

NOTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2018, MEETING OF THE PUTNAM VALLEY COMMISSION FOR
CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT NRI WORKING GROUP

In Attendance: Glenn Sapir, PVCCE Working Group Chair, Wendy Whetsel, Town Board Liaison to CCE, Eileen Reilly, CCE NRI Working Group member, Pat Grove, Community Volunteer to CCE CRI Working Group, and Mike Usai, CCE NRI Working Group member. Also in attendance: Ingrid Haeckel and Nate Nardi-Cyrus (both from the DEC Estuary Program) and Karen Doyle from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust

The meeting began about 5:05 p.m. at the Putnam Valley Library.

Ingrid Haeckel introduced Nate Nardi-Cyrus, formerly of Scenic Hudson, as a new member of the DEC Estuary team. He will be working alongside Ingrid on our NRI project.

Karen reviewed the NRI Project timeline, noting that she made two updates to the timeline: Sept. 15 is due date for CCE draft reports to accompany maps; and the final scenic and historic maps will be completed by Sept. 30. Map data on remaining second draft of NRI maps is due to the cartographer by July 31. A special presentation to the town board and various town planning commissions (zoning board and planning board) is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24. (Since this July 17 meeting, Wendy confirmed with Karen that the town supervisor accepted Oct. 24 for the special meeting with the town boards.) Karen referenced the 6-page hand-out provided by DEC at the last meeting (June 26) entitled "Information Sources for Report Descriptions" to remind the group members that the information sources cited there should be used in the preparation of the map reports. This hand-out also includes citations to data tables that should be included with the reports accompanying relevant maps.

Wendy asked Pat to take another look at the Historical Map that Pat has begun creating in preparation for the GIS Consultant. She wished to make sure that all the requested (approx. 100) sites are marked. Wendy gave Pat an updated list of properties to be marked with dots on the map. Pat and Wendy confirmed they would send historic/cultural data to Karen by July 20 to forward to GIS Consultant.

Karen reported that our two public NRI informational meetings/scenic mapping activity workshops produced some 64 scenic highlights to be considered for our Scenic Resources map. Karen asked that we drum up activity for the online map linked at HHLT.org. Data must be in by end of July. Glenn was asked to contact Glen Baisley, the town webmaster, to see if we can get a notice and the link to the map on the town's home page.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing the latest maps. We reviewed comments of working group members who reviewed the maps prior to the meeting and addressed comments made at the meeting. Glenn was asked to follow up to determine access and permitted recreational activities on the two segments of the Scout reservation. (Note: Glenn requested that information by email to the reservation ranger, Keith Wiggins, on 7/19.)

Ingrid suggested that the DEC Hudson Valley Natural Resources Mapper mapping aid be linked to the Conservation and Public Lands and Recreation Resources map in the report accompanying the map.

Glenn reminded the gathering that the next meeting of the NRI working group will be on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 5 p.m. at the library.

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn Sapir