

**TOWN OF MOREAU
HUDSON RIVERFRONT PARK MASTER PLAN
COMMUNITY VISIONING WORKSHOP
MEETING SUMMARY (VERBADUM)
JUNE 23, 2011**

TABLE 1

Constraints

- The cap
- Access
- Private property
- No beach for swimming
- Parking area
- Topography
- Picnic areas specified
- Wetlands
- Utilities – cost \$ water, electric
- Bathroom facilities

Amenities

- Access for canoeing, boat launch on lower site
- Tying in bike trails with Warren and Washington Counties. Also with Betar Bikeway
- Protecting wildlife – wildlife sanctuary
- Wetlands left as natural habitat
- Minimal impact trails, crushed stone, dirt

Facilities

- Picnicking
- Fishing – fishing platform
- Hiking
- Bird watching – nesting boxes/platforms
- Educational opportunities – pavilion
- Handicap access

TABLE 2

1. Areas for picnicking and boat launch
2. Access through private road at South Site
3. Opportunities
 - fishing, catch and release/dock
 - Native planting
 - Nature trail
 - Birding
 - Boat launch

- Parking on sites
- Accessible access for boating, etc.
- PCB's/methane/encapsulation/safety for picnicking
- Swimming in river?
- Scenic Outlook
- Winter sports/skiing, etc.
- Maintenance construction/GE
- Hiking/Biking/Indian trails/industrial park/handicap-elderly accessibility/slopes/size of boats/kicker
- Raised garden beds
- flooding

Feasibility

- Picnicking
- Boating
- Scenic Byways/outlooks
- Master plan question of \$\$\$
- Educational area/trips/Rogers Island nearby
- Benches
- Senior Citizens
- Audubon Society/birding
- Signage
- Connect both pieces/switch backs, etc.
- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Spooning
- Exhibits/programs
- Events
- Tree house
- Wildflowers
- Fishing/catch and release

Facilities

- Roadway
- Boat launch
- Bathrooms
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Dock
- Lean-to shelter
- Geo-caching
- Gates/signage
- Amphitheatre/building for programs/structures
- Trailheads

Final Thoughts

- Great area to develop

TABLE 3

Attributes of Area

Does this area fit in the other development plans?

PCB remediation area (capped)

- Close by
- Near the river
- Protected from heavy traffic
- Preserve wildlife
- Varied terrain
- View across river
- Trails can be developed
- Possible boat access
- Fishing
- Bird watching
- Camping
- Hiking
- Picnic area
- Pavilion
- Bike trail
- Quiet
- Possible learning center
- State land across the river
- Bugs/pests

Constraints

- PCB remediation area (capped)
- Road access/handicapped
- Adjoining property rights
- Historic sites?
- Terrain
- Safety
- Light pollution?
- Increased traffic
- Seasonal issues
- Cost startup and maintenance
- Wildlife conservation
- Liabilities
- Communication – cell phone access
- Is park for all or only town residents?
- Fenced/guarded?
- How to connect the 2 portions
- Parking for cars
- Invasive species

Activities

- Fishing
- Boat access – kayak – canoe
- Power boat access
- Connect to the other parks/trails
- Bird watching
- Camping
- Hiking/walking
- Picnic area
- Bike trail
- Learning center
- Quiet area
- Snow shoe
- Cross country ski
- Horseback riding
- Hunting
- ATV/snow mobile
- Parking
- Garbage
- Security gates
- Trail markers
- Pavilion
- Historical interpretive signs
- Porta potty
- Picnic tables
- Boat launch
- Handicap access
- Trails for bikes
- Trails for ATV/snowmobile
- Trails for hiking
- Erosion control

TABLE 4

How do we feel about the site and attributes

- Having grown up in the area – many memories of time spent on the river
- Beauty of area is spectacular
- Closeness of site to community residents
- Adjacent to industrial park and park would be attractive to lure tenants to park
- Concerned about public access to area through private areas
- Site is difficult to access – may be benefit?
- Public opinion about 2 areas vs. 1 (upper site only)
 - May be important to measure
- Area beauty may be threatened by over use

Constraints of the project

- Depth of digging?
- Drive across site?
- Difference of opinion amongst residents of what is wanted
- Creation of multi-use park can create additional action (i.e., enforcement_
- Variable river flow may limit activities
- Adjacent land ownership may create difficulties
- Residents of Rogers Rd. may not desire public access across private road.
- Must find way to link 2 areas to avoid having 2 separate parks
- 2 separate parks might create benefits to varies users
- Campfires ok?
- Usage unknown – better to start with upper area and grow?

Recreational activities

- Hiking/meadow walks
- Fishing
- Boating/tubing
- Bird watching
- History/education tours of area
- Artist community
- Wildflowers
- Butterflies/Karner blue
- Frisbee
- Cross country ski/snowshoeing
- Bike path
- Environmental education
- Overnight camping (Boy Scouts, boaters)

What recreational facilities are needed to complement the planned activities

- Boat access for small crafts/docks?
- Regional trail connection
- Connection to adjacent hiking ATV area
- Way to connect 2 areas with hiking trail
- Parking areas for park users
- Canoe access
- Rest rooms
- Sitting areas/shelters
- Fire pits
- Camping sites
- Shuttle?
- Handicap accessible?
- Wildlife enhancements
- Bird boxes
- Astronomy viewing
- Trash cans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOLLOWING MEETING

We would not use the land because of the potential health risks. We would not take our grandchildren there because of the high risk of cancers associated with contaminants. There are numerous cases of cancers of people who have lived near the PCB sites.

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