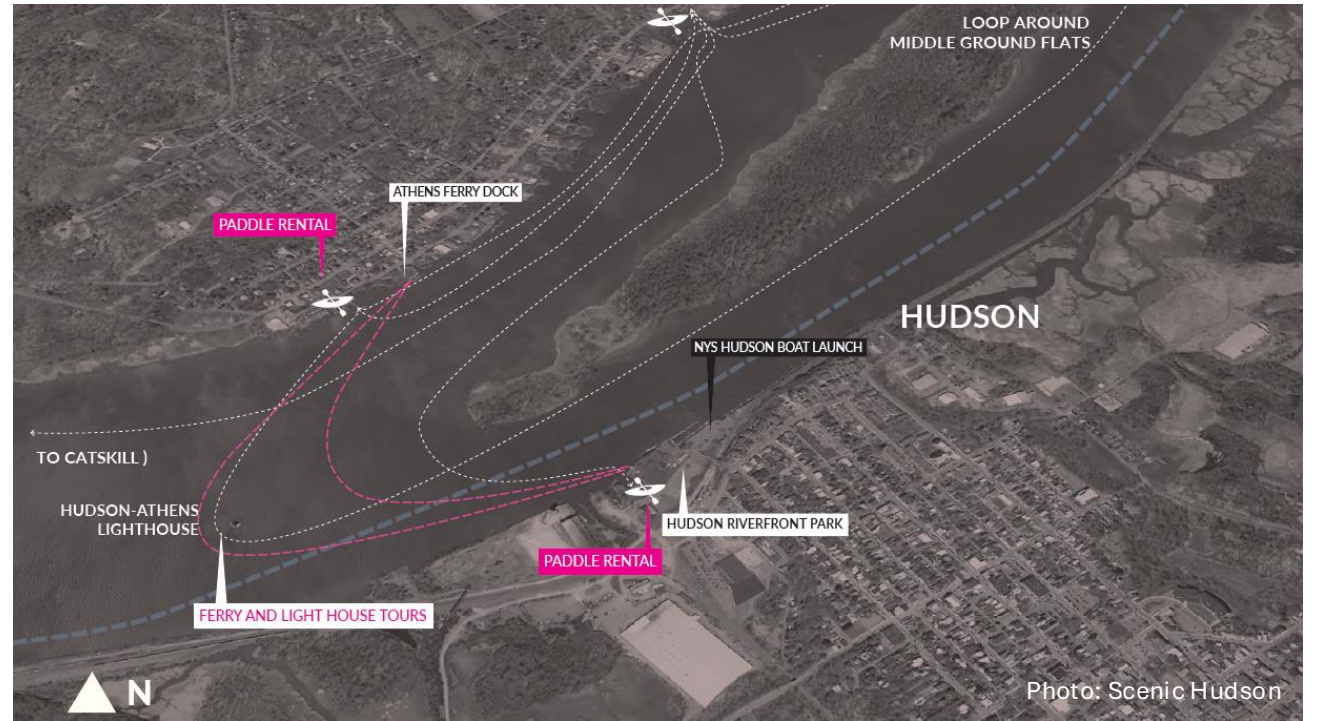
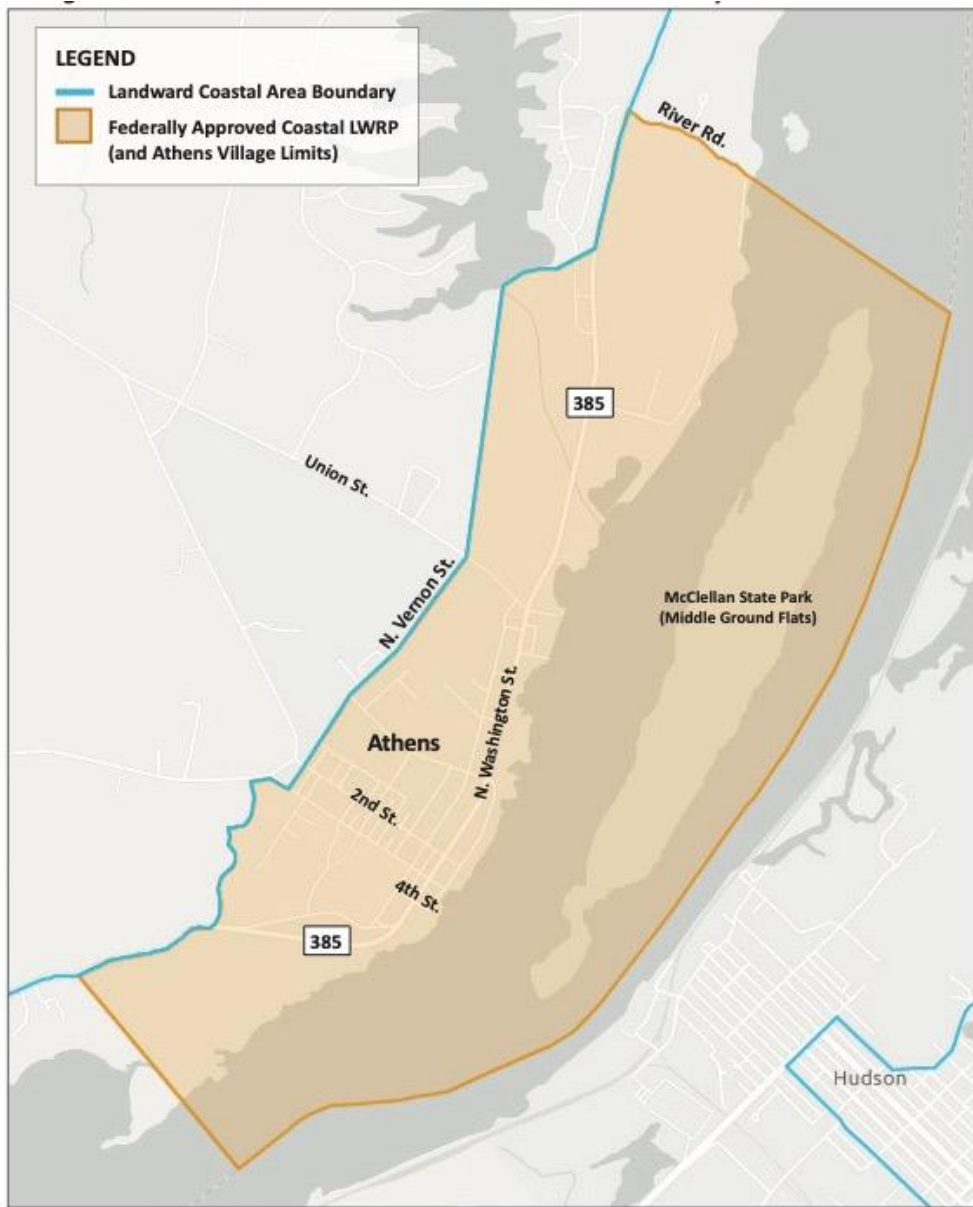
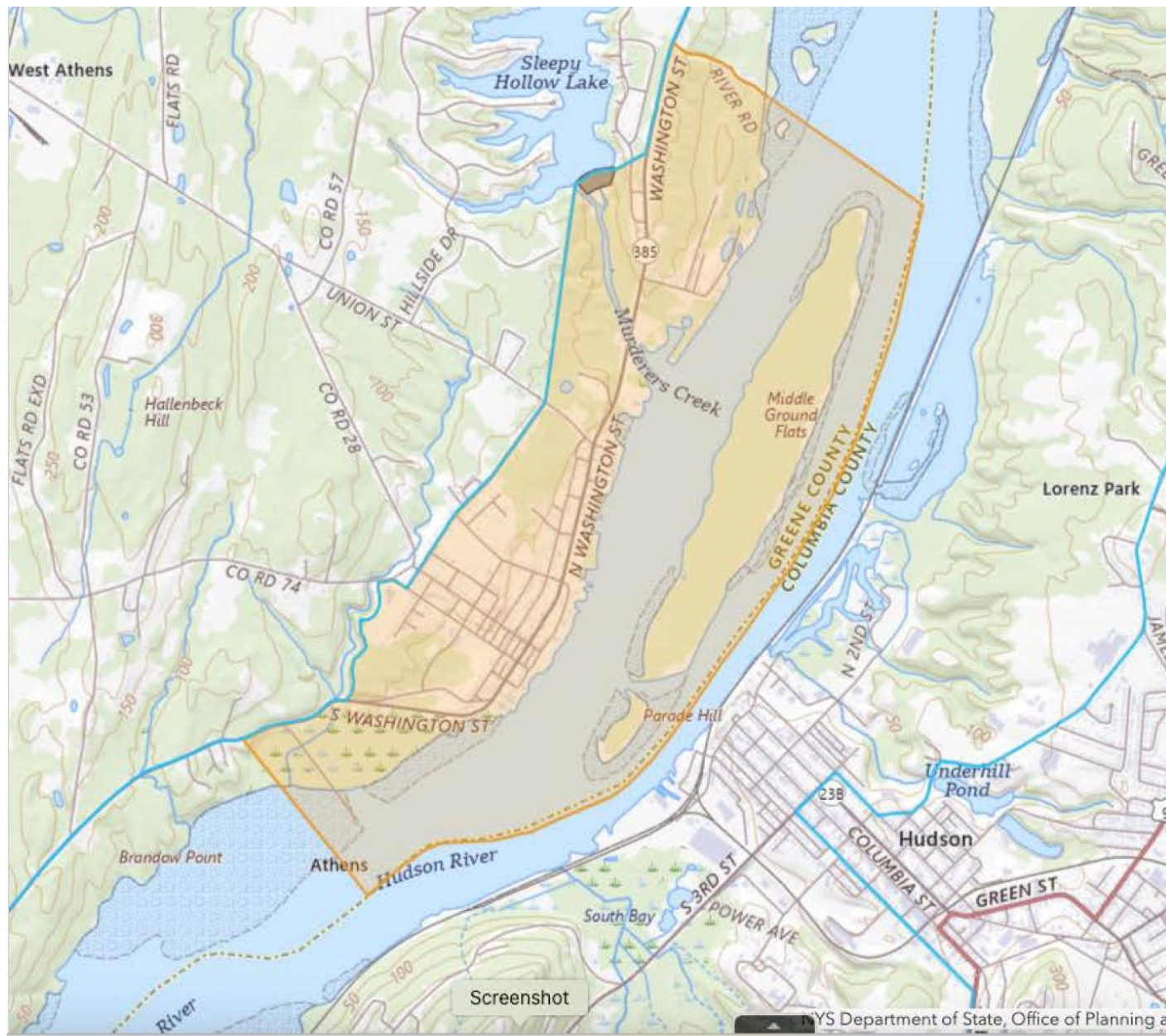


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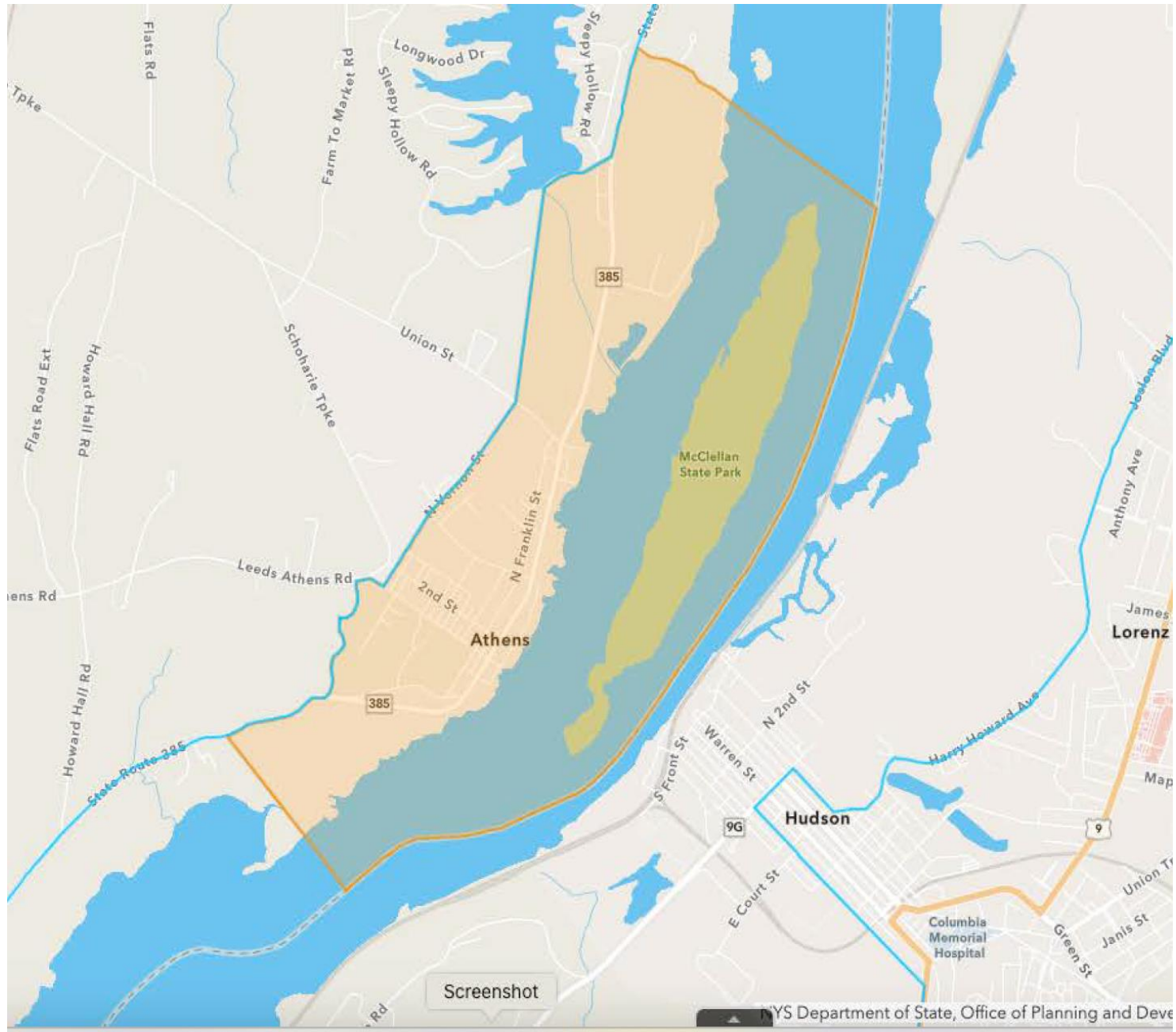
Village of Athens 2002 Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary



NYS Coastal Atlas



Screenshot



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NYS Department of State, Office of Planning and Development

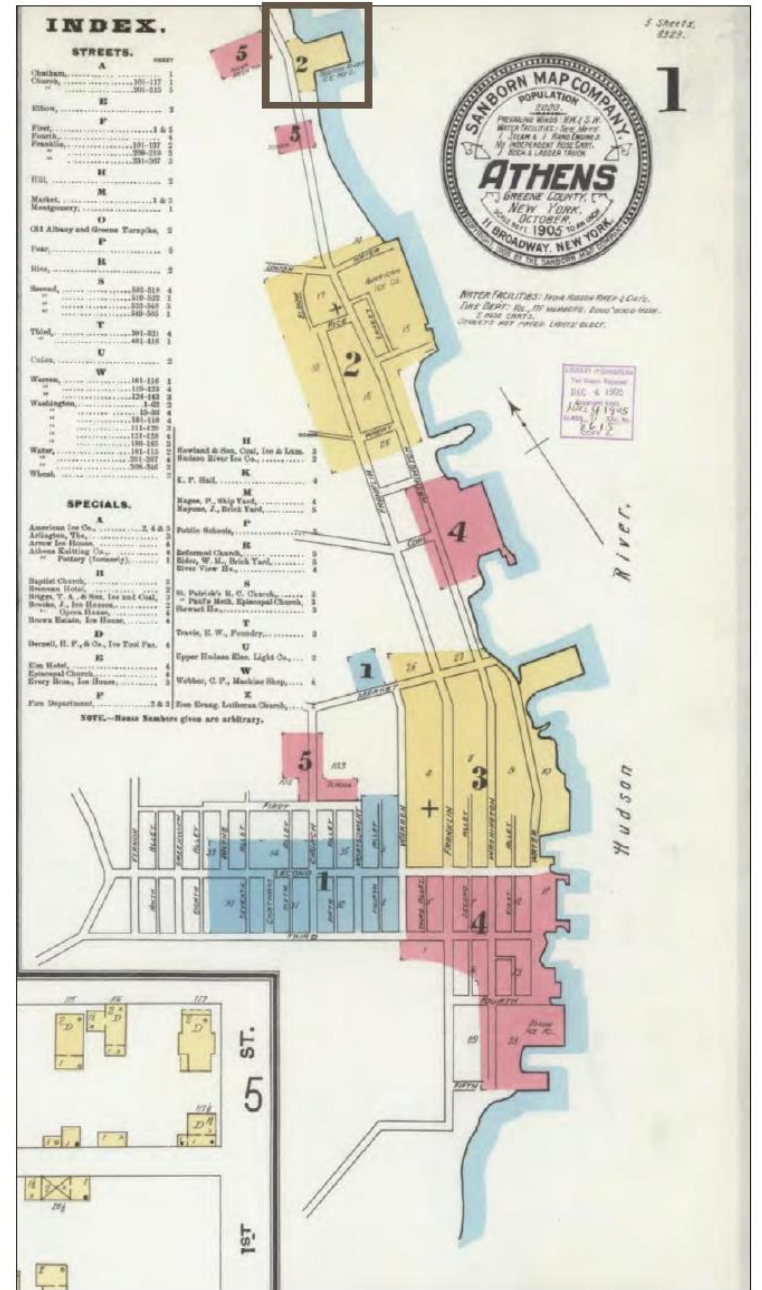
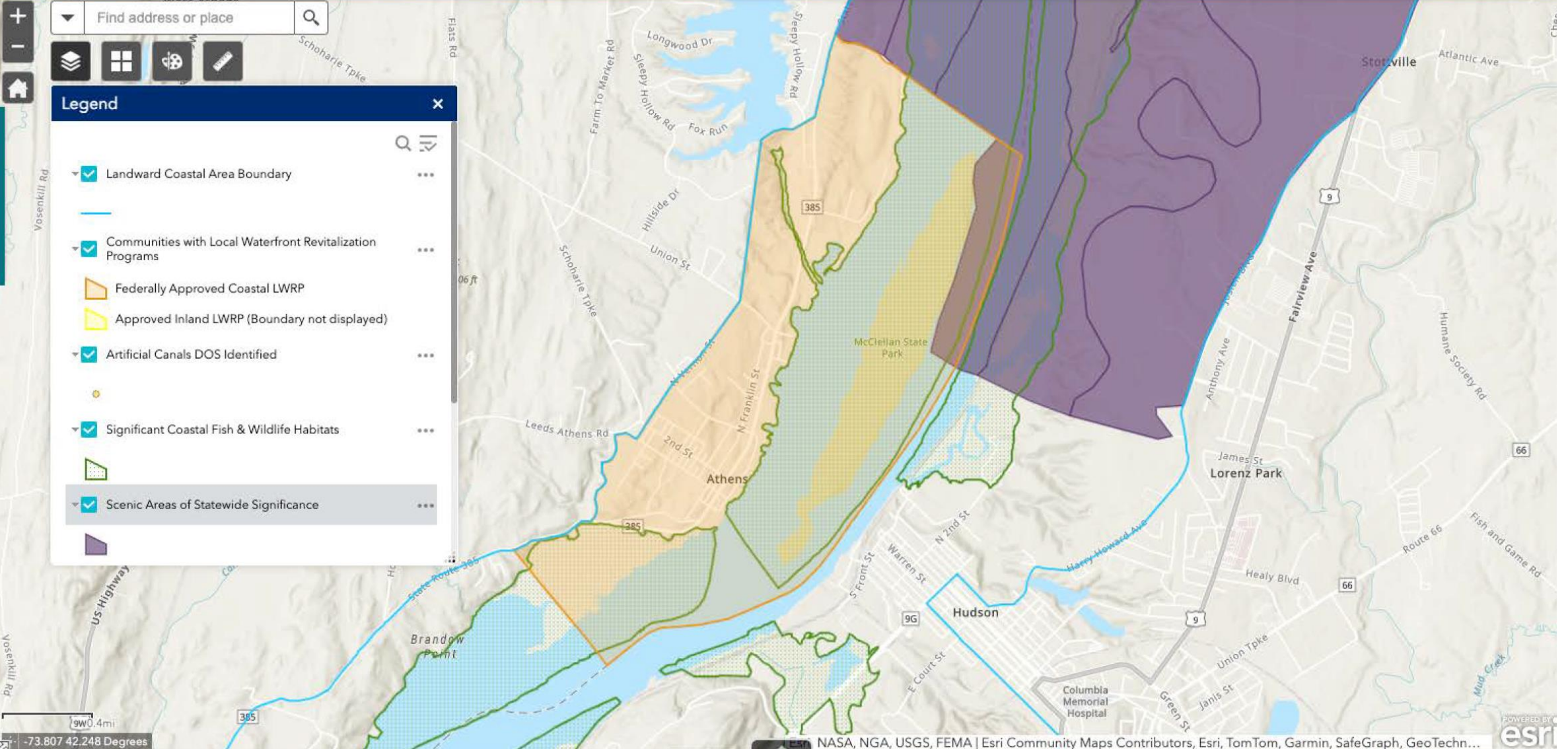


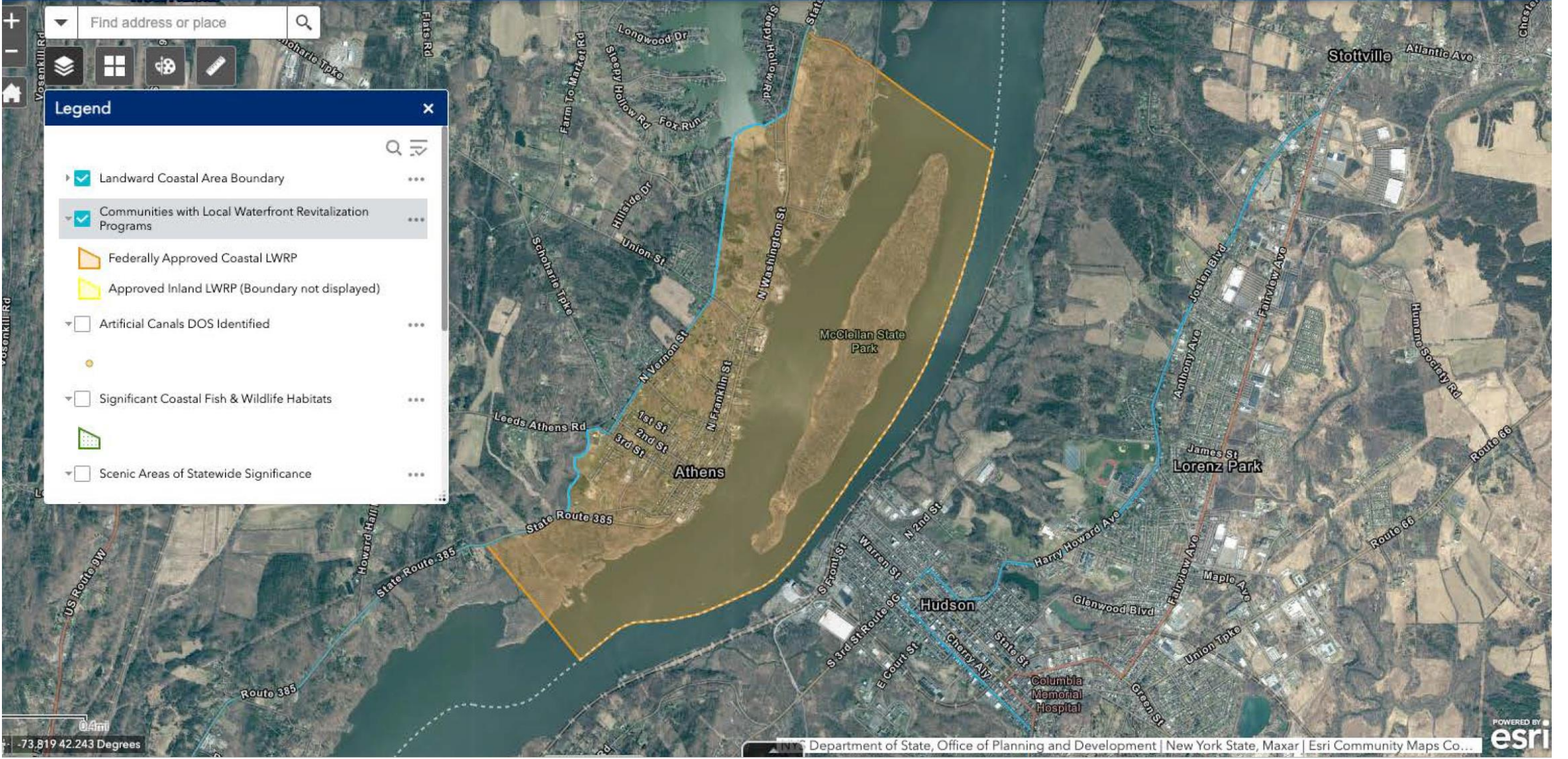
Photo: Historic Sanborn Maps



Legend

- Landward Coastal Area Boundary
- Communities with Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs
- Federally Approved Coastal LWRP
- Approved Inland LWRP (Boundary not displayed)
- Artificial Canals DOS Identified
- Significant Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitats
- Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance

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Section II: Inventory and Analysis (I&A)

Collect, map & analyze data to understand the LWRP area:

- Determine opportunities and constraints
- Understand local, state, federal regulations & authorities
- Provide a basis/rationale for all sections of the LWRP
- Include water-dependent and harbor uses to support the HMP
- Use DOS checklist to determine local priorities for the I&A



Photo: Village of Athens, NY

Most buildings in this photo stand today on 2nd Street, the business district.

Inventory and Analysis Checklist

Existing Land and Water Uses and Public Access	Present & Priority	Not Present & a Priority	Present & Non-Priority	Not Present & Non-Priority
Existing Land and Water Uses				
Article 42 requirements: Highlight the facilitation of appropriate industrial and commercial uses which require or can benefit substantially from a waterfront location § 915 (5)(a); and redevelopment of deteriorated or formerly developed waterfronts through the re-use of existing infrastructure and building stock and the removal of deteriorated structures and unsightly conditions and appropriate new development § 915 (5)(e).				
Active industrial and commercial sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underutilized, Abandoned or Deteriorated Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water dependent and/or Water enhanced uses and related issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural Uses and Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ownership patterns (public and private) including underwater lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazards to navigation, such as abandoned barges and deteriorated pilings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous waste sites (e.g. Superfund, brownfield)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other limitations to development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port or small harbor development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public services and facilities (water and sewer, vessel waste facilities, transportation, navigation channels/basins, bulkheads, docks and docking facilities)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning				
List and definitions of the current zoning districts, describing how they support the existing land uses (A more detailed discussion of zoning and other land use controls should be in Section 5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Access Areas and Publicly Owned Waterfront Land				
Article 42 requirements: Highlight the increased use of and access to the water and the waterfront for water related activity. §915 (5)(b)				
Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat launches and fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing access points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Photo: NYS DOS LWRP Guidance

Section II: Inventory and Analysis Maps

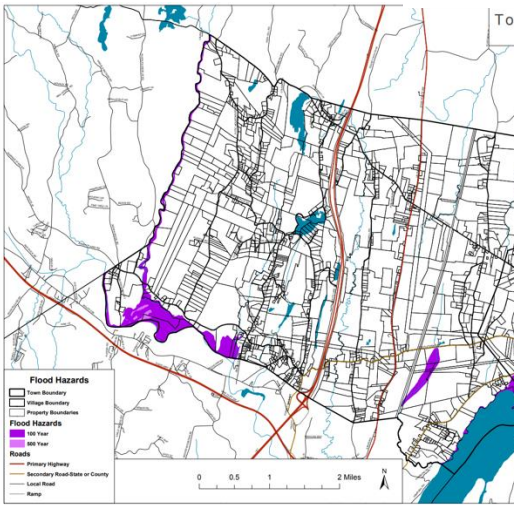
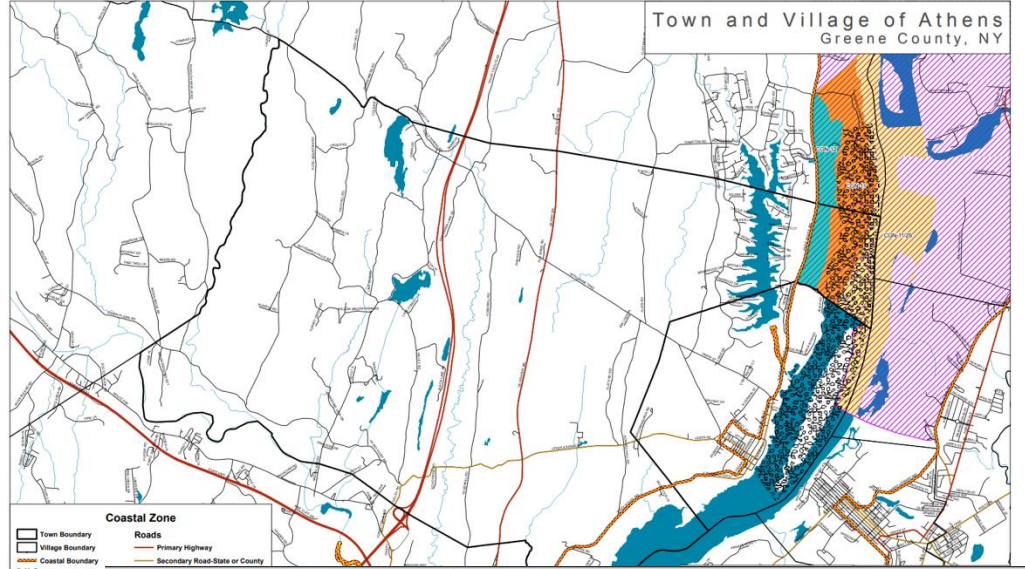
Maps in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan

- Zoning
- Land Use
- Assessment
- Habitat
- Topography
- Slopes
- Soils
- Flood Hazard
- Wetlands
- Coastal Zone
- Farm Soils
- Historic district

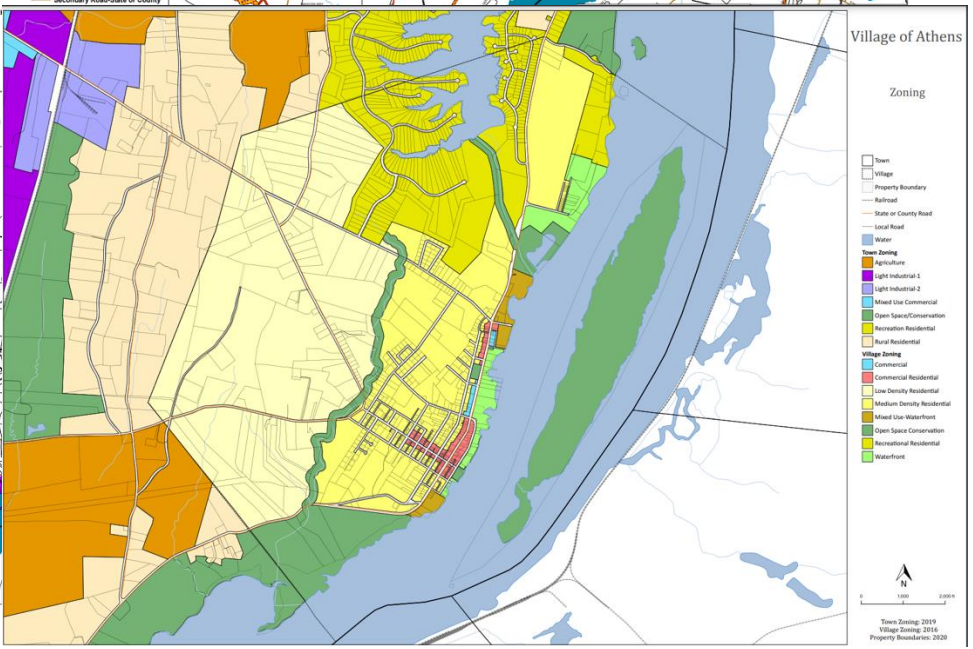
At a minimum for the LWRP:

- Existing Land Use
- Proposed Land Use
- Existing Zoning
- Proposed Zoning
- Recreational Facilities
- Natural Resources
- Agricultural Districts

Coastal Zone



Flood Hazards



Zoning

Images: Village Comprehensive Plan 2020

Section II: I&A - LWRP Existing Waterfront Uses



Limited Public Access



Reduced Scenic Quality



Loss of Historic Resources



Flooding and Erosion Hazards



Competition for Space



Water Pollution



Ecological Degradation



Economic Decline

[See "Assess" | Department of State \(ny.gov\)](#)

Section II: I&A - LWRP Future Waterfront Uses



New Public Access Areas



High Scenic Quality Areas



Preservation of Historic Resources



Flood and Erosion Planning



Harbor Management



Water Quality Improvement



Ecological Restoration Areas



Priorities for Tourism

[See "Assess" | Department of State \(ny.gov\)](#)

Section III: LWRP Policies

- **44 State coastal policies** regulate coasts and waterways for use of resources and protection of resources and are supported by state and municipal law.
- Under LWRPs, local discretionary actions are **reviewed for consistency with LWRP policies** in accordance with existing regulatory processes.
- **Example** - Policy 44: "Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas."

Refining Explanations

- Main policy statement and explanations of policy should remain as written.
- Communities can provide additional explanations to reflect local conditions.
- DOS will prepare revisions on behalf of the community and return the completed policy section.



Section IV: Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects

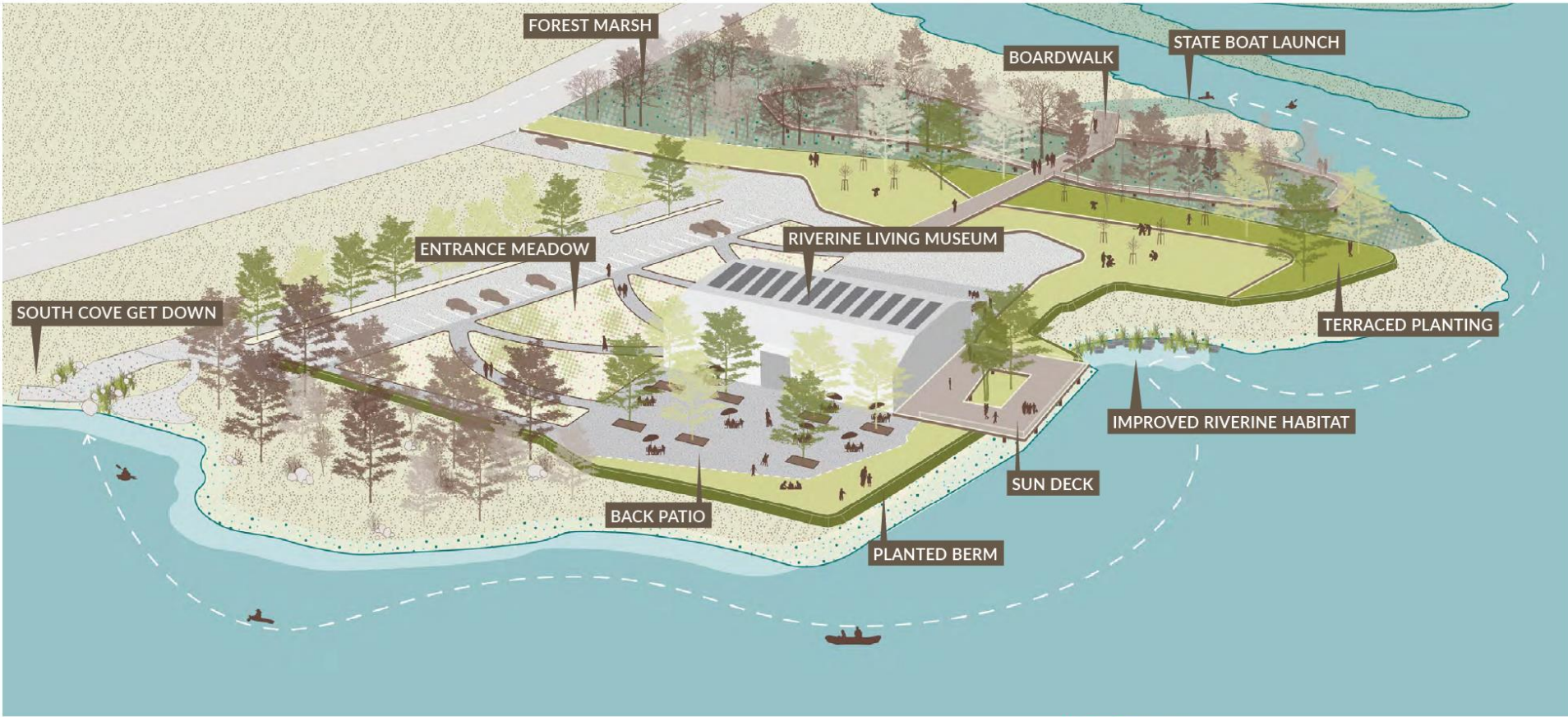


Photo: Athens Riverfront Park, Village of Athens, NY

- Establishes Water Use Plan:
 - Extends planning process over water to avoid water use conflicts
 - Identifies, maps and prioritizes:
 - Future land uses
 - Long- and short-term projects

Section IV: Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects

- Actions that will:
 - Implement policies
 - Advance desired land uses
 - Advance desired water uses



ATHENS RIVERINE LIVING MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

Section V: Techniques for Local Implementation

- Local laws & planning actions
 - Zoning, site plan, stormwater management, design guidelines
- Management structure
 - Local board - consistency review
 - Financial resources \$\$
 - Staff
 - Capital projects
- Future actions
 - Catalyze private property investment



Photo: Village of Athens, NY

Section V: LWRPs Ensure Consistency with Coastal Policies

A local consistency review law is a required element of the local program

- A consistency law includes:**
- Minor actions that are exempt from review
 - Procedures for review of non-exempt actions
 - Who is responsible for review
 - Coastal Assessment Form for review of actions

Appendix A Waterfront Consistency Review Law and Waterfront Assessment Form

Town of Bolton Local Law Adopted by Resolution of the Bolton Town Board on November 1, 2016

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Bolton as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

I. Title.

This local law will be known as the Town of Bolton Waterfront Consistency Review Law.

II. Legislative authority and purpose.

- A. This local law is adopted under the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act of the State of New York (Article 42 of the Executive Law).
- B. The purpose of this local law is to provide a framework for agencies of the Town of Bolton to incorporate the policies and purposes contained in the Town of Bolton Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) when reviewing applications for actions or direct agency actions within the Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) covered by the LWRP; and to assure that such actions and direct actions by Town agencies are consistent with the LWRP policies and purposes.

Section VI: Federal and State Actions and Programs Necessary for Implementation

- Based on a DOS template that's consistent with Coastal Management Program
- State and federal actions and programs that should be consistent with the LWRP
- State and federal actions necessary to implement the LWRP

Section VII - Local Commitment and Consultation

A record of all your work!

- Waterfront Advisory Committee List
- Public survey methods and results
- Summaries of public workshops
- List of local government agencies involved
- Description of local business involvement
- Description of involvement by other community organizations



Photos: Village of Athens, NY

LWRP Appendices

- Local Waterfront Consistency Review Law and Waterfront Assessment Form (WAF)
- New or Amended Local Laws, Ordinances and Other Regulations
- Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat (SCFWH) Rating Forms, Habitat Description Narratives and Maps
- Harbor Management Plan if not fully integrated
- Historic Documents and Maps
- Excerpts from Plans or Other Documents Cited or Referenced in LWRP



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Determination of Significance and Compliance with SEQRA

The community initiates SEQR and submits documentation to NYS DOS:

- Consult your municipal attorney and/or utilize professional services to ensure SEQRA compliance early on in the process
- Lead agency selection
- Full EAF
- Evaluates impacts of adoption of LWRP
- Negative or Positive Declaration



Photo: Village of Athens, NY

Review Process

- Submit sections sequentially per your workplan
- LWRP Sections will be reviewed and sent back to you with DOS Comments
- Upon submission of 60 Day Review Draft LWRP there are additional steps before approval
- 60-day Review period – LWRP sent to State and federal agencies

LOCAL ADOPTION

When the LWRP is complete, has been reviewed by the Department of State, and has gone through the 60-day public comment period, the municipality will adopt the Final LWRP and supporting local laws by resolution(s).

STATE APPROVAL

Once adopted by the local municipality, the final LWRP is formally submitted to the DOS. After final review and development of the findings, the LWRP is sent to the Secretary of State with a recommendation for approval. Once approved, DOS will notify the community, State legislators, adjacent communities, and state agencies that may have potential effect on the LWRP.

FEDERAL APPROVAL

The final step is submission of the LWRP to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Management (OCM). DOS will submit the Final LWRP to OCM, requesting a Program Change to the State's Coastal Management Program.

Implementing the LWRP

- Capital projects
- Apply for grants
- Local land use controls
- On-going process
- Updating the LWRP
- Review of local actions for LWRP consistency

Grant Opportunities

Program grants support a variety of revitalization activities including:

- Prepare or update an LWRP
- Increase resilience to climate risks
- Prepare an LWRP Component, such as a Watershed Management Plan
- Implement an LWRP Project or LWRP Component



Photo: Athens Riverfront Park, Village of Athens, NY

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

First designated in 2002, a new **land and water use strategy** for the Village of Athens' Waterfront Revitalization Area is being developed under a grant provided by New York State Department of State (DOS). The Village will have the opportunity to build consensus on waterfront projects and adopt the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) as a central implementation tool and framework for waterfront use.

The LWRP will be guided by a local [Waterfront Advisory Committee](#) and will propose a series of community-supported Waterfront Revitalization Projects.



Photo Village of Athens, NY

Waterfront Planning Process

Waterfront Advisory Committee

The WAC is made up of local, diverse representatives who will oversee and coordinate development of the LWRP.

[Meet the WAC](#)

LWRP Events

The LWRP Planning Process is underway with the first WAC Kick-Off Meeting planned for September 2024. Check back for the first public meeting to introduce the program.

[Events](#)

Waterfront Revitalization Projects

Projects for the Waterfront Revitalization Area will be developed as part of the LWRP planning process.

[Coming Soon](#)

Prior Planning: Athens' 2002 LWRP

In 2002, the Village of Athens developed its first Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. It's time to update the plan to reflect the Village's current vision and context.

[Read 2002 LWRP](#)

About Athens' LWRP

A new land and water strategy for the Village of Athens' waterfront revitalization area is being developed under a grant provided by New York State Department of State (DOS). The Village will have the opportunity to build consensus on waterfront projects and adopt the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) as a central implementation tool and framework for waterfront use. Athens' LWRP will capitalize on opportunities to enhance the waterfront experience in the village for residents, workforce and visitors. Multiple public meetings will be held to give residents the chance to share input on the waterfront plan and projects. A final public meeting for review of the plan will be held after DOS approval of the draft LWRP.

This project will develop a full formal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and will include the following components.

- Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) Boundary
- Inventory and Analysis
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Policies
- Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects
- Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program
- Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation of the LWRP
- Local Commitment and Consultation
- State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)
- Draft and Final Document

See <https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program> for more information on the program. The DOS site explains the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in detail, as well as providing resources such as:

- How to develop a Revitalization Program
- Overview of plans & regulatory tools communities have adopted to implement state & local coastal policies
- Description of LWRP approval process
- Case studies of LWRPs across New York State
- Model laws designed to increase resilience and tools for mitigating effects of climate change on natural and built environments

NYS DOS-Posted Village of Athens Current LWRP Sections

Overview











The Village of Athens Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is a locally prepared comprehensive land and water use plan for the Village's natural, public, and developed waterfront resources along Hudson River.



The Village of Athens LWRP refines and supplements the State's Coastal Management Program and provides a comprehensive framework within which critical waterfront issues can be addressed and planned waterfront improvement projects can be pursued and implemented. The approval history of the Village of Athens LWRP was published in a final public notice.

In the last several years, the [Village of Athens](#) has focused its efforts on completing public access improvements to Waterfront Park and developing a non-motorized boat launch at Fourth Street.









The documents below provide easy access to each part of the Village of Athens LWRP, as approved in 2001:

Sections

	Village of Athens Final Public Notice	 DOWNLOAD
	Village of Athens LWRP Document	 DOWNLOAD
	Village of Athens Section I. Waterfront Revitalization Boundary	 DOWNLOAD
	Village of Athens Section II. Inventory and Analysis	 DOWNLOAD
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Village of Athens Boundary

1. Landward Boundary

- Beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the Village of Athens and Route 385.
- Then, south of Route 385 to a point due east of Sleepy Hollow Lake Dam.
- Then, west across Sleepy Hollow Lake dam to its western end.
- Then, south to the intersection of Union Street and Vernon Street.
- Then, South along Vernon Street to Third Street.
- Then, west along Third Street to the Leeds Road to a point 300 feet east of the small creek flowing in a southerly direction.
- Then, south along a line 200 feet east of and parallel to said small creek to its intersection with Route 385.
- Then, south along Route 385 to the southern boundary of the Village of Athens.

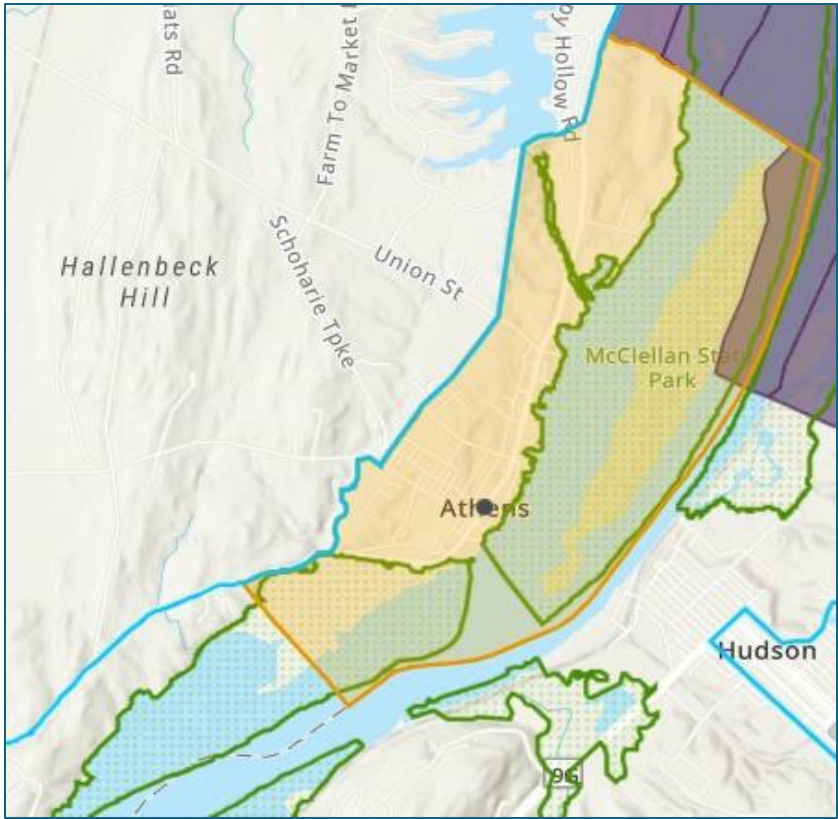
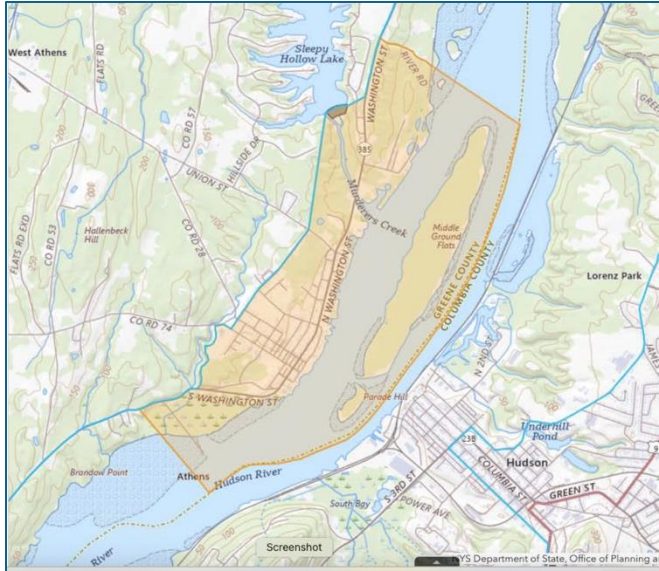
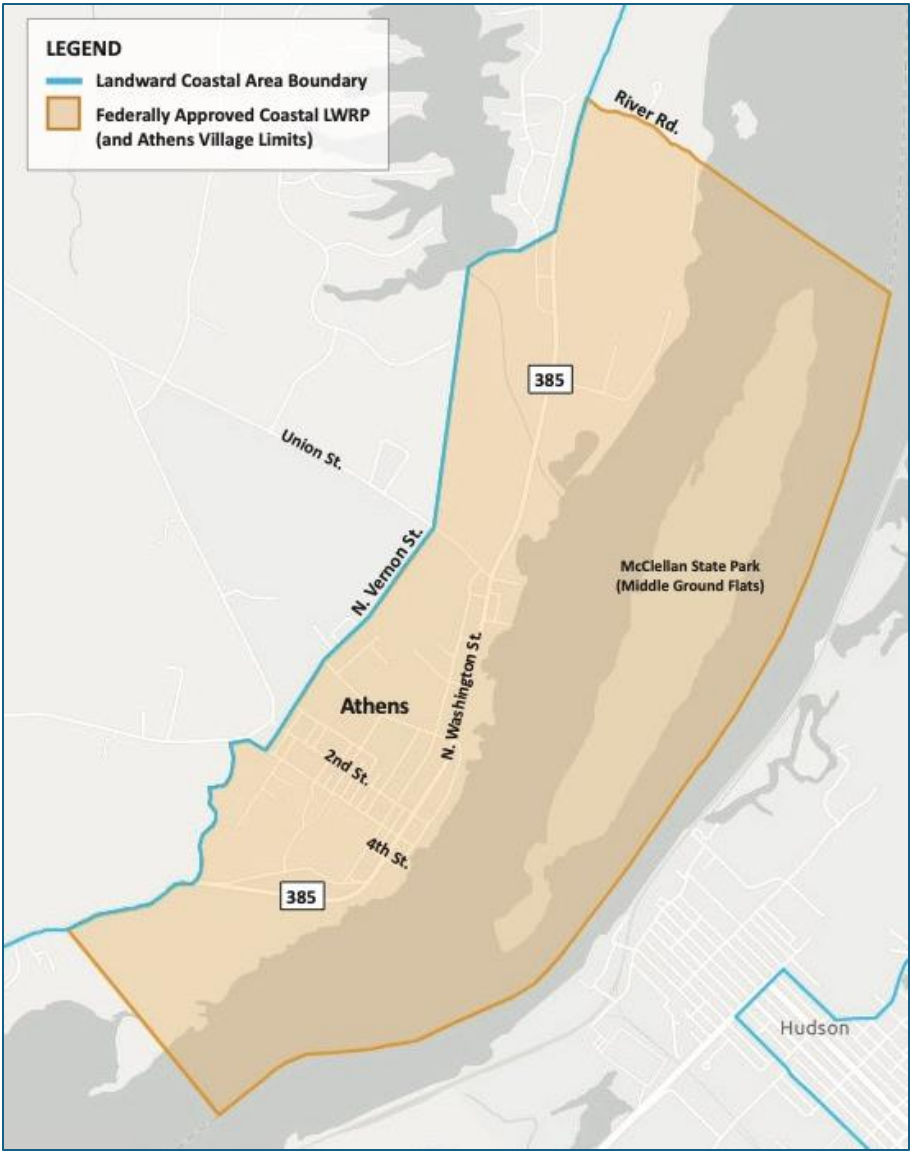
2. Waterside Boundary

- Beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the Village of Athens and the Eastern Boundary of Greene County in the Hudson River.
- Then, southerly along the eastern boundary of Greene County to its intersection with the southern boundary of the Village of Athens.

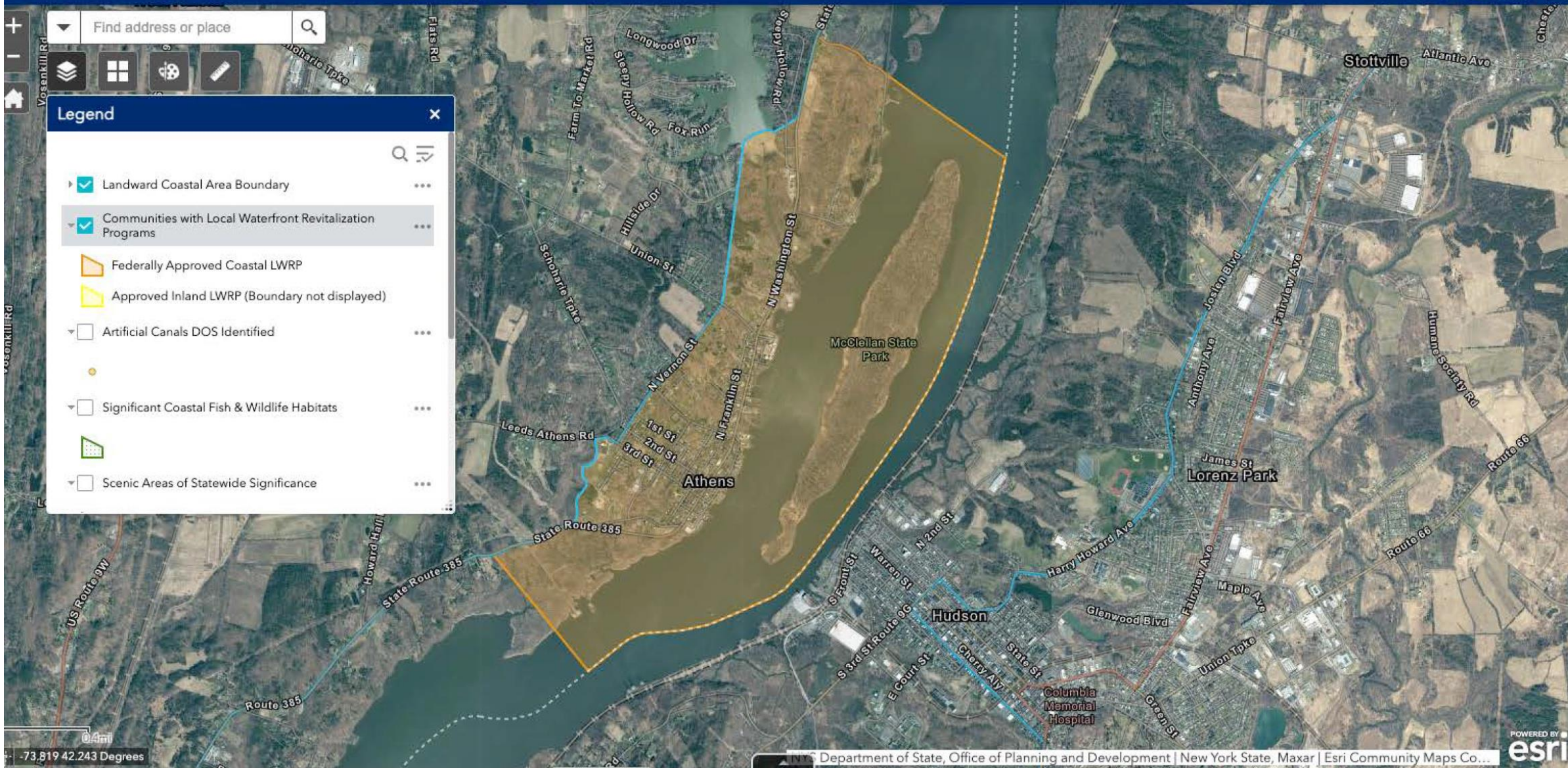


Athens Local Waterfront Revitalization Program - Confirm Boundary

Village of Athens 2002 LWRP Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary



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Legend

- Landward Coastal Area Boundary
- Communities with Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs
- Federally Approved Coastal LWRP
- Approved Inland LWRP (Boundary not displayed)
- Artificial Canals DOS Identified
- Significant Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitats
- Scenic Areas of Statewide Significance

Discussion WRA Boundary

Is the current boundary appropriate?

Is there any reason to consider a modification?

- Should the Village regulate less of the current Harbor Management Area (waterside boundary)?
- Are there significant resources currently *not* included in the landward boundary, such as:
 - Areas of exceptional scenic value
 - Agricultural or recreational lands
 - Designated major tributaries and associated headlands
- **Note** the boundary should only be extended landward to the extent necessary to control shorelands and **“to the extent that Landward waters and uplands are strongly influenced by each other.”**
- Drawing a larger landward WRA must align with the purpose of the LWRP.



Discussion of Athens 2024 Waterfront Revitalization Boundary

Coastal Area Boundary (Landward) can be changed only with approved justification for expanding land within the NYS State Coastal Area.



Boundaries cannot extend past **Village Limits** (currently north, east & south WRA boundaries).

Waterside Boundary may be changed to regulate less of the Harbor Management Area.

To suggest changes to NYS DOS:

- Justify why the expanded area is important for inclusion in the WRA
- Identify number of acres/square miles to be added to State Coastal Area
- Proposed change must be approved by the DOS

Steering Committee Time is Match for the Grant: GROUP TIME

Attachment F - Other (Volunteer Services by Group)

This timelog showing daily time distribution, signed by the oversight individual MUST be submitted with Payment Request Forms. For use when a group of volunteers are completing similar tasks at project meetings and events.

Contract #:	C1002603
Description of services (tasks):	LWRP Steering Committee and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Number One - 9-16-24 (Tasks5,6,7)
Date (individual date only):	September 16, 2024
Explanation of hourly rate :	Standard Rate - \$15.00
Name /Title of Oversight Individual:	Amy Serrago, Mayor
Signature of Oversight Individual:	Date: September 16, 2024

By signature, I certify that this time log represents an accurate representation of hours worked towards completion of tasks related to the contract listed above.

TOTAL HOURS: 0 TOTAL: \$ -

Time In	Time Out	Name of Each Volunteer (including Organization, if applicable)	# of Hours	Volunteer Rate	Amount (includes local match)
		Amy Serrago – Mayor, Village of Athens	NA	NA	NA
		Andrea Smallwood – Current WAC Chair		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Caroline Gillaspie – Current WAC Member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Paul Petramale – Current WAC Member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Paul Salvino – Current WAC member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Caitlin VanValkenburg – Current WAC member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Lois Ballinger – Waterfront Business Owner – The Stewart House		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Todd Bernard – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Chair		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Sheila Brady – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Bob Braine – Riverfront resident, builder and avid kayaker		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Joe Dillberg – Village Trustee, liaison to DPW and Water/Sewer		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Maggie Moree – Planning Board Chair		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Leslie Reed – Conservation Advisory Council Member		\$ 15.00	\$ -
		Merrill Roth – Former Conservation Advisory Council Member		\$ 15.00	\$ -

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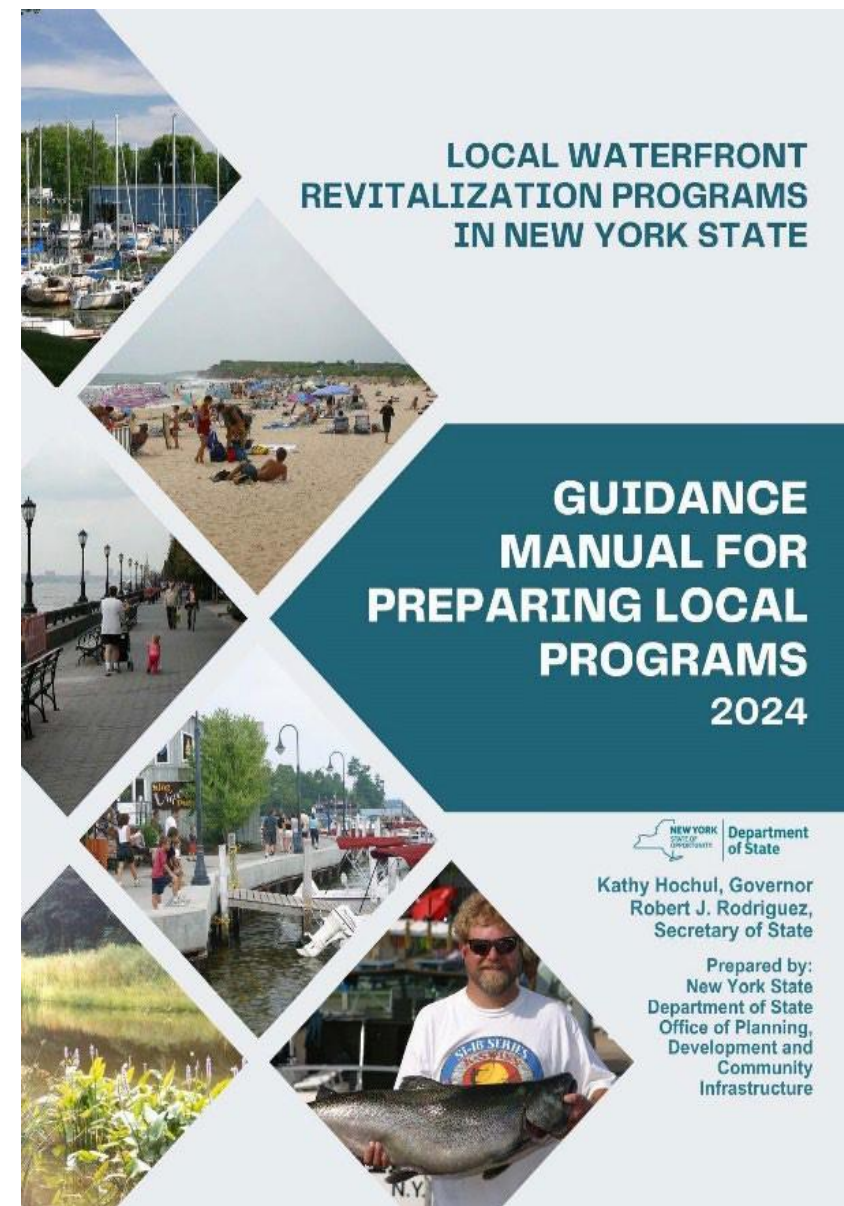
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For More Information

Please See:

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs in New York State: Guidance Manual for Preparing Local Programs found at: <https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>
- Making the Most of Your Waterfront: Enhancing Waterfronts to Revitalize Communities found at: https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/08/lwrp_guide_book.pdf
- Model Local Laws to Increase Resilience found at: <https://dos.ny.gov/model-local-laws-increaseresilience>



An aerial photograph of a town situated on a wide river. The town is surrounded by lush greenery and some autumn-colored trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text "Thank You" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank You

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