

A workshop was held by the Town Board of the Town of Moreau on May 12, 2015 in the Town of Moreau Municipal Building, 351 Reynolds Road, Moreau, New York, for the purpose of hearing a Master Plan Final Presentation from the LA Group on the proposed Riverfront Park.

Supervisor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Town Board Members Present

Bob Prendergast	Councilman
Gina LeClair	Councilwoman
Todd Kusnierz	Councilman
Robert J. Vittengl, Jr.	Councilman
Preston L. Jenkins, Jr.	Supervisor

Town Board Members Absent

None

Also Present: Leeann McCabe, Town Clerk; Jim Martin, LA Group; Reed Antis and Sue Pierce

Jim Martin, Project Manager, from the LA Group introduced himself and handed out a packet of the presentation material and proceeded through the steps of the process that were outlined in the packet. The presentation started with the Master Planning Process and explained the steps that have taken place to get to this point and that it took some time to determine land ownership for portions of the proposed park. There was a workshop held in June of 2011 that the public was able to give input. Mr. Martin stated that they tried to be responsive to the feedback they obtained.

The project will be centrally located within the Town. Situated to the east of Sisson and Fort Edward Roads and west of the Hudson River with approximately 206 acres and approximately 3,519 linear feet of shoreline. The plan has three phases starting at the northern end of the park on Town property. Phase one can stand alone as a park without completing phases two and three. The site-wide trail system could be used for hiking, walking, jogging, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, picnicking, canoe/kayak access, fishing access, and wildlife observation.

Phase one would start at the trail head on Farnan Road with split-rail wood fencing surround and a kiosk with park information. Parking to accommodate approximately nine cars, with overflow parking possible. Stone dust trails to the existing gravel access road. There would be minor upgrade and upkeep of the existing gravel access road to serve as a trail link to the remnant site. There would be approximately 2100 linear feet of trails.

Phase two would be developed south from phase one to run along the woodland edge with an overlook where the pathway exits the woodland. The plan is to utilize the existing roadway over National Grid property to access and connect to remnant site 4 and to use the existing path over NYS property to develop a river edge trail from the concrete pad to access and connect to remnant site 4. Phase two would include a multi-use shelter, an open lawn picnic area and a small craft access point. Interpretive information explaining the cleanup of the river.

Phase three would have trail head parking off of Birch Drive on Archeological Conservancy property and would match phase one with split-rail wood fencing and a kiosk. The trail would be developed along the west edge of Conservancy property to a point of intersection with the National Grid transmission corridor. Phase three would be to develop a trail network around remnant site 4 with wayside exhibits for waterfall, remnant site, river and upland ecology and up to two pedestrian bridges allowing trail connections around remnant site two.

The budget for Phase one would be approximately \$285,193.00. Grant funding through the NYS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is possible. This would cover 50% of the project. Phase two is estimated at \$386,534.00 and Phase three estimated at \$717,121.00.

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The next step to implementation would be to begin with Phase one. Discuss and commit a local matching share and then prepare and submit an application to the Consolidated Funding. Upon notification of funding awards, the Town would undertake solicitation of services for design and construction of Phase one.

Mr. Martin asked if there were any questions. Supervisor Jenkins asked if the government has \$7,000,000 in Water Front Grants and Mr. Martin replied yes.

Mr. Martin stated that this has been a great project, a nice setting and great people to work with.

Supervisor Jenkins thanked him for his time.

A motion was made by Councilman Vittengl and seconded by Councilwoman LeClair to close the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Councilwoman LeClair	Yes
Councilman Kusnierz	Yes
Councilman Vittengl	Yes
Councilman Prendergast	Yes
Supervisor Jenkins	Yes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leeann McCabe
Town Clerk