

## What's Next?

The Executive Steering Committee is in the process of developing recommended actions for each goal, all in support of the vision. In the Fall of 2015 we expect to meet again with the public in an Open House format, just as we did in February, to share our interpretations of all that we heard from our public outreach and research.

Prior to our Open House we will be sponsoring a series of workshops that will highlight some unique features such as micro-hydro possibilities, historic interpretation and our future with water.

So keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement...we need your continued input to help us develop a plan for the future of the Philmont Waterfront District!

## Keep Helping Us...

Keep posted on progress and updates at [pbinc.org](http://pbinc.org) (look to the left of the screen under *Programs and Projects*, and you'll find us).

If you have ideas, please feel free to share them at the PBI blog:

<http://pbinc.org/community-blogging>



## We NEED you...come participate at these events shaping our future

<b>Linking Past &amp; Future: Historic Interpretation-</b> Matthew Kierstead, Milestone Heritage Consulting	3:00-5:00	Village Hall	Oct. 17
<b>Philmont's Micro-Hydro Possibilities</b> William Fay, Hydropower Consulting Spe- cialists, LLC	3:00-5:00	Village Hall	Oct. 24
<b>Repowering Philmont's Future with Water</b> Jeff Anzevino, AICP Scenic Hudson	3:00-5:00	Village Hall	Nov. 7
<b>Open House</b>	11:00-7:00	Village Hall	Nov. 18



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*"Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does."*

- Margaret Atwood

## SHARED FUTURE

COLLABORATION



FALL 2015

Waterfront District  
Update

Keep the  
Momentum  
Going

Community driven

Philmont Waterfront District



## What is this About?

The Village of Philmont, in cooperation with Philmont Beautification, Inc. applied for State funding through the Brownfield Opportunity Areas program. In 2012, the Village was awarded a grant to examine the redevelopment potential for the waterfront and vacant mills. The net result of the project will be a strategic plan that will help create jobs, support environmental remediation, revitalize the Village as a whole, and expand the tax base that has been adversely affected by vacant industrial sites.

## Where Are We In the Process?

Since the Fall of 2014 the Committee and its consultant team, led by Elan Planning & Design, have had twelve meetings, met with dozens of residents and business owners, and held a community-wide Open House. Based on this input, a draft Vision and set of Goals have been crafted. A survey of the Summit Reservoir/Lake has also been completed and a focused economic analysis is helping guide thoughts regarding economic opportunities. Currently the Committee is defining plan recommendations to support the overall vision and goals with the expected completion this fall.

## Draft Vision

The Philmont Waterfront District is an area of historic innovation that connects natural beauty, diversity and an entrepreneurial spirit. It is a place that fosters collaboration and partnerships for people to pursue healthy and active lives; a place that celebrates history, personal growth, and connection to our land and water resources, all with an eye to the future.

## Draft Goals

### Historic & Cultural Resources

- Recognize the Waterfront District's unique role in the founding of Philmont as an innovative and dynamic mill village.
- Preserve and enhance the historic spaces and places of the Waterfront District.
- Strengthen existing cultural resources to stimulate social and economic collaboration.

### Nature & Recreation

- Enhance opportunities to connect the Waterfront District with surrounding natural resources and neighboring communities.
- Manage the waterfront and natural areas to stimulate sustainable economic development and enhance healthy living.
- Prepare for extreme weather events by increasing the resilience of Philmont's waterfront and landscapes.

### Housing & Neighborhood Development

- Create a Waterfront District that will enhance the existing objectives of the Mill District.
- Create sustainable land use tools to manage housing growth and neighborhood development.
- Invest in neighborhood infrastructure to foster positive social interaction and opportunities for healthy, active living.
- Support efforts to conserve and improve the Village's historic housing stock.

### Business & Economic Development

- Recognize, promote and support local production systems, including initiatives for conserving surrounding farmland and natural resources.
- Explore ways to leverage Philmont's water resources for environmentally sustainable economic development.
- Identify strategies to encourage collaborations and entrepreneurship to support a dynamic local economy with entrepreneurial spirit.
- Promote community revitalization that restores economic vitality while conserving natural and historic resources.
- Create a community-informed revitalization plan centered on the Summit Reservoir area, starting with selected sites including potential brownfields, to stimulate public interest and promote economic development in the Village of Philmont and surrounding areas.

