



SUMMIT RESERVOIR AREA PLAN Village of Philmont

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- Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture PLLC
- Elan3.Consulting
- Economic Transformations Group, Inc.
- CT Male Associates (Engineering)
- Harris Beach PLLC (Attorneys)

11/10/2014 #1 Monthly Report to The Village of Philmont

The Brownfield Area Opportunity (BOA) grant project funded by the NYS Department of State Office of Planning and Development officially kicked off with a project scoping session held on Oct 20th at the Karen Garafalo Cultural Center to welcome Elan Planning, the plan consultant lead firm, and David Ashton from the NYS/DOS Office of Planning and Development funding the project.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Village Clerk, Kim Simmons, Village attorney, Rob Fitzsimmons, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Kurt Basl, and Steve Benson, member of the ZBA who joined the Executive Steering Committee for the scoping session.

Elan Planning presented a power point overview of the planning project, including it's goals and objectives. The power point is now available for viewing on the Philmont Beautification, Inc web site project page. Minutes from the meeting will be published in November. Additionally,

copies of the project's Community Participation Plan will be available from November 20th at the Village Office. This document will be useful for community members wanting to participate in the project.

Summary Outcomes of October:

Beginning in October 2014, the Village of Philmont will be engaging in the process of developing the Summit Reservoir Area Plan. The primary community objectives to be achieved by this project include: creating a sustainable community in Philmont and the Summit Reservoir Area, to minimize immediate and long-term impacts on the environment. Because this project is a district wide revitalization strategy based on existing brownfield sites, the plan will be largely driven by the reuse potential of these strategic sites as catalysts for revitalization. A key component of this project is to engage the community to help create a community-based plan that builds both momentum and ownership among the residents, businesses and elected leaders of Philmont.

Project Objectives

The primary community revitalization objectives to be achieved by this project include, among other objectives:

1. Creating a sustainable community in Philmont and the Summit Reservoir Area to minimize immediate and long-term impacts on the environment. This community has the potential to harness micro-hydro to decrease the ecological footprint through sustainable energy sources.
2. Creating a community based informed revitalization blue print for the area to include a thorough and in-depth analysis of existing conditions in the area.
3. Producing an economic analysis that recognizes current trends in Philmont, such as, local farming, farm based education, alternative health care and practitioners, and the resurgence of fine craft based enterprises.
4. Produce a plan for the reuse potential for properties located in the area with an emphasis on the identification and reuse potential of strategic brownfield sites as catalysts for revitalization.

Actions Summary for October:

1. Elan Planning will be submitting a Community Participation Plan for review by the Executive Steering Committee.
2. November 17th at 1pm – scheduled for the next planning meeting to be held at the Karen Garafalo Cultural Center.
All are welcome to attend!



Sally Baker, Executive Director, PBI 11/10/14

