



Town of Esopus
Local Waterfront Revitalization Project (LWRP)



Frequently Asked Questions

What is an LWRP?

New York State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a comprehensive framework for future land and water uses prepared by local communities in partnership with the Department of State. Similar to a comprehensive plan, it outlines a vision for the future growth and management of a community, with a specific focus on the waterfront lands.

The Town of Esopus LWRP refines and supplements the State's Coastal Management Program. Once an LWRP is officially adopted by a local government, it becomes a standard by which future land and water use decisions—such as zoning changes or development proposals—should comply with. Communities which have an approved LWRP are eligible to apply for grant funding to work toward their waterfront vision.

For more information, see the [Department of State LWRP guidance page](#).

What is the goal of this community effort?

The goal is to develop a comprehensive framework for the long-term use of the waterfront which will strive to do the following: help maintain and protect water quality; protect the natural environment; enhance public access to the river; provide new recreational opportunities; restore and revitalize former industrial land on the water; and stimulate economic development in the Town of Esopus.

How is this different from the Esopus Riverfront Access and Connections Study?

The recently completed [Esopus Riverfront Access and Connections Study](#) (the "Study"), which was funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Program, focused on improving recreational waterfront access on the Hudson River and estuary section of the Rondout Creek. The LWRP will be updated to include key elements of the study in these geographic areas where they overlap. Due to the Estuary focus, the Study did not evaluate the Walkkill River, Sturgeon Pool and the remainder of the Rondout Creek (outside of the Hudson River Estuary). While there is some overlap between the LWRP and the Study, the LWRP will seek to expand the WRA to include the Walkkill River and Sturgeon Pool along with the remainder of the Rondout Creek, develop a vision for the Town's waterfront, update the Town's overall waterfront policies for lands within the WRA, identify additional areas for new or improved waterfront access, related projects and policies and the preparation of concept plans and planning-level cost estimates.

Where is the funding coming from?

The Town of Esopus has received a grant to support this work from the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) through Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. The Town of Esopus staff are providing additional support through the provision of in-kind services.

Who is working on this effort?

The LWRP is being led by the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC), consisting of the Town's existing Waterfront Advisory Board (WAB) and municipal officials. The WAB is being supplemented by additional representation, providing added expertise and knowledge of the Town of Esopus, recreational and environmental resources, as well as other specialties. Additional members are still being added to the WAC in the early stages of the planning process. The consulting team collaborating with the PAC and Town staff to prepare the LWRP is composed of the following firms:

Laberge Group



LAndArt Studio

