



Bolton Landing Hamlet Sustainability Plan

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

When: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Bolton Town Hall

For: The Bolton Community

PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON BOLTON LANDING IMPROVEMENTS

The Town of Bolton has completed the final phase of the Hamlet Sustainability Plan and invites the public to a presentation of the draft concepts and a vision for the community. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bolton Town Hall. A formal presentation of the master plan is scheduled for 7:20 p.m. and will be followed by an exchange of comments and questions. Attendees will be encouraged to come at 7:00 p.m. to review the draft drawings.

The Town of Bolton was awarded a Smart Growth Grant from the Environmental Protection Fund in 2008 to prepare a comprehensive master plan for Bolton Landing. The development plan and associated projects are intended to provide a detailed blueprint that provides the tools for Bolton Landing to grow in an economically sustainable manner and in harmony with the special conditions of the Adirondack Park.

The master plan focuses on improving the long-term function and efficiency of land use, parking, streetscape, underutilized buildings and spaces, pedestrian circulation and linkages, infrastructure, visual quality, and the condition and operation of public parks. The study area is generally the geographic area along Route 9N between Bixby Beach Road and the Darrin Freshwater Institute. The main objective of the project is to retain and improve the economic vitality that the community presently experiences. The Town understands the important relationship between the appearance and condition of the downtown and retaining the long-term tourism base. Visitors have an ever changing and increasing set of expectations and, at the same time, there are increasing competing venues where visitors can spend their dollars. The community's approach is strategic and forward thinking, and will play a major role in sustaining the local economy.

The format for the event is to introduce the public to the project through the various draft concepts and drawings for Rogers Memorial Park and Town Pier, the Lake Shore Drive Streetscape, Veteran's Memorial Park, and Norowal Marina. A public workshop conducted last fall and open house this spring shaped the vision for the Hamlet. Members of the advisory committee and the design team will be available for review and comment following the presentation. For those unable to attend the meeting, you may follow the progress of the Bolton Landing Hamlet Sustainability Plan through the Town's website: <http://town.bolton.ny.us>.

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BOLTON LANDING, WARREN COUNTY, NY



Definition of Sustainable Development:

“ the art and science of planning, financing, regulating, designing, managing, constructing and marketing the conversion of land to other uses through team-oriented, multi-disciplinary approaches which balance the needs of the people, planet and profit - for today, and future generations” .

(Sustainable Land Development Today).

MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR ROGERS AND VETERAN’S PARKS

Rogers Memorial Park

Rogers Memorial Park and the Town Pier together represent the centerpiece of the Hamlet and pride and joy of Bolton residents. It is also a critical point for visitors to discover the beauty of the lake, and the downtown retail and restaurant environment. A new master plan for the park will allow the Town to take a comprehensive approach to the design and function of the park and to meet the changing recreational needs of the community. The primary improvements recommended in the Master Plan are presented below.

- Expanded streetscape plaza with interpretive signage, benches, pedestrian scale ornamental lighting, and decorative pavement treatments.
- Create a park entrance plaza with centralized focal feature (sculpture or water feature) and formal public gathering space (farmers market, craft shows, etc.).
- Develop an overlook plaza with a strong visual connection to Lake George waterfront.
- Rehabilitate the existing basketball court.
- Build an amphitheater with multi-use performance shelter.
- Expand picnic and children’s play area and relocate tennis courts to Veteran’s Memorial Park.
- Construct new restroom facility as addition to existing pump station.
- Reconstruct the Town Pier, expand town dock slips, add new multi-use shelter and mitigate stormwater.
- Create a seamless campus setting by integrating the Bolton History Museum and Bolton Free Library into the pedestrian network.
- Formalize/strengthen pedestrian connections and bury existing overhead utilities.

Veteran's Memorial Park

Veteran’s Memorial Park is Bolton’s main park for active recreation. While the present parking capacity and configuration appears to be adequate to meet all season community needs, the form and function of the park needs improvement. The park primarily serves families and therefore needs to be conducive to ample areas of open green space for games and leisure.

- Remove existing basketball court and construct new tennis court facility (4) tennis courts with fenced enclosure.
- Relocate arts and craft building as addition to concession and restroom.
- Relocate Veterans Monument and Flag to serve as a central focal feature, provide formalized public gathering space, and benches and pedestrian scale ornamental lighting.
- Improve Veterans Park Entrance Drive and parking area.
- Relocate new children’s playground near the beach.