

City of Binghamton

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Update

Public Meeting 1

October 15, 2018

Please sign in!



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Planning, Housing &
Community
Development**



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Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture,
Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C.



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Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions
2. What is an LWRP?
3. Project background
4. Review opportunities & constraints
5. Opportunities for public input
6. Q&A, wrap up

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1. Introductions

Project team

City of Binghamton staff:



**Department of
Planning, Housing &
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Development**

Project sponsor:



Consultants:



**Environmental Design
& Research, DPC (EDR)**



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1. Introductions

Waterfront Advisory Committee

Nicholas Corcoran

Joseph DeAngelo

Paul O'Brien

John Chanecka

Mario DiFulvio

Arthur Ospelt

Maura Cahill



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2. NYS LWRP

What is an LWRP? (generally)



*"... a locally prepared land and water use plan
for a community's developed, natural, public, and
working waterfronts."*

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2. NYS LWRP

What is an LWRP? (generally)

- Examples of land and water uses:
 - Park space or other public easements
 - Fishing or boating access
 - Residential, commercial, or mixed uses along the “waterfront”
- Examples of public policies:
 - “Protect and improve water quality and supply in the waterfront area”
 - Prohibit direct or indirect discharges which would cause or contribute to contravention of water quality standards
 - Manage land use activities and use best management practices to minimize nonpoint pollution of waterfront areas

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2. NYS LWRP

What is an LWRP? (generally)

- Examples of priority projects:
 - Improvements to public right-of-way
 - Property acquisition
 - Predevelopment activities (e.g., marketing, environmental assessments)
 - Design and development of trails or other amenities
- Examples of local laws:
 - Consistency review law
 - Revisions to zoning regulations
 - Revisions to stormwater management regulations

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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- Eight goals adopted in 2005:
 - 1) Establishing mixed-use waterfront facilities and programming that make the optimal use of the City's waterfront
 - 2) Increasing public access to the City's waterfront, both physically and visually, and encourage connections between the waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods, businesses and nearby attractions
 - 3) Providing programs, activities and facilities in the waterfront area that will instill feelings of community pride and encourages community involvement
 - 4) Striving for sustainable and feasible economic development that will have the greatest economic and social impacts on the City of Binghamton

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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- Eight goals adopted in 2005 (continued):
 - 5) Establishing and sustaining long-term partnerships with neighboring communities and local organizations for the development and on-going maintenance of the waterfront
 - 6) Attracting more visitors, both locally and regionally, to the City of Binghamton
 - 7) Providing a natural, living educational resource for the community
 - 8) Protecting and enhancing environmental resources along the waterfront

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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- Developed waterfronts:
 - Land use and development
 - Abandoned sites and buildings
 - Historic resources
 - Scenic resources



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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- Natural waterfronts:
 - Flooding and erosion hazards
 - Preserving and improving water quality
 - Protecting and restoring habitats



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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- Public waterfronts:
 - Access and use
 - Ownership and management
 - Condition



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3. Project background

What is **this** LWRP?

- “Working” waterfronts
 - Not quite as applicable, as defined, but some aspects may apply...
 - Wastewater plant
 - (*Harbor management, aquaculture, etc.*)



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3. Project background

What is the LWRP update?

- Inventory and analysis
 - Describing changes in existing conditions within the waterfront area since 2005
- LWRP policies
 - Guidance for projects and local laws
- Proposed land and water uses and projects
 - Capital projects, programs, etc.
- Techniques for implementation of the program
 - Local laws/ordinances that support projects and policies
- Other programs affecting the program
 - State and federal programs that may impact the waterfront

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4. Opportunities & constraints

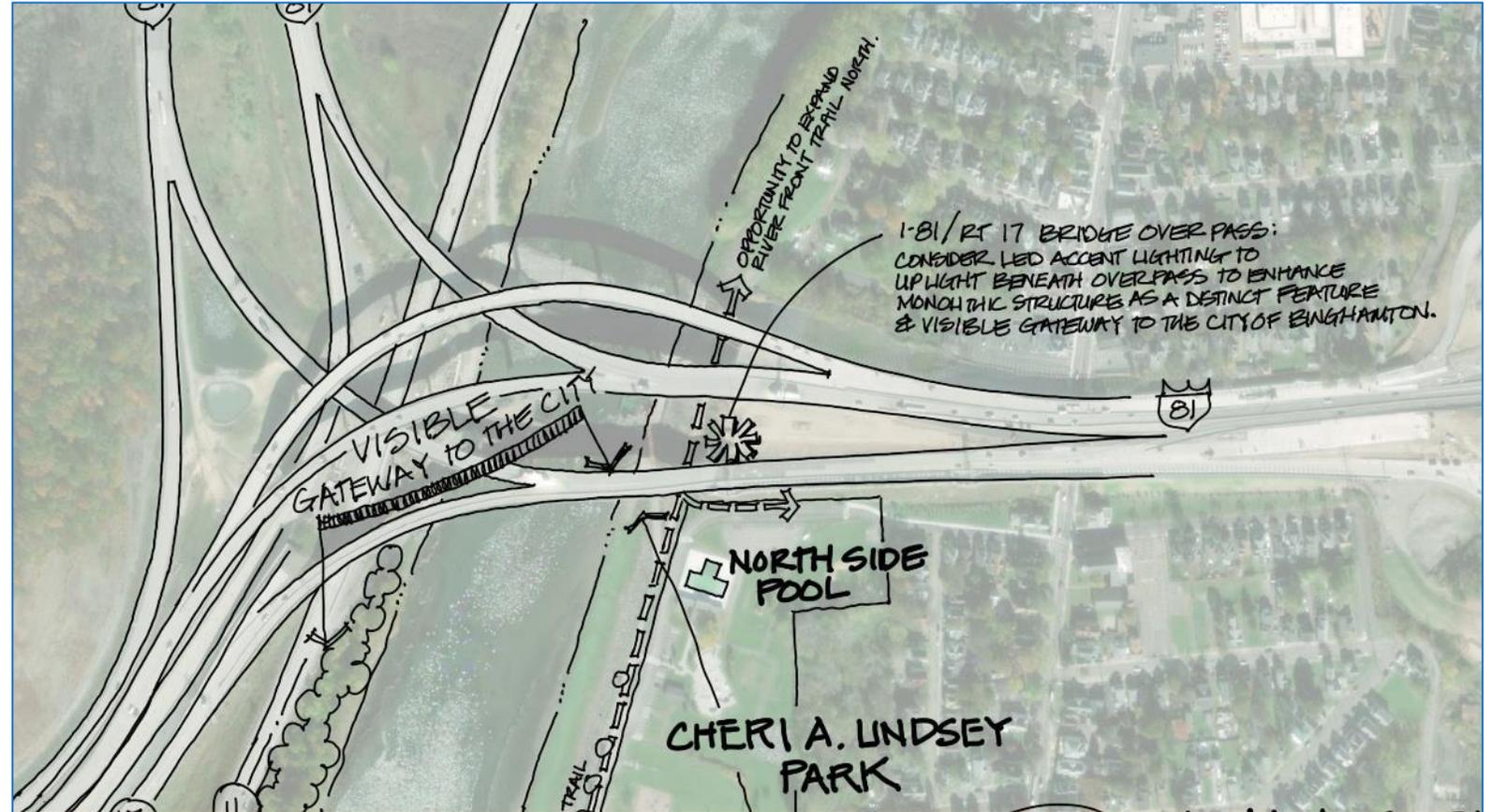
Opportunities & constraints

- Draft maps describing project team's observations
- Opportunities: *what conditions can Binghamton capitalize upon?*
- Constraints: *what obstacles inhibit waterfront access, or otherwise limit the opportunities?*
- Organized into three general areas:
 - Chenango River waterfront, northern section
 - Confluence area, along Chenango and Susquehanna waterfronts
 - Susquehanna River waterfront, eastern section

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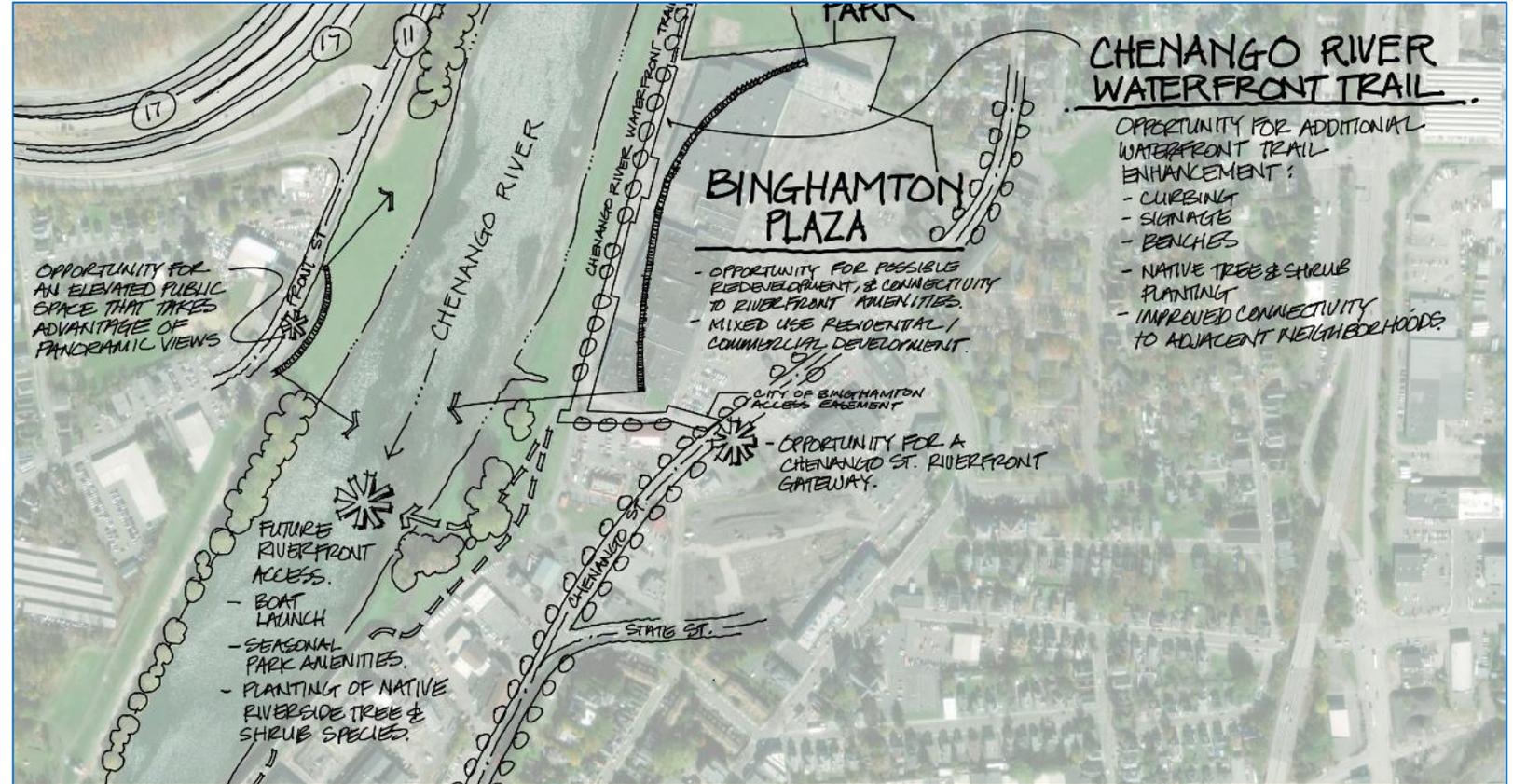
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Chenango River (north)



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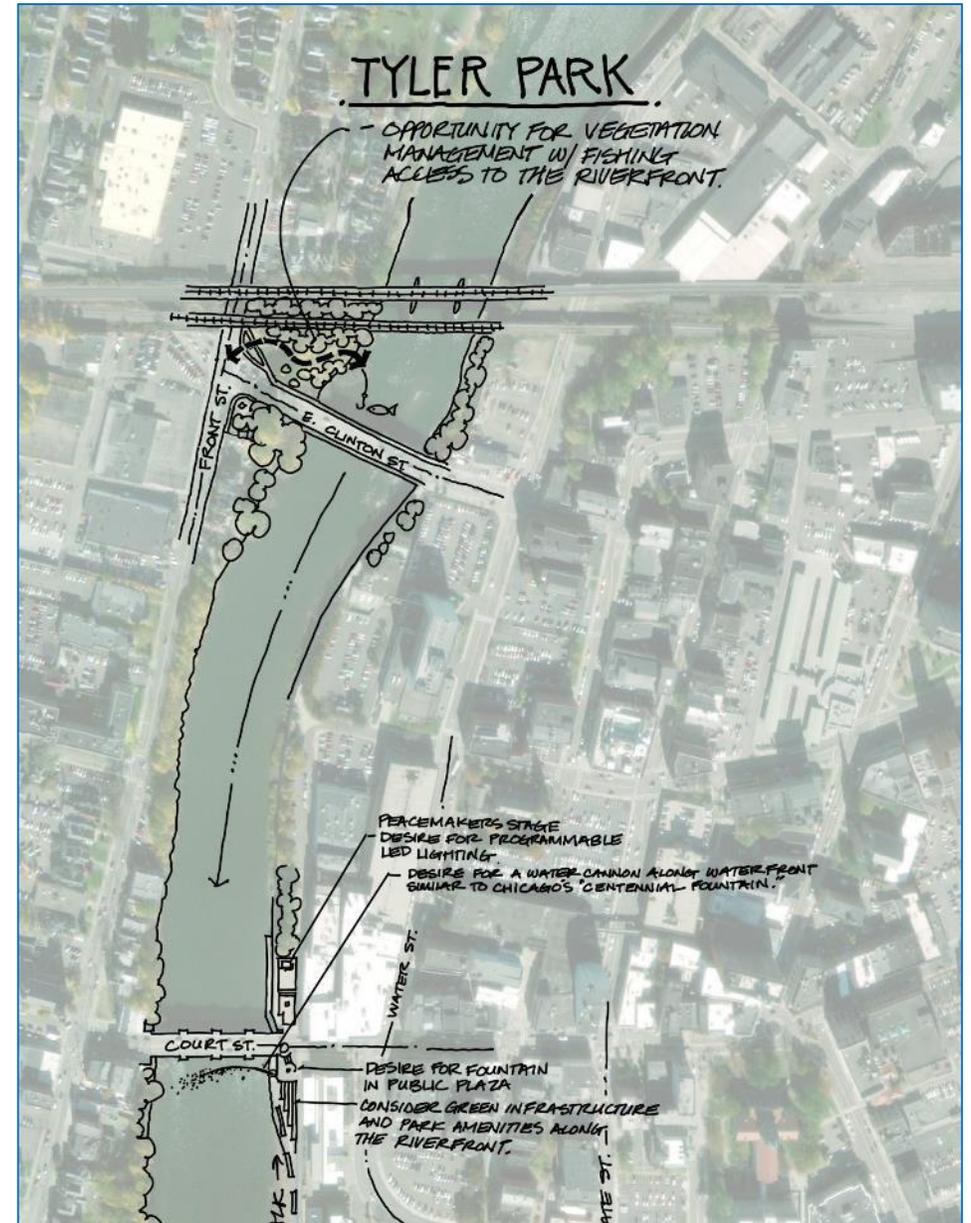
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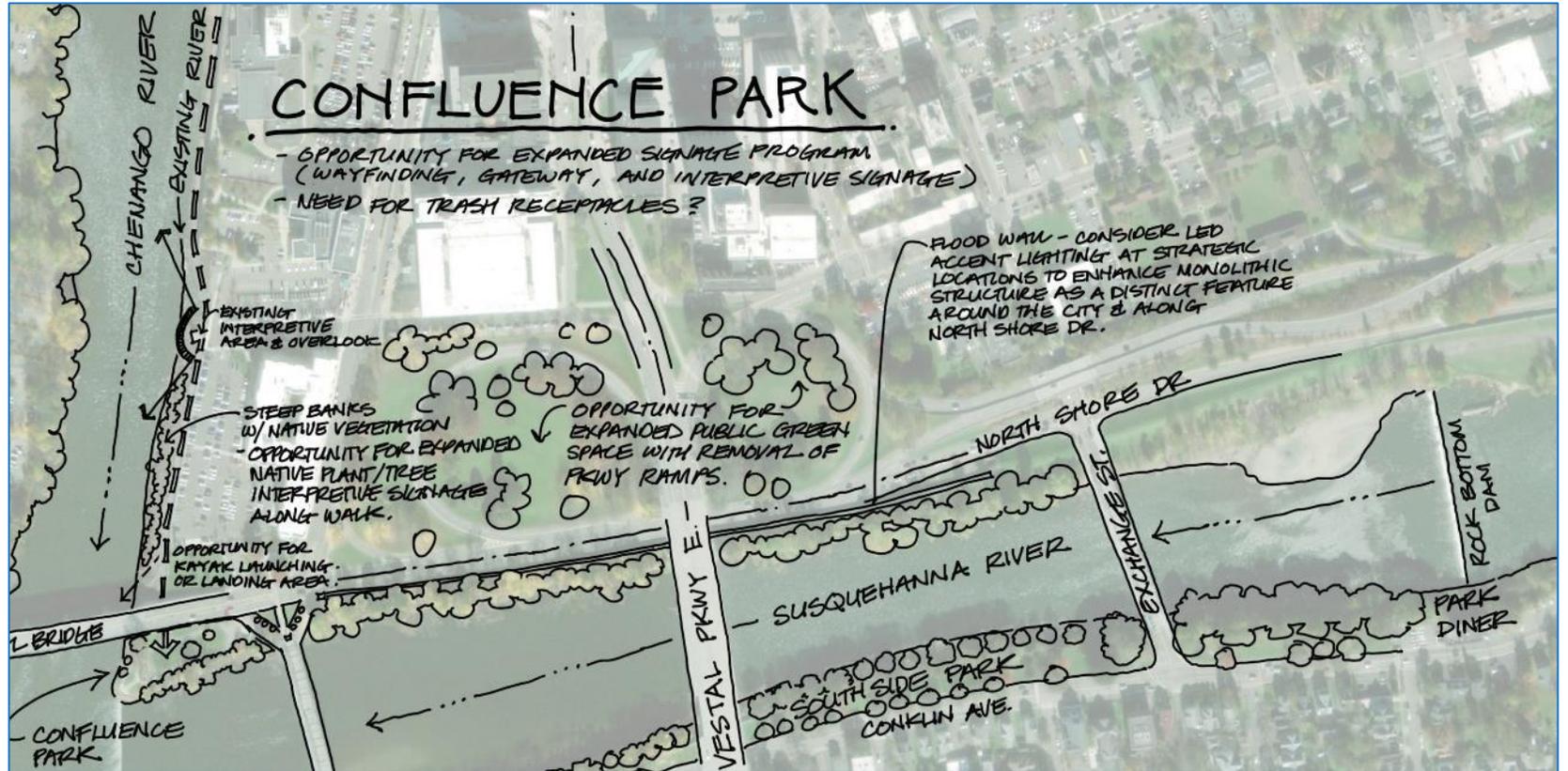
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Confluence area



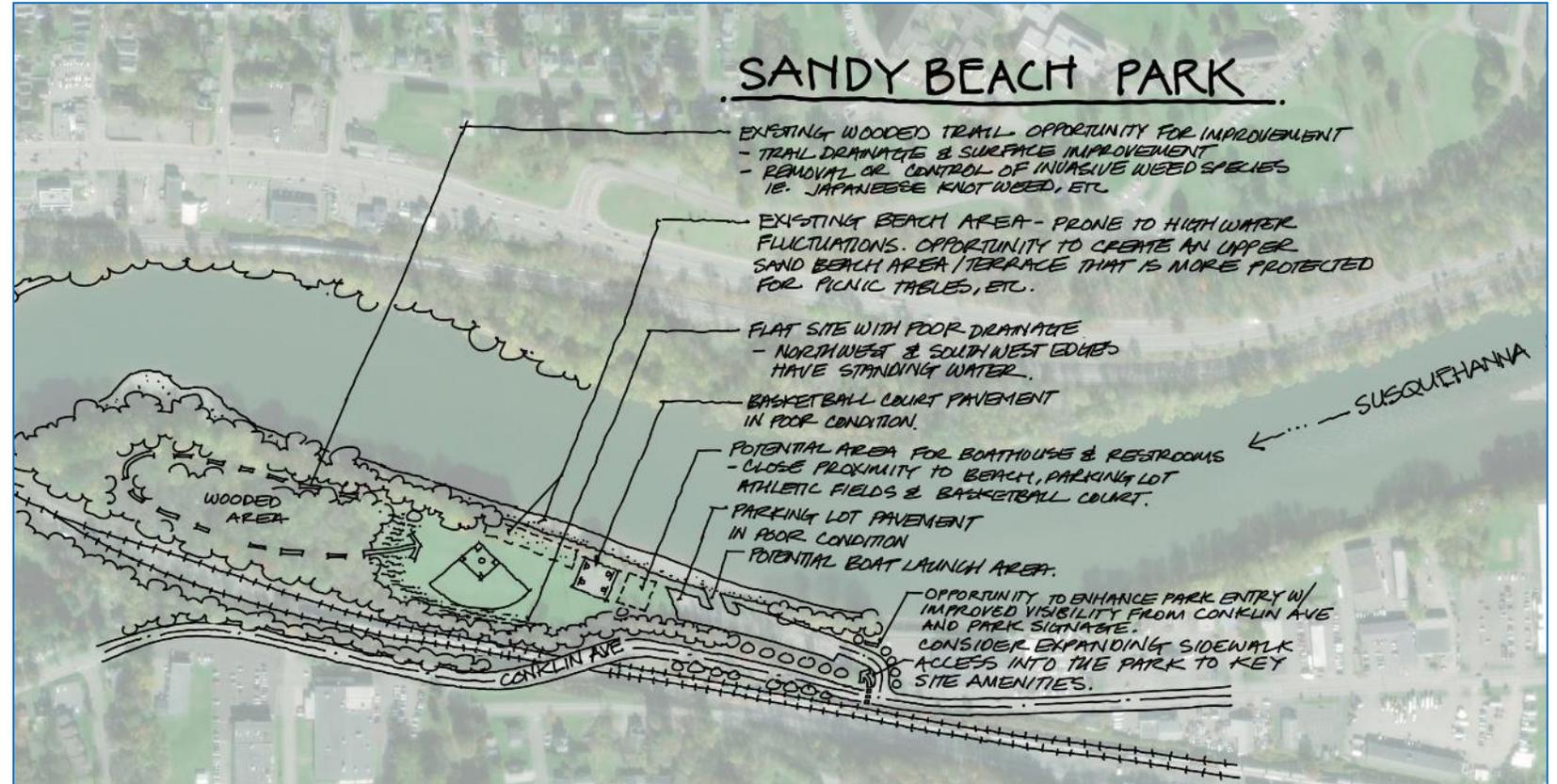
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Susquehanna River (east)

4. Opportunities & constraints



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5. Opportunities for public input

We need your help!

- How does the community perceive its water resources?
- What are the most valued assets and amenities?
- What are the most underutilized assets and amenities?
- What is missing?
- What is our greatest challenge in connecting residents to their water resources... both historic and existing?

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5. Opportunities for public input

How to provide your input

- Waterfront Advisory Committee meetings, open to the public
- Three public informational meetings
 - Project staff on hand
 - Comment cards and engagement activities
- Web survey:
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/52Z9RZH>
 - Paper copies also available
- Stakeholder consultations as necessary

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Questions? Comments?

<http://www.binghamton-ny.gov/departments/planning-housing-community-development/planning/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>

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