



Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Summer 2021 Public Survey Outcomes

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Outcomes of the LWRP survey are enclosed including:

- Charts and Summary Analysis
- Full written comments and responses to open-ended questions
- Questions and Images from the survey for reference

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LWRP Public Survey Introduction



The **Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)** presents a vision for Albany's waterfront and specific projects to achieve it based on the wants and needs of the community. Policies embedded in the LWRP encourage public access to the waterfront, natural resources protections, and economic development. The LWRP gives Albany more control over its waterfront and access to specific NYS funding and support. The LWRP considers the entire riverfront area within the NYS coastal boundary as shown on the map below.

This survey gathered public input on the vision for Albany's four waterfront areas to inform the update of Albany's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). The update builds on existing plans and studies such as the city's comprehensive plan, downtown revitalization initiative, bike and pedestrian master plan, and shoreline stabilization study, including public input received through these efforts. The survey questions were divided by sub-area: overall waterfront, Downtown, South End, North Broadway, and Port. The survey was designed to continue the conversation on how Albany's waterfront can contribute to overarching community development goals.

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Survey Respondents



Total Respondents = 117	
Albany resident	71
Work in Albany	55
Property owner in City	50
Business owner in City	6

How else would you describe yourself? *38 respondents answered this question, actual totals likely higher for all	Total #
Parent	13
Frequent visitor/user of City (4) incl. Bicyclist (4), Pedestrian or runner (4), rower (1)	13
<u>Professional</u> : Business Person, Attorney, Education Manager at Albany Museum, Environmental Scientist, Artist/Musician, Work for City, non-profit, professor, works remotely from Albany (for Chicago firm), state govt,	12
Retiree (from state, education, other)	11
Native or longtime resident	7
Active in Community	7
South End resident	3
Former Albany employee and/or resident	3
Area resident (outside Albany)	3
Black / African American	2
Downtown resident	2
U Albany Student	2
Returned Millennial	1
Renter	1
Transplant	1

Do you have a particular connection to the waterfront area? (e.g. resident, monthly visitor, property owner, etc)
 (56 respondents) Responses 1 to 20



Just think it is a true asset to our city and community. I want to see the most made of this beautiful natural resource.
I ride/walk/run the trail on a regular. would spend more time hanging there if it was accessible
My personal connection with the riverfront is fishing and biking!!! but I love the water.
Utilize the bike paths
Runner
Live close
I live near the north Broadway waterfront and visit all areas frequently by walking or cycling.
No
Chair of USS Slater and regular biker along the river
I walk and bike along the waterfront with my family.
visit monthly or more often, now usually to walk, bike or kayak Thank you for asking for input!
boat docks and bike trail.
No
resident and visitor, recreate along waterfront, visit businesses in the downtown area.
Visit at least weekly during walks from work.
I am a rower and house a rowing shell in the City's boatshed. I also work at the Port. My entire day is spent along the river. I have a very vested interest in it's growth and promotion. Thank you for doing this study.
I am a kayaker.
resident and property owner.
Weekly recreational use, work downtown, attend events, patronize businesses, visit farmers markets.
I have a vested interest in the city and the waterfront. I am a life long resident and home owner. I live, work and play in the area. I do visit the waterfront frequently.

Do you have a particular connection to the waterfront area? (e.g. resident, monthly visitor, property owner, etc)
 (56 respondents) Responses 21 to 34



resident visitor
Visitor
Employee of waterfront area business.
I enjoy all non-motorized water sports with boats and want to see the waterfront preserved while using it for appropriate development
not now. I was very involved in the late 1990's
Port Board member
No
Regular visitor
I love waterfronts and I think Albany's has a lot of potential!
Walk to the river daily from Center Square. Eat at downtown and warehouse district bars and restaurants
I have bicycled on the Corning bike path ever since I discovered it in 1980. Then, when I got a lot older, I bought a canoe and started putting in at the boat launch. By the time I first put a canoe in the Hudson, I had been regularly biking the bike path for 25 years. But, just being in the water in a canoe a few feet from the bike path - it was a different world. A completely different world! It was being in that canoe on the water that made me realize how wonderful the Hudson River is and how disconnected we are from the River. My husband and I have put our little boats in many different places along the Hudson. At the beginning of the season, we always put in at the Corning Preserve boat launch first. And, we usually paddle down the west side of the River, possibly even making it as far as the Normanskill. We see the disgusting sewage spewing from the Big C pipe. We see the deteriorating concrete walls that were built to contain the shore. We have paddled into those two little ponds by the amphitheater (and boy those sometimes stink!). We have seen dead fish and garbage in the water*. And we have wondered why there are doors in the walls of the highway. But, we have also seen people fishing, the beauty of the water, the sky, the skyline of the city, eagles, herons, and we just love being out in the sun on the water. We are going again this coming weekend! *(We need to clean the damn river!)
Visitor
Property owner who regularly visits it for walking and biking. Want more of it!
I used to cycle regularly on the Corning bike path. It will be wonderful to see the bike path network expanded to encourage more biking in the city.

Do you have a particular connection to the waterfront area? (e.g. resident, monthly visitor, property owner, etc)
 (56 respondents) Responses 35 to 56



No connection to the waterfront area. Many cities that are on a river or lake take advantage of the water way. San Antonio river walk, Boston has many attractions , Burlington VT has great attractions not only by the water but in the downtown area as well.
I love kayaking and bring near the river
I spend time by the waterfront, and often lament the lack of care I see there (and of course, lament the highways!)
No
Resident
I like water, and I work near there.
Resident
I don't have a particular connection but I know that i've always wanted to live near an active waterfront and enjoyed walking by the Hudson in North Jersey and by the Potomac in DC. Boat markets, kayaking, visual art, and music are some of the highlights of what i've loved about other waterfronts in the country and the world that i've been to. I hope some of that makes it to Albany!
Admirer
Weekly visitor.
Resident of Mount Hope.
My workplace is on the waterfront.
Daily visitor
no
former resident, current visitor
Visitor
No
Visitor
Regular waterfront visitor and wish it could grow into something even more vibrant than it already is.
I am apart of the Albany Riverfront Collective
Resident and Visitor

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

74 respondents



LWRP Draft Vision:

"Albany's waterfront is a defining community, recreational, environmental, and economic asset for the city that reflects the area's long history and diverse natural, cultural, institutional, and human resources including its Native and African American heritage, and serves as a model for sustainable revitalization and urban livability. Development and land use along the Hudson River and its tributaries promote a balanced approach to quality of life, economic opportunity, social equity, and environmental stewardship that is locally driven, and benefits all residents."

Vision Sub-components

1. Active and Well-utilized Waterfront
2. Well-connected Waterfront
3. Accessible and Inclusive Waterfront
4. Sustainable and Resilient Waterfront
5. Clean and Healthy Waterfront
6. Modern Port

SUMMARY of REPEAT RESPONSES (5 or more)

Total #	Positive responses
56	Yes
14	esp like inclusivity, cultural history, equity aspects
10	esp like well connected / accessible aspects
7	esp like sustainability aspects
6	Too vague

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

Full comments, responses 1 – 17 of 74



It's very...long. Much too long. Vision statements should be concise and easily conveyed. In short, clearly there's a need for preservation, need to support current resident activities, and support a viable and sustainable future.

Yes

I love the Vision! It's Diversity, Inclusions of all, and it's economic opportunity for everyone....It's a win, win opportunity for everyone.

Yes

Yes. It's inclusive.

I feel like modern port makes me think of added pollution

Yes. Making the waterfront accessible to pedestrians and cyclists is crucial.

Yes, I especially like the focus on accessibility and emphasis on its cultural history.

I like the vision but I would also add a safety component because the current waterfront park is not always considered a safe place to be.

Like

Point 1 is broad and questionable: what does it mean for the waterfront to be well-utilized, and by whom? Residents? It is unclear to me what a "Modern Port" consists of. The Hudson is sufficiently polluted, so I would appreciate further clarity on that point. I appreciate the emphasis on Accessible, Inclusive, and Sustainable.

Yes, touches on equity, sustainability, recreational uses, and it's urban nature.

too vague - should provide more specifics, such as what "clean and healthy" or "Well-connected" means.

we like everything (visions) EXCEPT the downtown section

No, the vision sounds like a verbose political speech and fails to address the elephant in the room. Albany's downtown waterfront area will never reach its full potential as long as it remains cut off from the rest of the city by 787. Don't waste all this time, effort and money putting lipstick on a pig. Save up the pennies and plan for something that will help transform Albany into a world class city. Whatever you are proposing now will end up deteriorated and underutilized in 20 years (see: Hudson River Way pedestrian bridge) How about dropping 787 into a half mile tunnel from around Hwy 5 to Orange St.? There's potential to add 600+ acres of open space for recreational and commercial activity. Wow, now that's a vision!

Yes. I would like to see the waterfront more accessible and conveniently useable by Albany residents and visitors.

All good. Reference to the waterfront as a means of education regarding its natural, cultural, and historic importance and meaning would be a plus.

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

Full comments, responses 18 – 33 of 74



I like it. It is very holistic and covers many of the most pressing topics of the time- equity, environment, and quality of life. My only addition would be to acknowledge climate change with the intention to develop/redevelop the waterfront in a way that is both adaptable as well as conscious of greenhouse gas emissions (aim to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, move to renewables, etc.)

Missing words "residential opportunities." Using some riverfront space for apartments or condos could help grow the city.

Good

Sure

Yes

Yes. I like that it emphasizes that Albany is a city and that it needs to be a livable one. We don't need a nature preserve; we need a city park with attractions, amenities, and access.

Absolutely. The waterfront should be the biggest draw to residents and tourists alike. It should be treated as such.

Yes. I think the waterfront has a lot to offer the residents and visitors to the Capital Region.

No. It tries to cover everything and so doesn't actually project a vision of anything.

I like it but wish that habitat restoration/preservation and the connection of waterfront activities to water quality protection/ improvement was a little more clearly stated. Over all it hits all of the general concepts of a good vision.

The vision is considering all residents in the thought process - the key words for me are accessible and inclusion so everyone is feels apart of the process. Also by including all residents in Albany's rich history it fosters a sense of community - we all belong to Albany.

Yes, because this will improve the quality of life for residents in sometimes-neglected areas of the city.

Love the vision! I would just add the word immigrants, so the line would read "human resources including immigrant, Native and African American heritage"

yes but why the emphasis on African American other people also live in Albany

Yes, seems comprehensive enough. However there is a lot of stuff here; is it too much for a first go-around?

Yes

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

Full comments, responses 34 – 52 of 74



I have not seen the "Native and African American heritage" noted along the waterfront in Albany.

yes

yes

Our Dutch heritage is not mentioned. Strong economy should be one of the sub-components.

Yes, it is very comprehensive. I'm not sure why "Native and African American heritage" is specifically mentioned - isn't this encompassed by cultural and human resources?

Yes. It's absolutely necessary for the future of Albany as a sustainable community versus a place where people work, and then leave to go to the suburbs.

Why is Native American/African American part of vision? Will these be incorporated into the work?

Ok

Connectivity and proper use of the waterfront is essential to reconnect the city to the Hudson River.

I like your vision. Albany is a river city. A port city. The deep Hudson allows seafaring vessels to sail as far north as Albany. The river should be showcased and utilize better. Thank you for taking efforts to promote the riverfront.

Yes...as long as the stories we tell with the space tell the truth about who we have been and who we are now and the intention for an more equitable way of being together as humans

Yes

Yes

Yes. I appreciate the focus on cultural heritage, access and sustainability

Yes, it seems to cover it all.

Yes, especially accessible, inclusive, and well-utilized.

Yes, I really like the first, third and fifth vision.

It's a well rounded vision that captures what I feel the revitalization should be.

yes

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

Full comments, responses 53 – 68 of 74



Yes, but the question of the 787 looms and would need to be addressed! (It should be torn down!)
Active, well utilized and well connected.
I do. I think the "well-connected" component is most important here. People will not go somewhere inconvenient, regardless of the amenities. Right now, the disconnectedness of the waterfront from the rest of Albany and the difficulty in getting there except by car makes it a trip, and not a worthwhile trip.
The vision needs to be actually implemented.
These are sense-making statements, but they are also so broad it could be meaningless.
I do like this vision as I think waterfronts add such value to cities/towns. It can be a great opportunity residents to benefit from scenery as well as businesses to benefit from the potential customers who will gather along the waterfront- potentially making it an attractive tourist point as well.
Yes
Not really. First sentence encompasses too much - it all kind of runs together and is too wordy. Shorter sentences with each sentence focusing on a specific aspect of the waterfront vision would have more impact and meaning.
Yea albeit vague
All of these sub-components of the vision make sense. What is lacking is a "big picture" vision of Albany's Hudson river waterfront: one that does not include I-787. The city needs to look "beyond 787" and consider reconnecting the communities/areas that it currently separates by replacing it with an at-grade boulevard that will (a) enable South End communities that have been cut off from each other to be reconnected; (b) increase public access to the Hudson River; and (c) create new transportation options that serve pedestrians and bicyclists.
No. Does it really "serve as a model for sustainable revitalization and urban livability"? A model for what?
It's reasonable.
Neutral
Yes, however maybe add in the need to have an interconnected waterfront with the surrounding community including places to go for food/drink etc
I like the vision, but upon reflection I think we need to expressly acknowledge the waterfront's Native American heritage. Troy is currently in a zoning controversy around land that is held as culturally important to the Stockbridge-Munsee band of Mohican Indians. Our vision should include a direct reference to the importance of this heritage and the fact that it needs to be considered as we imagine future land use.
I do- excited to see it come to fruition!

Vision – Do you like the vision? Why or why not?

Full comments, responses 69 – 74 of 74



yes - well-connected, clean, healthy, and accessible are very important.

Would also like to see climate change addressed in the vision.

#4 and #5 should be the highest priority. Everything else then falls into place.

Yes but there needs to be a way to make it connected and maybe inclusive of residences and shopping that connects and improves the existing neighborhoods

I generally like the vision statement. I think it could be stronger by explicitly stating the importance of the many waterfront stakeholders--residents, businesses, at-risk demographic groups, students, tourists, etc.

I agree with the overall vision, but I would like to see a higher focus on quality of life and social equity over economic opportunity where these goals collide.

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?

– South End, Downtown, North Warehouse

Comments 1- 14



A "zoo-quarium" (my coined word), containing wildlife, reptiles, fish, flora and fauna native to NYS. Accompanying educational exhibits, rules and regs. A separate museum showcasing the City of Albany's nautical heritage, fishing and hunting history with historic artifacts, manufacturing heritage (eg. Albany Felt Company), historic brewing companies (Hedricks, Dobler, et al). Ethnic neighborhoods of the past, their historic churches and importance. Architecture of the homes and public buildings and history of these gems, so many still "diamonds in the rough", so many, sadly, demolished. Family stories of the known and unknown!

please do something about the trail location in the section before the railroad bridge, maybe reroute around this area, the craziness with BBQs and people setting up shop ON THE TRAIL with no regard for trail users is dangerous to all.

Public Transportation, Live entertainment, Fishing, Talent shows, renewable energy options (e.g. Ocean, Hydroelectric).

I've been here all my life and travel regularly down Rte 144 and have never even head of Island Creek Park. Do you park on the road and walk there? The South end piece concerns me because while I would love to see economic improvement, I don't know if they would benefit those who most need it.

Scarce resources need to be optimally allocated. Focus at South End should be access to waterfront. The natural environment should be the focal point. North Broadway should become Albany's entertainment/creative zone. Little public investment needed Downtown is where the focus of public amenities should be made.

A distribution of public facilities over the waterfront (i.e. no concentration of all attractions, boating facilities and programming everywhere --> a distribution might encourage everyone to get to know the spaces better and go out a little farther than they might otherwise.)

Easier access to waterfront by boulevarding 787

all of this depends on removing I-787

Local live music and stages. ++++

Keep junkies and homeless people out

Giving people a reason to go to the waterfront, get out of the "city" feel... having them feel safe while doing so is so incredibly important. My family and I LOVE going to eat on the water but our options are going to Coeymans or Troy or even to Berne at this point and yes, we do drive that far to be able to sit by the waterside to eat on nice days. Thriving sporting options along the river are also crucial. This not only opens up the opportunities for kids and adults who live in the North and South end, but also becomes a draw for residents to get them down the shoreline to experience what they may not know exists in their back yards.

Tear down 787! It has to go! I like the idea of kayak rentals!

Improved sanitation; litter removal and Environmental Enforcement Agents to enforce ALL ASPECTS of section 313 of the City Code.

Amy new lighting installed should be dark sky compliant

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?

– South End, Downtown, North Warehouse

Comments 15- 28



The waterfront should contain all the items above for all residents to enjoy as well as some where we (Albanians) are proud to bring tourists or out of town guest.

I don't think all of these things can be put in all the areas, so I think it should be spread out in a logical way. Cincinatti has done a wonderful job of this!

The question about I-787 is confusing, we should get rid of it

have water taxis to go to and from Troy and other locations. designate areas about 20 ft from shores that are primarily non-motorized boats like kayaks and restrict speeds to promote safety encourage non-motorized events like sailing regattas and rowing regattas

Let's go back to the Year 2000 Vision of volunteer citizens building a replica of Fort Orange south of the U-Haul Building on the South End Waterfront. It would be a wonderful step to restore some of Albany's history and to partly compensate for the horrific damage and gross over-scaling of the highway interchange east of Empire State Plaza. Fort Orange was built by hand, and the replica could be done in the same way. Sadly, the idea was squashed by Mayor Jennings and the greed of consulting and construction firms. The original target was completion for the Hudson quadri-centennial in 2009, but let's put the project back on the table!

Economic opportunities fishing rentals playground equipment water feature/splash pad

All sections should have similar access to Hudson and amenities. Area should be a seamless.

The south end - highway exit is trashed- clean this up. It is the first place that many enter Albany and it's an embarrassment.

I think much of this can be accomplished by removing 787 and reconnecting the city's roadways at ground level, per the original plan. This allows for Redlined Neighborhoods to be reconnected to the city, opens up development for this reclaimed land for businesses and parks.

Tear down 787 so that the water front is easier to access. At Island Creek Park, please install a kayak/canoe boat launch. The boat launch at Hudson Park in Selkirk is a great model. We need more places to put in non-motorized boats. These boat launches should be separate from any motorized boat launches.

Art! Art! And more art. Art speaks in ways that cross boundaries and it needs to be part of all of the above.

Allow w citizens and visitors to enjoy the shoreline but stay true to nature as much as possible and whatever is built include plans for environmentally sensitive ways to protect the river and the surrounding area. Be careful of development that excludes citizens and turns over access to private control.

Promote existing amenities downtown. We have excellent but underfunded and under promoted museums and theaters downtown. We don't need new attractions.

Would love to see the waterfront better connected to the rest of the City with safer access to it by bike and walking, especially from Hudson Park/Madison Ave. And more activities available by the river.

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?

– South End, Downtown, North Warehouse

Comments 29- 39



For the South End, the priority should be better connecting it to Downtown. It feels cut off and less walkable due to the highway system, high number of surface parking lots, unused buildings etc.

We need access to the river from all three areas in the survey study. Boats should be able to dock as well have the passengers get off the boat and explore Albany have Bikes available to rent so they can get around and see the sites in Albany. Have events , educational programs , music and seating so people can come down and enjoy the river. Handicap accessible, people with walkers or difficulty getting around so places to rest like benches or seating available. Rest rooms Bryant park in NYC has a clean public bathroom no reason we (Albany) can not.

This is a weird layout for questions. All areas should have equal opportunities as they service different groups living in Albany. Permanent restaurants are not at the top of my list, would prefer food trucks and small vendors.

I would love to see the entire shoreline utilized 787 was poorly planned by those who had any sense of the citizens of the area

Trees and shade are also super important for getting people to an area and allowing them to safely spend time there. Jennings Landing and much of the rail trail are hot in summer. I have had friends (young, fit people) need to stop a walk along the shore due to heat exhaustion. The extensive pavement and 787 exacerbate the heat island and make it feel like a wasteland. Tall shady trees are a must - they can cool temps by over 10 degrees F, look great, and help stabilize the shores of the Hudson, intercept stormwater, and filter pollutants. Win win.

I think businesses downtown will benefit and profit the most if attractions are centered around the downtown waterfront. This may also help find renters for the open business spaces downtown and increase customer traffic with residents and tourists.

All of this sounds great but we need to do more work to clean the river as well.

I stopped responding, it was getting tedious. Is there anyone who WOULDN'T want ANY of those things at ALL the locations listed? This is a push poll.

HOUSING! Preferably publicly owned market-rate housing

Additional support for existing attractions. SLATER & Dutch Apple Cruises (2 of Albany's most popular attractions) would benefit from public transportation stopping near them, picnic tables, food vendors, and the ability of boaters to park their boats and come ashore to enjoy the city.

I would consider adding more information about clean energy options, such as EV/ Electric Bike charging stations. With EV car charging, it would be important to consider parking. This is not an ideal use of waterfront space, as it would be better to get people down the river with other means of public transport, but is an inevitable issue that'll happen with our current transportation situation in Albany

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?

– South End, Downtown, North Warehouse

Comments 40- 42



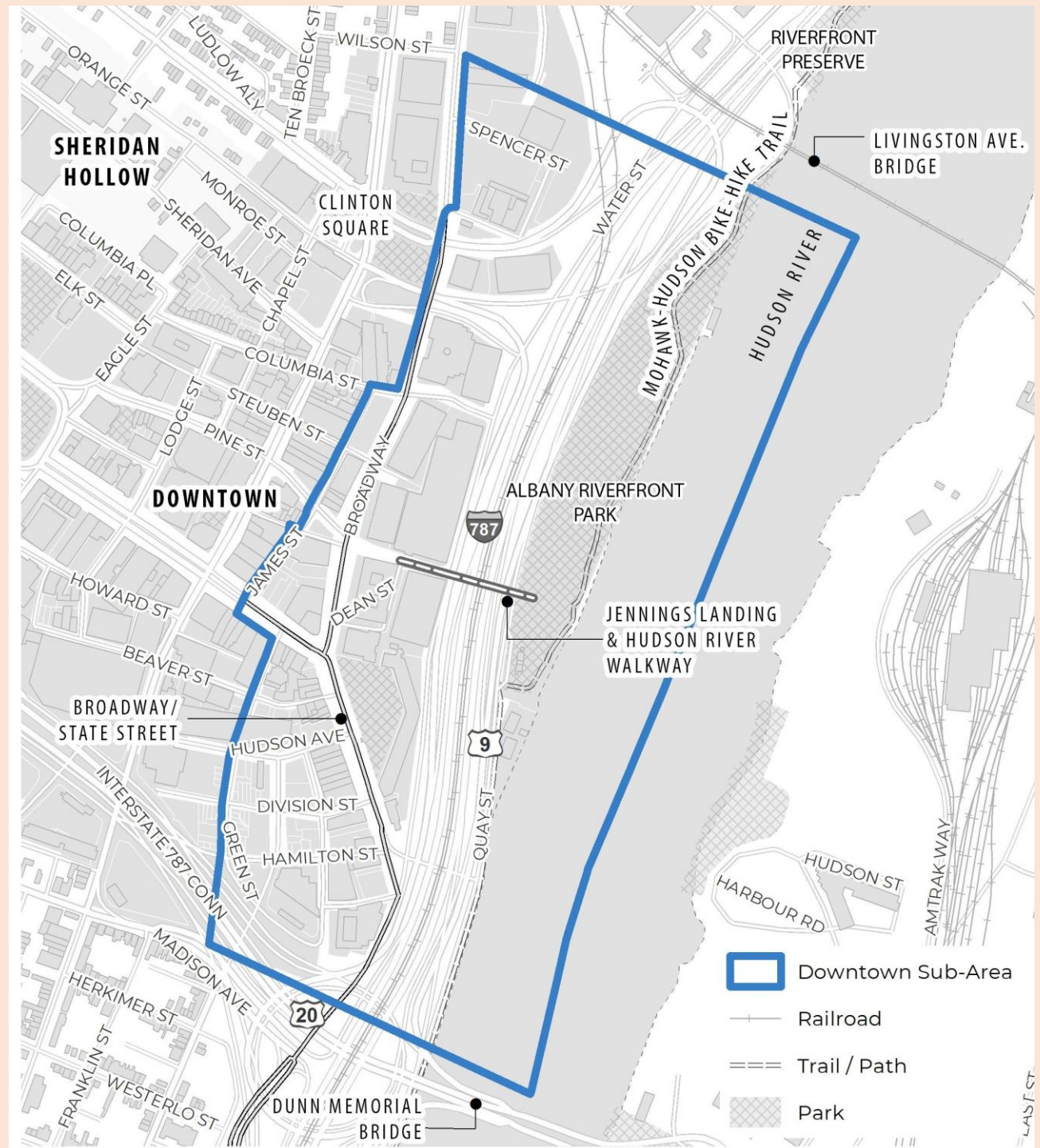
apartments, restaurants, bars, cafes

In general, as long as future uses don't compromise the ecological integrity of the waterfront and/or put structures/people at flood risk, then all of these uses in all 3 geographies seem like a good ideas to me. Would like to see all new development paired with native plantings and ecological restoration of the shoreline. And all park spaces designed as floodable amenities.

I think larger amenities such as boat facilities, museums, and music venues should be focused on the Downtown section. Amenities in the South End and North Broadway sections should primarily serve those communities. The South End section could provide room for vendor carts/stalls for small businesses/entrepreneurs. The North Broadway Section is poorly connected and could use some sort of walkway to give access to that section of the trail/waterfront.

Downtown Sub-Area

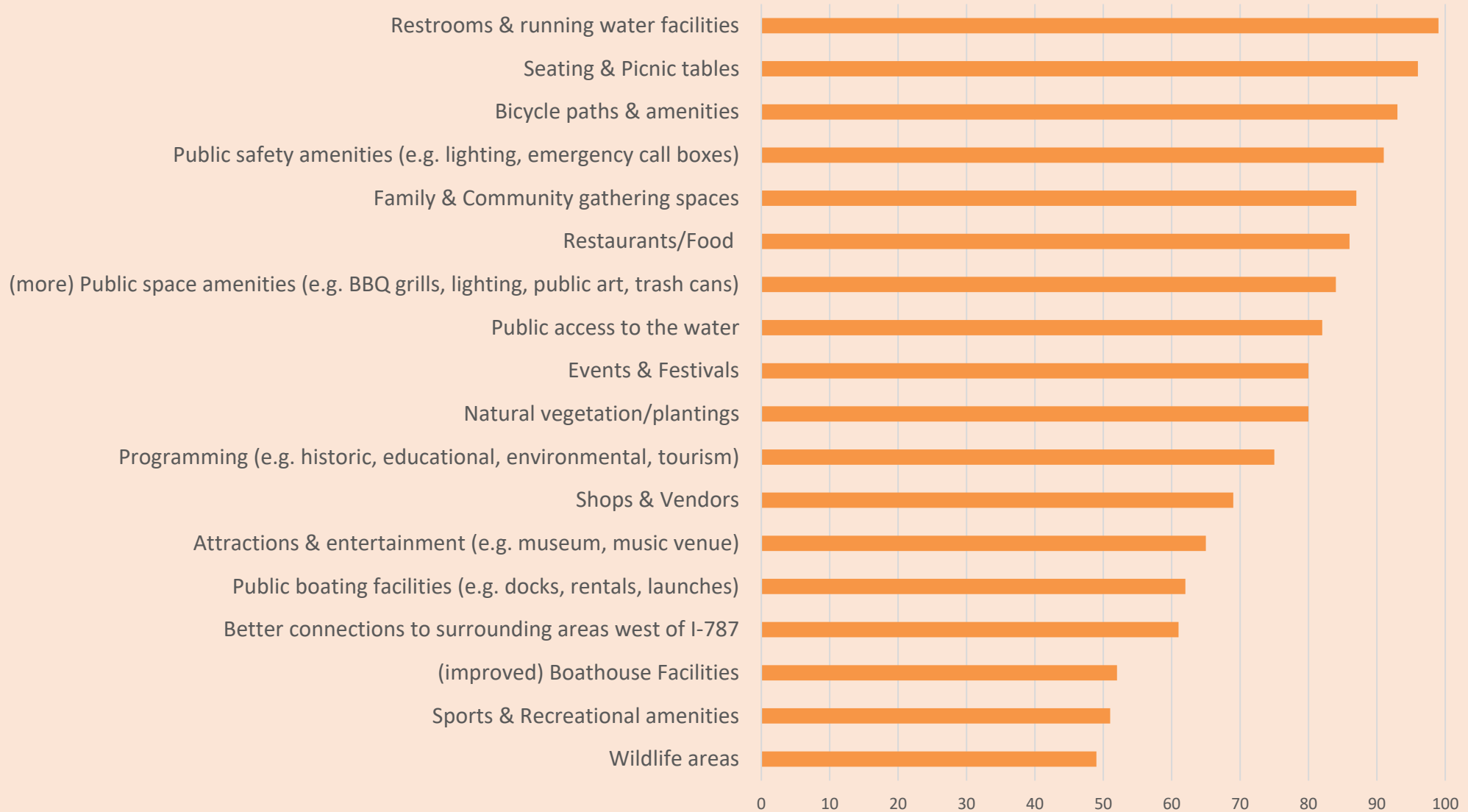
Includes Albany Riverfront Park (Cornings Preserve and Jennings Landing) on the Hudson River shoreline and adjacent sections of the Downtown and North Albany districts.



Downtown Sub-Area - Summary

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?
(check all that apply) (109 respondents)

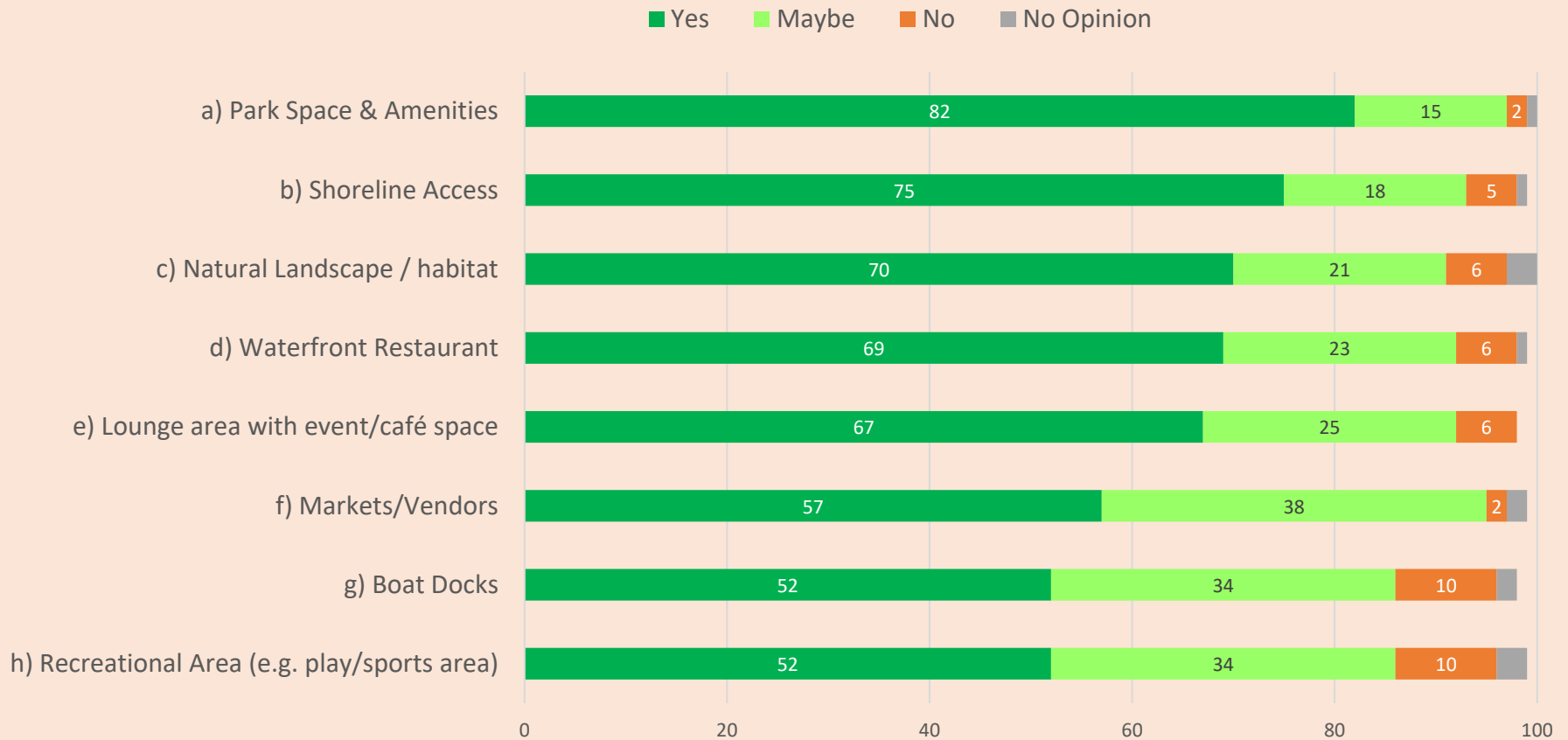
In Downtown Albany Riverfront Park area



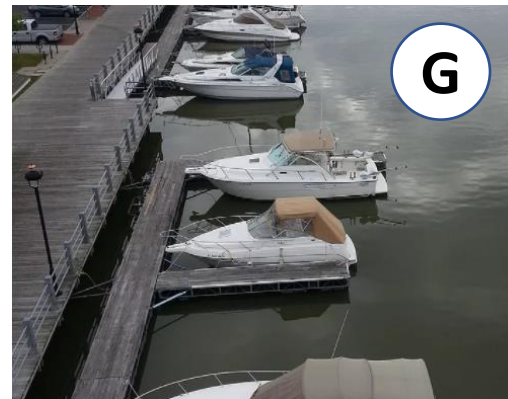
Downtown Sub-Area - Summary

Looking at the photos below, what type of development might be appropriate in this area?
(100 respondents)

Downtown Sub-Area: What type of development might be appropriate? (images)



Downtown Sub-Area



Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Any further comments (images in downtown) – 20 respondents:

Take a look at what Philadelphia did with it's formerly crappy, industrial, broken riverfront in about 5 years - the area from the Ben bridge south to where the historic ships are...

Diverse and Inclusion.

Carbon neutral design and build

Where I have "Maybe appropriate," (restaurant, shoreline access, lounge, docks, markets) my primary concern is that these features be implemented without interfering with existing usages, such as an uninterrupted running trail.

No housing? Why not? People will naturally gravitate here if people already are here. If not, good luck. Fear will stop people from coming

I would encourage, wherever possible, to avoid "privatizing public land" in the form of restaurants that quickly take over spaces such as sidewalks without due diligence to accessibility regulations and also price out lower income neighbors as you have to "pay to play". A smaller café with outside seating rather than full occupation by restaurants and shops would be preferable.

markets - this is good bc it's a temporary set-up (and seasonal).

Any open space will just be a breeding ground for junkies

Safety ie lighting/parking options are necessary with all of these to be feasible.

Litter / trash / removing of illegally dumped materials; bicycle repair stations (like Niskayuna has along the Mohawk); EV charging stations (like downtown Schenectady).

Albany has way too little riverfront access to consider dedicating any to use like non-water related sports that take up a lot of space.

I look forward to utilizing the waterfront in the near future with the creative and innovative ideas discussed in the survey.

Boats with motors generate a lot of noise and pollution. Yachts, canoes and row-boats are all fine and appropriate.

Housing, businesses, outdoor recreation, dining. Less cars, more people.

The natural landscapes should be promoted to the north of current boat launch.

There are so many good restaurants in Downtown. I hope we help connect to them instead of rushing to build more

The downtown area seems to fit holding a select number of commercial venues, such as a restaurant or two. Boat docks seem more appropriate further south, while nature preserves seem appropriate further north.

all the pictures are great examples of what could be there but spread out among the three areas. With each area having a place to sit, grab a bite to eat or a drink , a place to relax by the river and a rest room.

Again, none of this matters without connectivity to the city. I live by Lark Street, and it is very difficult to get to the water without driving. I would love to bike, but there are no bike lanes that connect to the river. I would like cross-talk between this plan and the bike/ped master plan to get folks from the liveliest part of the city (Wash. Park area) to the waterfront in a way that doesn't make the waterfront packed with cars.

Take me to the river! Till I can't... Till I can't take more!

Downtown Sub-Area - Summary

Summary of Open-Ended Questions:

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront sub-area?

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

2.3 What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)

General Vision (waterfront)

79 respondents

active, programmed, connected waterfront

- with food, activities, events, entertainment
- connected to nature with multi-use trails
- accessible to City without 787
- watersports / recreation opportunities
- some attractions/destinations (e.g. museum, aquarium)
- Encourage economic growth and activity. Commercial uses

Priorities

79 respondents

Well-connected; to local history, culture, nature, riverfront, community

- Albany/Hudson history and culture
- Convenient connections / public access esp. non-motorized
- Inclusive waterfront activities and recreation
- 787
- Clean, healthy, green, resilient natural environment
- Some local businesses, restaurants, housing

Relation between River and City here

81 respondents

Natural scenic area and recreational waterfront amenity for the City that serves as an event venue and tourist attraction

- Green Space and views
- Event venue, commerce
- tourist attraction
- exercise / recreation amenity / watersports
- connection to river, nature (respect floodplain)
- minority: mixed-use development opportunity

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront area?	Comments 1-17
A vibrant well-kept, thriving area, open year round with something for everyone, focusing on our beautiful natural resource, the Hudson River.	
activities/opportunities for food vendors, concerts, festivals, art shows, exercise classes, and similar/etc.	
More Lighting, I want our Downtown to look like Hollywood, I want people to say that Albany's Downtown is beautiful, I want to see more diversity in Businesses, Diversity in Night Clubs and walkability in our downtown.	
Music bc of amphitheater	
Park, picnic table area, entertainment area	
A fun place to go stroll by shops, grab a snack and watch shore birds	
Safe, inviting, accessible to runners, walkers, and cyclists.	
What's wrong with it now?	
I would love to see public land access for the entire area with small businesses along it. I'd love to see the south end revitalized with parks while the north and downtown areas play off existing vibes of small businesses and restaurants. I think the expansion of recreation and shopping with bring more young professionals and families to the area.	
easy access to the waterfront - rethink 787	
Better connection to the downtown. More accessible. Perhaps a shuttle to avoid the parking hassle.	
Would it be a crime if Albany actually allowed people to live on the river?	
End the 787; transform this area into a public space. Some roads in Brazil (Rio and São Paulo) actually close down on weekends for public access (Avenida Atlântica in the southern neighborhoods of Ipanema and Leblon closes one side of the road every Sunday for public: cycling, skateboarding, etc). I would encourage any type of program that tests this approach locally.	
Place for recreation, concerts, vendors, in a natural setting	
More direct connections to downtown to promote increased use and access. Also stairs at west end of pedestrian bridge should be removed or modified to permit better access to people with bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, etc.	
Aesthetically, 80% of it already looks perfect.	
Swim Watch boats	

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront cont.

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront area?

Comments 18 - 34

Copy, paste. No, the vision sounds like a verbose political speech and fails to address the elephant in the room. Albany's downtown waterfront area will never reach its full potential as long as it remains cut off from the rest of the city by 787. Don't waste all this time, effort and money putting lipstick on a pig. Save up the pennies and plan for something that will help transform Albany into a world class city. Whatever you are proposing now will end up deteriorated and underutilized in 20 years (see: Hudson River Way pedestrian bridge) How about dropping 787 into a half mile tunnel from around Hwy 5 to Orange St.? There's potential to add 600+ acres of open space for recreational and commercial activity. Wow, now that's a vision!

Increased accessibility and usability of the area.

Reduce the impact of 787 on the landscape. Honestly, that thing was a huge mistake.

A place to learn, recharge, recreate with others.

Safe, welcoming, economic driver, waterfront recreational opportunities, connection with business district (i.e., walkable between downtown and waterfront). Should be adaptable to climate change and feature natural plantings to the greatest extent possible.

Riverfront Park desperately needs sound barriers from the highway.

A walkable/bikeable area with plenty of seating and bathrooms. And open community space. Maybe an out door gym like muscle beach

Walking more than twenty feet without someone asking me for money

Burlington's waterfront provides a great example. There is a museum, an ice cream shop, grassy hills on which to sit and eat lunch, a boat marina with a touring boat (like the JPM in Troy). It needs to be connected well to the city (787 must go or be buried to truly achieve this). There must be restrooms, playgrounds, space for music venues, space for family hangouts, and other amenities. Think big, and think attractions--a merry-go-round? A ferris wheel? Perhaps just some swinging benches or hammocks as a place to read a book.

A safe and thriving place escape the "city" and enjoy nature. That can be recreational, dining & entertainment or just sit under a tree and read a book.

Community events and places to to picnic.

Connect it with the city better, tear down 787. Kayak printer non motor boat rentals.

The public needs better access to the waterfront. 787 is in the way. And, a major source of pollution.

see 2.3

My general vision is to be able to enjoy the river with eateries and retail surrounding the space.

Public use. Tear out 787

Safety public access and restaurant

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront cont.

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront area?	Comments 35 - 54
access to river, no I-787	
Better river access	
The Downtown BID has done a great job making the area welcome to workers and visitors. People need to be encouraged and directed to use the Hudson River Walkway. The local workforce needs to be encouraged to stay after the workday ends and frequent downtown businesses.	
Boardwalk with boat access, shops along the river. PARKING so people can walk around and enjoy the area, maybe a farmers market like Troy has	
better access to water and use by non-motorized boats	
Great public space close to a downtown with more residents and facing a greatly enhanced and beautified City of Rensselaer.	
active, programmed, connected waterfront	
Easy pedestrian/bike access at multiple points, venue and event spaces, museums and information concentrated here.	
Programs and safe access to River	
Easy access from multiple points like the High Line in NYC. Restaurants and retail stores that feature Albany and Hudson River-themed events and merchandise.	
Bring life, activities and experiences to the area	
Since I was a little kid i wanted the south end water area to be clean and safe with bike paths and a park. Vendors or store fronts under the bridge would be great!	
A well-connected extension of a vibrant downtown that provides a natural waterfront retreat from the city in the daytime and nighttime.	
Reconnect to the original historic plan. Remove the raised highways to nowhere and reconnect the streets to the waterfront. Open up new free space to development with a marina, and River front access.	
Remove 787 to expand the area.	
An improved version of it's current state. More usage, more ships, more boats, more canoes, more people more activity. It's a beautiful River.	
Vibrant, alive, connecting neighborhoods	
Mixed use with recreational opportunities, art installations and areas for a farmer's market and maker's market. Preservation of greenspace and natural corridors	
Take it back!	
Bringing the community together with entertainment, food, etc.	

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Full responses to Open-Ended Questions:

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront area?	Comments 55 - 70
Another pedestrian path to reach the waterfront. Since the Skyway is under development, perhaps the additional path could be further south instead of the existing pedestrian crossing located on highway on/off ramps, near Broadway/Frontage.	
Having boaters be able to get out of their boat and take in what Albany has to offer. Rental bikes, rest rooms closer to the amphitheater. Fix and update the predestine bridge.	
My vision includes boardwalks, small shores aka boat launches, bike paths, waterfront cafes and restaurants, playgrounds, trees and wildflowers	
Easy commute, access to the water	
More access	
I want a waterfront that is connected to the city and is easy and pleasant to walk to from downtown. I would like restaurants and bars, shady spots to sit, and an educational component for kids and adults to learn about the Hudson. However, no matter how nice we make the riverfront, it needs to be easily accessible for all users in order for people to use it.	
Better access and sanitation.	
Nice walking/picnic areas, art shows & demonstrations, kayak rentals, farmers market, pollinator pathways, food trucks & vendors, outdoor dining, buskers/street musicians,	
The busiest part of the waterfront should be the downtown portion. This makes the most sense to me as it provides residents with more attractions and businesses with more customer traffic. As downtown is already where more tourist gravitate towards for the history and restaurants, this would provide more on the list of things to do.	
Restaurants, wide sidewalks, small park-like spaces, waterfront markets (pop up or permanent)	
A coordinated planned and mixed use development that takes advantage of natural attributes of various sites and parcels prioritizing need for recreational space, jobs and housing as well as transportation and services within blocks along the waterfront. The ability to use public transit or bike/ walk to meet most necessities	
Replacing I-787 with an at-grade boulevard, which will open up acres of land for development.	
more picnic tables or benches/sitting areas, cleaner bathrooms	
Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.	
Better access to the water across neighborhoods, thoughtful public spaces that will drive people into traditionally undeserved communities and rebuild economies, making Albany's waterfront a regional destination.	
We need a promenade, marinas, restaurants, maybe an aquarium. Also, if there are other tourist attractions we can have putting history on display, that will bring more visitors downtown. Close by there really should be replicas of Stadt Huys and Fort Orange.	

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision cont.

2.1 What is your general vision for the Downtown waterfront area?

Comments 71-80

A waterfront that is interconnected to the developing neighborhoods that surround it. Key lighting, activities and destinations for food and drink need to be adjacent as well.

Open, welcoming, inviting

a thriving commercial and residential area where people can live, eat, and recreate near/next to the waterfront

This area should be the focus for music, programming and fiestas.

Connected with beautiful shoreline. Hi

The Downtown should be oriented towards the waterfront to drive future economic growth. The city should be focusing more on building wealth for the areas within its boundaries than on a roadway that facilitates commuters who live elsewhere. Ideally, 787 should be taken down to a surface street like many other cities have done (Chicago, Rochester). Realistically, the roads and walkways around/under/over 787 should be made as accessible and inviting as possible with creative lighting, art and murals, and wayfinding to create strong waterfront connections.

I personally think the downtown area (and port) should be the focus of economic development in the waterfront, with the other sub-areas primarily focusing on providing quality of life improvements for residents with a large focus on nature. Downtown should have the highest concentration of new restaurants, museums, entertainment facilities, etc.

I think of other waterfronts. Portland, OR, Portland ME, and other Hudson River cities like Hudson and Kingston. It should be a gathering place. It should be commercial. It should be accessible to everyone.

Connection to the South End area. Amenities (i.e., restaurants, bathrooms, sitting areas, etc.)

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities:

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area?

Comments 1- 18

Albany centric! FACTUAL HISTORY, good or bad. Improving riverbank wherever possible.

remove the parking area please, clean it up, nicer landscaping, it looks crappy and junior varsity

Please Keep Our Palace Theater, More Cultural entertainment for African Americans at the Palace Theater.

Restrooms

More diverse riparian zone, small businesses, native culture (to be defined by actual native Americans)

(1) Easy to get to/from on foot or bicycle. (2) There should be possibility of being run over by a car. Or electric scooter. Or motorized bike. (3) Ban electric scooters and e-bikes.

Rivers flood. Traffic through cities is a good thing.

I really wish the giant eye-sore building could be created into a public space. Maybe a museum or several museums. I look at it and think the City Museum in St. Louis. I know that's a stretch but it could be, along with many warehouses, a great asset to the community.

it needs to be seen as part of the city and not something that's a special trip -Albany is too island oriented - no cohesion from one area to the next

Take advantage of the telling areas rich history. Do something about the Cenral warehouse eyesore, though this might be in the north albany area. Keep the park areas clean and quiet.

Allowing people to live on the river. 3x.

History of redlining acknowledgement; more green spaces.

Keeping up recreational uses for urban residents, access to city, health impacts of 787

1. remove 787 (convert to boulevard) 2. focus on environmental preservation of waterfront while allowing more people to use it 3. develop better connections to Rensselaer.

leave I-787 alone. It's not worth 'moving' it for any reason, especially not worth spending \$millions. Work around it. Stop focusing on how much \$ you MIGHT make with waterfront businesses and appreciate what we already have. Spruce it up, don't destroy it.

Connect to arts district, museums

Convenient access points/routes; well maintained restrooms; water access as feasible

Keep in mind the river is going to rise.

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities cont.

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area?

Comments 19 - 35

(1) The history of our waterfront and its past and continuing importance. (2) Convenient public access including transportation to get there. (3) Waterfront related activities affordable by those of all economic standing.

Consider possibility of increased flooding due to climate change; think about how to make this area more productive during the weekends (most action is on weekdays); more green space

Sound barriers between Riverfront Park and 787.

Walkable. Community space for all. Environmentally correct.

Access from downtown is key--the bridge and tunnel we have now are too long and don't feel safe (they are also not clear). We need attractions/things to do, and we need a way to get out on the water.

More lighting. Boat house with lots of recreational options.

Clean up if the entire waterfront. Additional lighting, police/security presence.

Tear down 787.

Clean air by reducing vehicular traffic; clean water by punishing polluters and cleaning the Hudson River; and waterfront access by the public.

Cleanliness and safety, weekend amenities, improve effects of CSOs

Water should be the focal point - Albany's history with the river defined (strengths) - able to utilize the space all year.

public access, athletic opportunities - bike, walk

restaurant

walkig access from neighborhoods

Better landscaping, lighting

More historical markers/way-finders. Less paid parking and reduced money to park and parking restrictions. The City needs to repair some of the infrastructure that has been broken by City trucks and Alive concert goers, such as the bricks where the stage sets up and the wooded walkways near the restrooms.

parking, public restrooms, keep some historical look, but with modern touches, attractive from the streets/highways

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities cont

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area?

Comments 36 - 55

promote clean uses of the waterfront and river

Restore the heritage of Fort Orange. Find a way to simplify the tangle of 787, Mall Access, and freight rail line that blocks people and commerce from the river.

boulevarding 787, better and more pedestrian connections, residential development

Ease of access, things to do there (restaurants, bars, boating, biking, music), keeping it clean

Each area of Hudson should reflect neighborhood history and personality

1. Easy access to the riverfront from multiple points. 2. Safety such as lighting, etc. 3. Parking

History of the area please. And environmental signs- especially talking about trash!

There should be a free-to-the-public recreational anchor of activity (kayak launches, places for people to have picnics, etc.) as well as a business or two to anchor activity (i.e. waterfront biergarten and/or food truck pop-ups similar to Boston's Esplanade or Philadelphia's Spruce Street Harbor Park - these things don't have to be expensive, just fun)

Lean into the history of the historic downtown area. Remove 787 and do at grade streets/boulevards. Uncover Fort Orange.

Tear down 787

1. Restaurants & picnic places for people to enjoy the river. 2. More docks 3. You guys are doing a great job, thank you for your efforts

More events

Art as the basis for connecting all the new ways of using the space

Environmentally sensitive, culturally sensitive, and allowing access and enjoyment of the natural beauty of the area.

Planning focused on serving residents and promoting existing cultural resources and businesses

Cleaner/safer water and waterfront to enjoy outdoor activities.

Preserve existing green space, maybe expand it further north and south.

create a destination such as the former barge restaurant, create a closer connection with the water, such as floating docks or fishing piers, create transient boater docks to encourage boaters to stop and visit Albany.

Keep open space accessible to downtown dont build it up

This section since it has the ampatheer already more music offerings , plays , talks anything that needs a stage. Closer rest rooms, fix the padestrine bridgek

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities Cont.:

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area?

Comments 56 - 71

Cleanliness/safety, public recreational access, more native landscaping

Existing highways create noise and pollution as well as visually block the waterfront

Train station, fix of warehouse building

Celebrate the Hudson; remove 787, or at least make us forget it's right there; add bridges/walkways to downtown

Lighting, wildlife, and better overall access.

1) sustainable development 2) cater to people who actually live here and not just those who work downtown or come to town for a conference 3) focus on our rich history and include local artists/creatives in decision making

Considering historic architecture and the culture of the downtown are important. Pushing out the original residents which provide much of the city's culture (as many cities do) often relates to tension and a downfall of authenticity and vibrancy. Finding a way to add more attractions and incorporate/support the local residents and businesses is the best way to go about it all. What I love most about downtown is the preservation of the buildings with the blend of street artists and the modern culture. If that historic/modern balance can be kept then I think the uniqueness of downtown Albany will really shine through!

Walkability/safety

Safety, environmental, physical, and economic

1. Remove I-787 (The feds have appropriated \$20 billion for such projects nationally.) 2. Replacing it with an at-grade boulevard with bike lanes and sidewalks. 3. Open some areas of the developable areas to development.

promoting downtown restaurants/businesses, cleaning the river

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

History is critically important. Growth in population and investment must be nurtured. International appeal!

More housing!

Wayfinding, 24 hour access to bathrooms and places to eat and drink on nights and weekends

tie in history to area, be multiuse area

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities Cont.:

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area?

Comments 72- 79

cleanliness/safety, recreational opportunities, and NEW housing

Connectivity to the waterfront, ecological restoration, integration of community resources and floodable public spaces

Make it more of a destination

Remove all barriers to access the shore.

Create opportunities for dining, retail, and attractions to bring people to this core of the city.

Sustainable economic development, infrastructure development, and more greenspace

Get a marina in there. Get a youth boating program running in the marina. Get restaurants and food trucks up there. Get a shuttle to run state workers from the Plaza down to the water in a quick 5 minute run.

More amenities need to be added to the area to attract foot traffic. More connection needs to be added between the South End and Downtown Albany area.

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 1 - 18

All of the above, wherever and whenever possible!

water sports, food, green space, historic/educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue - yes these. So, like, have ya evah noticed and then counted the number of freak'in parking decks that block the city from the river? It's like our own "Mexican" wall!!!! Congrats! It was already built...!!!!

Educational resources

Downtown Albany should be a 24/7 City, I look at this as a revenue driving opportunity for the entire city....Concert at the Palace and Entertainment at the Riverfront.

Green space Event venues Tourist attractions

Event venue

Views, small businesses, greenspace, habitat, education

Oasis. Scenic views, green space, fitness opportunities, events.

green space

I think the River needs more green space. It has that now, but it's not easily accessible. I'd love to see it built for accessibility and placement of free recreation. Perhaps more boat launches and picnic areas.

Absolutely - for too long we've turned our back on the river

Educational opportunities for tourism. Share the history. A peaceful place for residents.

A place for people to live

Green space and habitat, recreation. This relationship is improved if 787 is torn down and boulevarded.

It should be a primary passive recreational amenity for downtown residents and workers and also available for use by any area resident. Keep commercial development and festivals to a minimum to preserve environmental quality.

the relationship is fine now. Apparently, there's that one relative, tho, who's trying to upset the apple cart. He must've brought up politics at the Thanksgiving dinner....

Green space ..paddle, bike Sit, be cool by water Festival

It should be as fully integrated with the City as possible.

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 19 - 35

Celebration and remembering why we put our city here of all places.

The Hudson River is Albany's reason for being, why it is where it is and, with its connection to the Erie Canal, why it grew and flourished.

Scenic views. May be too busy an area for active water sports. More green space, natural vegetation (can act as buffer to reduce downtown flooding).

Needs to connect better to the immediate downtown area better.

It should a major attraction. People with boats should be able to stop at a dock. Grab some food and drinks. Or just sit and watch the water. People should be able to rent kayaks or floats or whatever and chill in the water.

Scenic views/green space, tourist attraction, and water sports.

As someone involved in water sports who has visited many cities on the Northeast for sporting events, the potential along the Hudson River is enormous. It is a vastly under utilized and forgotten resource in Albany. Not only as an economic driver for spectators and tourists, but also for inner city youth that could easily access it. Along with that development though calls for restaurants and restrooms to make the experience worth it.

Open to the public for recreational use and events. Access tear round.

Bringing the city and the river together. Access to the river with non-motor boat rentals, restaurants or bars

Yes as scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue, boat launch and wildlife preserve.

City residents should have multiple points of access and use for enjoyment of the natural features, water sports, hiking/biking, entertainment and commercial activity where appropriate. It should be a lively, safe and attractive area that defines the city as a proud waterfront community that values its resources.

The River should be utilized as an asset - it is the star and should be treated as such - with all the above.

I saw a mink on the bike path in htis area. It's a potentially wild area. Lets pursue that angle.

Tradition water front activities, food, boat rental/launch, restrooms, areas for fishing

Connection

New events and education components coupled with the continued use of existing greenspace. The ability to rent kayaks, jet skis, etc. should be pursued.

emphasis on cultural events on shore and non-motorized use of river

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 36 - 51

scenic views, green space, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue. NOT a wildlife habitat --- something which is much more suited to areas distant from downtown and the docks,

tourist attraction with vendors, better playground, seating, restrooms, and more events

scenic, commercial, educational, events

All of the above e.g. should be incorporated into any development in all 3 area's.

The city should support the riverfront through retail establishments that promote Albany and The Hudson River, and events that educate and provide experiences that utilize The Hudson River.

Sven I've views, outdoor activities for all seasons

habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction

I think Philly's Spruce Street Harbor Park should be a great source of inspiration for imagining what the waterfront could be - it doesn't have to be an expensive intervention and can be incrementally developed.

Back to the pre-Corning vision. Reconnected streets, new buildings on reclaimed land, restore ALL existing property, public access to the river, marina, riverside dining, recreation, apartments/condos.

Walking, bicycling, green space.

It should be all of the above. Historically the riverfront was a hub of activity. It is pretty desolate now. Lots of other River cities have a beautifully developed waterfront. I feel Albany has lost its relationship with the river. It doesn't feel like a River City when you're here. It's difficult to get to. I have lived in the south end for 10 years and don't see it much even though I live very close.

Walkway over the Hudson? Maybe just elevated space over the water for rest. Kayak docks to help entrance to water

Exercise, natural beauty and scenic views, a national example of environmentally safe and use of technology to remediate past pollution, tourist attraction but not because of hotels and nightlife but because of the natural beauty and historical context of the area. Water sports that do not inhibit wildlife or fish stocks.

Enhanced quality of life for residents including recreational opportunities and access to nature, art and scenic views

Scenic, water sports, green space and educational.

I'd like to see this area used as a green space, with options for recreation such as kayaking, biking. A select number of commercial tenants so that the scenery doesn't become cluttered.

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

**What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 52 - 68**

Use the tourism/boater connection to draw business into downtown Albany, as well as giving residents a pleasant place to play. Temporary outdoor restaurants, food trucks, or recreation rental facilities can be encouraged without building permanent facilities on the waterfront.

Scenic greenspace

Tourist attraction and events

Green space, habitat, flood management/resiliency.

kayaking, other boats, maybe swimming (if clean enough), picnics, green space, tourist attraction

Tourist attraction and leisure for locals

Water view, commercial activities, attractions and educational resources

Open to everyone

All of these examples are important and connected! If you make the shoreline of the Hudson look great, it improves habitat, creates green space, which makes people want to spend time there, and while they are there, they learn about the Hudson. Also people love to eat/drink near water - restaurants and bars would be huge for this area.

Scenic views need to be much improved.

Mixed use! (please no jet skis on the river though, they're awful for the environment and ruin the vibe for kayakers)

It would be great to see the Hudson utilized for more water sports such as kayaking/canoeing- much like the Potomac River is down near DC. Having some waterfront restaurants/bars as well as shops and plenty of outdoor seating will attract more of the surrounding area residents who will love to take in the beautiful water scenery while enjoying the great food and culture of this area. Event spaces where Jazz on the waterfront or similar events can take place would be great too. Adding in a historic boat tour down the Hudson would be something I would absolutely sign up for!

Tourist attraction/ gathering place for restaurants and events

All of it. Sited appropriately

Albany's riverfront should be a premier destination for residents and visitors. There should be a mix of opportunities - park land, restaurants, a pedestrian walkway to Rensselaer.

we need to clean up the river, without the clean water, no one wants to go swimming or do water sports.

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

Downtown Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 69 - 81

Needs more direct access to the river in the area of Jennings Landing.

The answers are in your question. Yes to all of those.

More connection to the water way

Scenic views, tourist attractions and water sports

scenic views and a tourist attraction would be ideal

commercial/residential activity, green space, and tourism

I'd like to see all of the examples listed in this question available along the waterfront. However, the entire riverfront is a flood zone and no permanent structures should be added to this area unless they are elevated and floodable. Do not permit fill to be added, rather remove fill to expand coastal habitats and increase flood storage capacity.

Access to the river's edges, boating and fishing

Yes

This should be the tourist center of the city with parks and attractions.

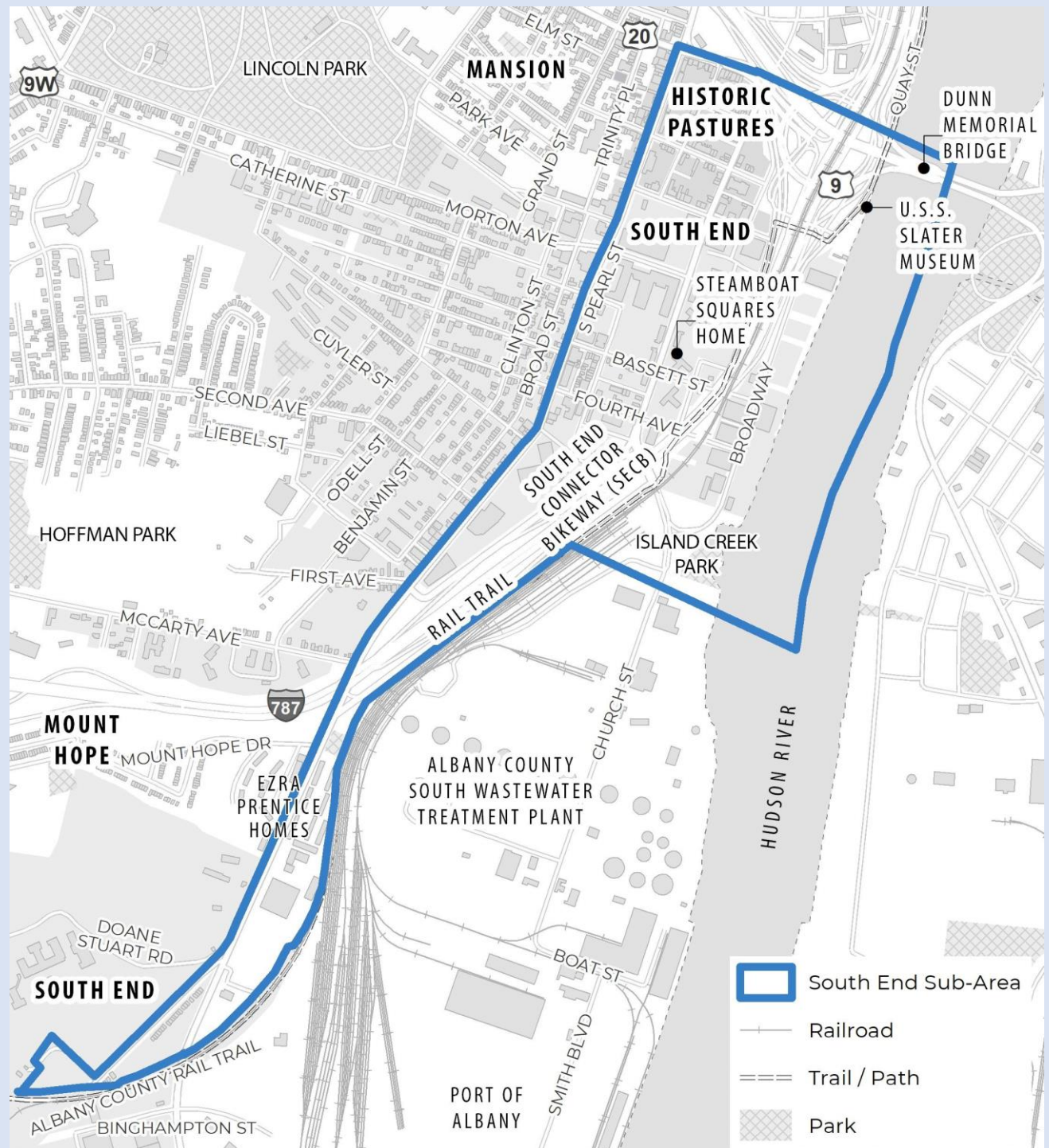
This area should have the most water sports, tourism, commercial exploitation etc. of all the areas.

JOBS!!!! It's about the economy stupid!

Scenic views, commercial activities, tourist attractions, and event venues.

South End Sub-Area

Includes a portion of the Ezra Prentice homes, Island Creek Park, the south warehouse district, and adjacent sections of the South End and Pastures neighborhoods.



South End Sub-Area - Summary

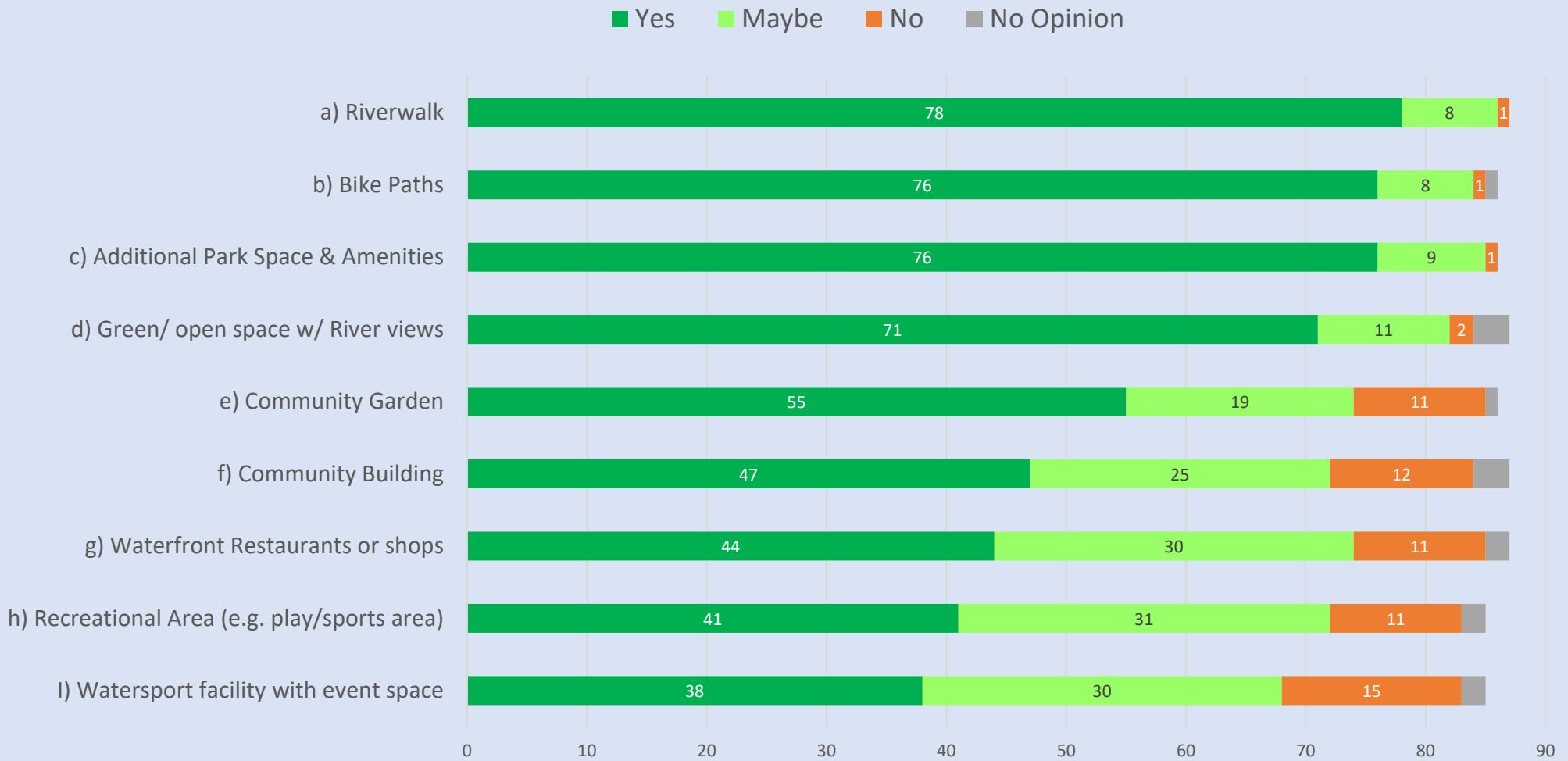
What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?
(check all that apply) (109 respondents)



South End Sub-Area - Summary

Looking at the photos below, what type of development might be appropriate in this area?
(104 respondents)

South End Sub-Area: What development might be appropriate? (images)





South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

3.5 Any further comments (on images question): 27 Respondents

Let's make it all happen! With lot's of educational opportunities for Kids, Youth and Adults,

Pollution reduction

Bike path not at the expense of running paths. If the riverwalks listed above do not completely parallel the bike paths, then runner/walker paths need to be incorporated. Cyclists and pedestrians would have equal priority. No electronic scooters and no ebikes.

Keep it simple. Keep it natural

Same comment as in the previous page, though I believe the south end has more space for private development and might help speed up the process of bringing people to the area.

b. small businesses.

Community buildings should include recreational areas, since we are a cold weather area. And be readily convertible to be used as a shelter when needed. And accessibility by as many people as possible should be the function that the form follows. Wheelchairs, people on crutches, seeing impaired, etc.

It's a little tricky with traffic along that stretch and of course no sidewalks. Again, more lighting and better feeling of safety which isn't there now.

Putting a community garden over a established EPA brownfield and site of multiple spills is a recipe disaster. Plant roots take up toxins in the ground and the community eats them. Cumulative impact of these toxins is potentially deadly.

The waterfront should blend together each phrase should have their own character but come together as one.

The community/recreation/green space already exists at Island Creek Park, but can be improved. No additional public spaces should be acquired. Bike paths were just expanded in the area and should not be expanded further.

Needs to remain commercially focused, but with better pedestrian connections to the rest of the waterfront

Biking, walking, fishing. But, the river must be cleaned up. The "Big C" pipe is upstream from Island Creek Park. The stuff coming out of that pipe is disgusting and the stench is at times, overwhelming. Gotta clean up the Hudson! I would like to have a swimming area. I mean, how cool to swim across the Hudson. But, the river needs to be cleaned up.

Improving overall bike infrastructure is so very important

Focus on the residents. Need cleaner Hudson River for full enjoyment.

Safe connections for walkers and cyclists in this area are a must. Please put protected bike/pedestrian infrastructure connecting the city to the waterfront. I believe people have died getting hit by cars in this area - this area feels very hostile to pedestrians and cyclists.

there's a lot of warehouses in this neighborhood without access to the waterfront so it's difficult to imagine or label appropriate developments especially with the river being so unclean

Anything would be better than existing conditions

South End Sub-Area - Summary

Summary of Open-Ended Questions:

2.1 What is your general vision for the South End waterfront sub-area?

2.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

2.3 What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)

General Vision (waterfront)

54 respondents

Neighborhood scale development with amenities and resources (food, shops, nature, play) that benefit the residents, connects them to the river, bolsters existing attractions (park, slater, cruises, trails), and accommodates business/port while buffering negative impacts.

Priorities

55 respondents

- waterfront access, trails, and amenities, esp. serving neighborhood
- clean, safe, well-lit, healthy, walkable/bikeable area
- Economic opportunities for local area

Others

- Jobs/businesses
- Highlighting history
- mixed-use development and housing

Relation between River and City here

50 respondents

Scenic green space on the river that serves the community with passive recreation and some public amenities, event spaces, tourism. Some neighborhood businesses and services. Commercial uses inland.

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront

3.1 What is your general vision for the South End waterfront area? Comments 1-18

Stated above. Utilize every bit available for the beautification of our city and benefit of all who visit.

similar to downtown, but clearly it has more urban barriers.

Lighting! Lighting! Lighting!...for the pastures, especially for the South End Connector Bike Path (Rail Trail), Move Ezra Prentice Home to a more safe air friendly area, and of course "WaKanDa Community Heritage Park" with lots of Lighting. Diverse Businesses

More recreational facilities

Rail Trail accessibility/integration with Corning Preserve; safe connection between the two.

I'd love to see more opportunities for those in the Ezra Prentice projects. Educational and environmental opportunities might provide something to be proud of.

Natural environment with waterfront access

a cleaner, more environmentally protected area with better access for city residents and tourists

this one is confusing. You have to work around the Port. That's a challenge. It doesn't always smell nice. My vision would be for usable family-friendly green spaces (parks, river views, small family-owned restaurants with outdoor seating).

I would like to see a continuation of the improvements discussed above. Although the wastewater treatment plant and the port clearly present major barriers below Island Creek Park that are beyond my capacity to address. Even an elevated access ramp/bridge would be challenge.

Recreation for residents; small business development.

More access. Sound barriers.

The biggest thing is connecting the neighborhoods back with the water. The properties would become so much more desirable if they were not in the shadow of a polluting highway.

I see this more for educational opportunities, with the Slater and boat tours, etc. The proximity to the Port might not make it conducive for sporting events/ recreational water sports, not to mention the wastewater treatment plant. Not sure if there is any runoff from there?

It needs help. Revitalize.

My vision for the South End waterfront is the same as the rest of the waterfront with eateries and space to lounge and relax.

Eliminate public housing bad use for river front

River access

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront cont.

3.1 What is your general vision for the South End waterfront area? Comments 19-37

More commercial businesses are needed including a neighborhood grocery store. The waterfront in this area should remain commercial with restaurants and cafes encouraged to be located on the waterfront that can be accessed by local residents and workers.

clean up area and promote shore trails, maybe new performance space. highlight port of albania industrial contribution to city

create a forested buffer between the Port and Wastewater Treatment and the City. Locate a replica of Fort Orange on the waterfront south of the Dunn Memorial Bridge.

mostly for industrial use with better connections to an enhanced park at the south end of the district and to the Slater and Dutch Apple

This area is a concrete wasteland now - anything will be an improvement

To support the connector bike trail

Major history opportunities. Oldest stock of buildings. Remove redlining effects. Encourage development but not by removing historic housing, buildings, or neighborhood fabric. Clean up the environmental issues. Connection to the River.

We need a boat launch for canoes and kayaks!

Revitalize this area! Promote restaurants/ taverns/ businesses

Rest/respice

More resources for South end residents including a year round farmer's market, places for children to play and access nature

Cleaner/safer for it's residents

Recreation, expansion of green space. A pedestrian/bike-only bridge to Rensselaer.

Educational exhibits, Historical exhibits, Ft. Orange site, access to get to the river places to sit, grab a snack and a drink.

My vision includes boardwalks, small shores aka boat launches, bike paths, waterfront cafes and restaurants, playgrounds, trees and wildflowers

Accessible to all, beautification of the area.

Needs property owners who are held responsible for their property to start. Force them to fix the X. No more homes being torn down.

I would like more of the waterfront to be available to people. The area by the USS Slater is hot and uncomfortable to walk or bike through because of the heat island, lack of trees, and fast cars. The remainder of the area is industrial and the river is largely inaccessible. The south end connector is here and that's great - but it needs to be accessible to folks in this area, not just people from Delmar.

Get rid of the u-haul building/parking lot and the parking lot where Dutch Apple cruises is and plant some flowers or something. And some grills and picnic tables.

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

General Vision for waterfront cont.

3.1 What is your general vision for the South End waterfront area? Comments 38- 54

I'm not as familiar with South End but I think less concentration on shops and businesses and more on parks and possibly apartments or boating docks.

Green space for residents

Well planned integration of living, recreational. services and occupational opportunities

To restore residents' access to the riverfront, while ensuring that the Port of Albany can continue to operate.

more pedestrian/biker friendly routes, more murals by local artists, a grocery store

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

Beyond Island Creek Park, there's not much waterfront that can be accessed easily. And having the USS Slater and Dutch Apple Cruises at the "snow dock" are excellent uses of the space.

SLATER & Dutch Apple should be a main stop in this area, to be celebrated and given focus to. Not ignored because they are not downtown Albany.

A connector and a tourist destination underneath the underpasses of 787

more recreational area

needs investment and branding to promote the area for shops, visitors, and housing

I don't live in this neighborhood and think the local residents should define what's most important to them

Access to river's edge, green space, placemaking

Connected

Activities on the South End waterfront should serve the residents and businesses there. Plans should ensure that displacement does not accelerate as a result.

The south front should be the most balanced between economic development and quality of life/environmental improvements.

Connection between South End and Downtown Albany waterfront sub-area.

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities

3.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

Comments 1- 20

Same as stated for all 3 areas.

similar to downtown

1. Community Center, 2. Get Rid of 7-87 highway. 3. preserve Bathhouse#2

Restrooms, historic info, playground

(1) Safety of pedestrians and cyclists (2) Maintenance of connector (3) Attractions

Maintenance of the bridge

I'd love to see more access to the River and green spaces here.

Ezra Prentice seems off the beaten path. It would be nice to connect these homes more with the rest of the city.

Birds like it here

1. shoreline interface (walkway along shore?) 2. lighting/safety/security 3. space for vendors or events if possible.

see general vision answer. A major clean-up would help.

Increased access and usability by residents of this area to the greatest extent possible.

Access and amenities for residents.

U-Haul building or storage buildings should be redeveloped. Residential or commercial office use?

Waterfront access (at all), playgrounds/open space, and some attractions

Lighting, pedestrian friendly, seating areas/ picnic/shoreline fishing areas.

Police/security presence, lighting, safe access

Connect the waterfront and the city!

That you have major sources of pollutants and environmental hazards in this area; vehicular emissions; diesel fuel; train emissions; lead dust; County Waste transfer station and Albany County waste transfer station in addition to three nearby powerplants and an incinerator. Dealing with the environmental hazards; mitigating existing hazards and reducing the chances of getting sick in this community, which are currently very high.

Renovate the bus terminal, relocate Ezra Prentice Homes away from the Port, highlight historic Pastures neighborhood

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities Cont.

3.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

Comments 21- 39

Green space - family and sitting area - fishing area

lighting access safety

The Ezra Prentice homes should be relocated to appropriate space in Albany.

New businesses are needed. Basement commercial with apartments above would be welcomed along S. Pearl and along Broadway. Restaurants/cafes/bars should be encouraged along the waterfront (Broadway) in order to encourage new businesses and to keep existing businesses from leaving for the suburbs.

see above

Restore the heritage of Fort Orange, albeit slightly south of its original historic site --- which is buried in the highway interchange between the Dunn Memorial Bridge and Empire State Plaza.

must keep zoning for industrial use which will bring jobs, must provide better pedestrian connections to jobs, park, and cultural activities there, must enhance user experience (parking lot, access, visual connection) at the Slater and Dutch Apple

Safety of the bike trail connector

Safety/lighting, cafes

Honor history, renovation not demolition, environmental clean-up

Access from the South End neighborhood to the water front.

There is nowhere to get coffee down here. It really sucked when the McDonald's closed.

More art

Clean it up and create more clean and safe access to the river for its residents.

Create an example of what Albany was like as Fort Orange.

more access to the river

The 787 must be dealt with (noise, exhaust, blocking of access)

Rehab of some old building in downtown Albany and more family friendly activities

Responsibility

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Priorities Cont.

3.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

Comments 40-55

Accessibility; trees, shade, make it human and less hot; remove 787

See above

improving the neighborhood with affordable housing, accessible programs, events for locals in the area

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

Can something be done with St. John's church?

Affordable places for people to live!

SLATER/Dutch Apple Parking lot repaved and painted. Information and History of Fort Orange. Public docks for boats, so boaters can get off the water and into the city.

Better lighting and murals in the southend connectors as well as bathrooms

open, welcoming and opportunity to be active in this area

infrastructure, branding, promotions, safety

I don't live in this neighborhood and think the local residents should define what's most important to them

Clean it up. Might take 10 years

Walkways and amenities

Local business opportunities, play and green spaces, and important placemaking features.

Replace 787 overpass with a surface boulevard, more green space, history/enviroment orientated tourism

1. Connection to the waterfront, 2. creating economic opportunities for the area, and 3. mitigating environmental harms

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 1-20

Our natural resource should be loved and respected in every way possible for the enjoyment of all who would visit.

same as downtown

Easy Access from South End to the Riverfront Walkability, Biking, Access is pretty good right now....

Water access Green space scenic views Venues

Events, vendors, food trucks

"Tour Cruise" activity could be built up, cf Lake George.

improved accessibility between Rens and Alb

I'd love for this to be dedicated to green space, parks, outdoor recreation.

Perhaps a tourist attraction would bring more life into the south end. There is already Cherry Hill as a historical start but maybe there could be more to bring some economic development to that neighborhood.

Mental health resource

this area is appropriate for more active use by neighborhood residents if done in a way to protect or restore natural features. Some water-focused commercial development is appropriate here

see general vision answer

Increase its integration with the community; add green space and habitat; perhaps an event venue or recreation area.

Educational resource, green space, shore fishing, picnic areas. If commercial, could effect truck traffic trying to be rerouted out of the south end and through the port. Something to consider.

User friendly

You could use the river for scenic views; water sports; recreational boating and fishing (don't eat); but not much else. maybe the establishment of a wildlife habitat or Oyster beds to help clean and restore the polluted river.

Island Creek Park use should be maximized and customized for use by neighborhood residents.

scenic views, green space, less residential development, retail and eateries.

tourism some commercial activity

Connection

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 21-37

This area should be primarily used for commercial activity (not only industrial), which can also utilize scenic views and the waterfront to attract tourist in addition to keeping the workforce local. Many local workers leave the South End and the Port at lunch due to distance to downtown and lack of parking.

commercial activity and cleaner shores

This should be a walking, viewing and historic heritage area --- too close to the port for much boating or picnic activity.

mostly for commercial activities

Scenic area, bringing citizens to area on nights/weekends

Inner-connection to the river. Like the rest, history, less vehicles, outdoor space, reclaim 787 to benefit residents and businesses.

Scenic views, biking, walking, non-motorized boating.

I like all of your suggestions (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)

Keep the water the focus, give it honor

Educational spaces for learning about the river ecosystem, and gardening, green space

Scenic views, water sports, green space, educational.

Abutting neighborhoods should be fully integrated with the waterfront, and connections under 787 are needed, and they must be safe, well lit, and attractive.

It is all ready a tourist attraction with the Slater and Dutch Apple. Just add more green space and educational resources, rest room and a place to get ice cream or lite fair.

boating, educational, events, green space

Tourist attraction and leisure for locals. It should be inviting and human-centered. While there should be amenities like public restrooms, cafes and restaurants, it should be low-key and non commercial — letting the River be center stage

Scenic view

Commercial activity.

South End Sub-Area – All open-ended responses and comments

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)
Comments 38 - 50

I think green space and recreation are your best bet here. It's so industrial - without removing the industry, you're just left with a small park and a bike trail. Make them great and make them accessible.

It seems more a place for scenic views or green space

Improve Island Creek Park with a bathroom and running water.

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

Beyond Island Creek Park, about the only thing that can be added is a motorboat landing/maintenance facility along Broadway.

Tourist Attraction and commercial activity

green space

scenic views, tourism, restaurants

Green space boating and fishing

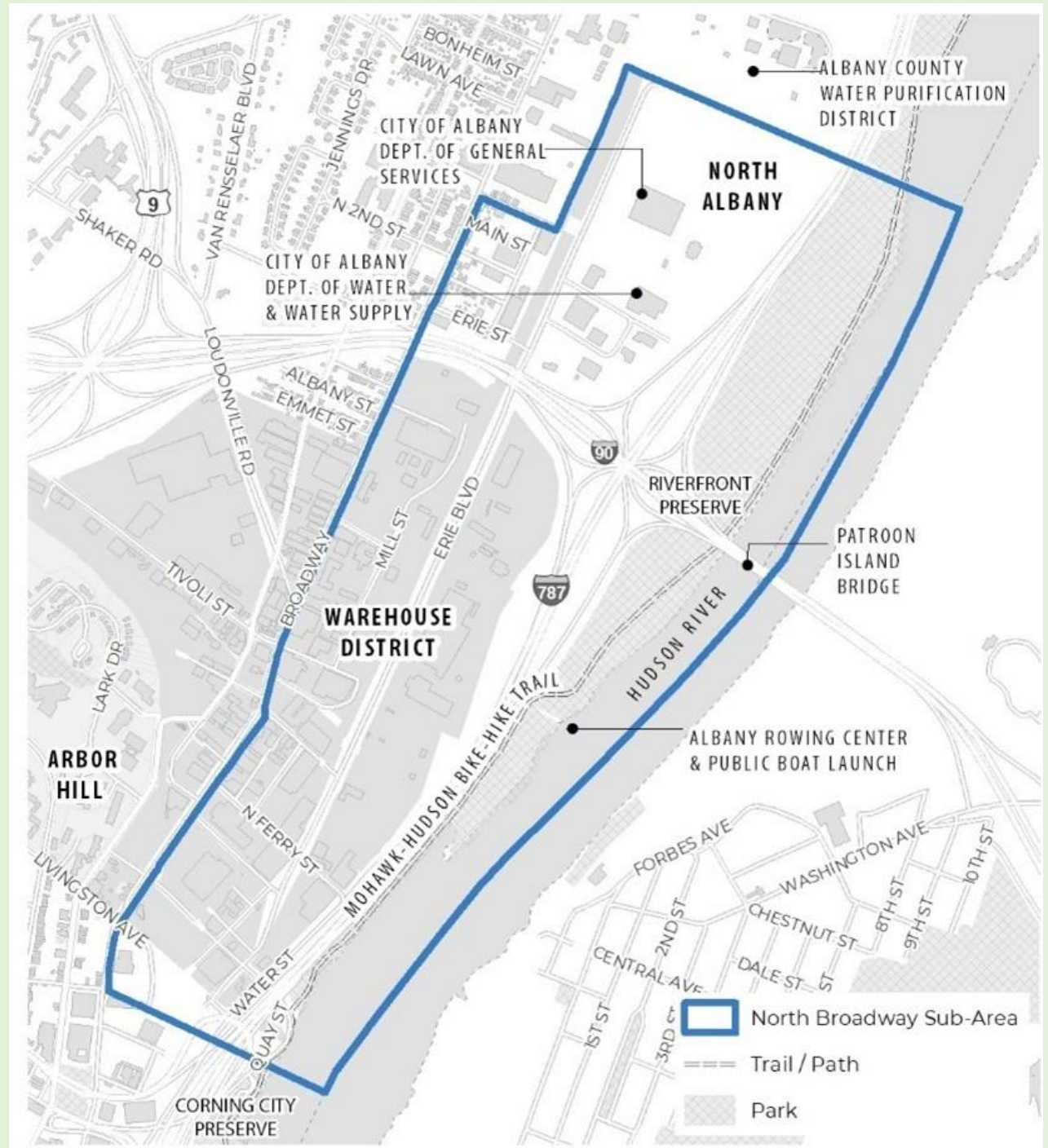
Plenty of landscaping

This area should have access to green space around the river for recreation, education, and economic development purposes.

This area should have the most balance between commercial activity, greenspace, education tourism, etc.

commercial activity, green space, recreational activities.

Includes the Riverfront Preserve and adjacent sections of the North Warehouse and North Albany districts.



North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) - Summary

What would you like to see along the shoreline areas of the Hudson River?
(check all that apply) (109 respondents)

North Broadway Shoreline incl. Riverfront Preserve

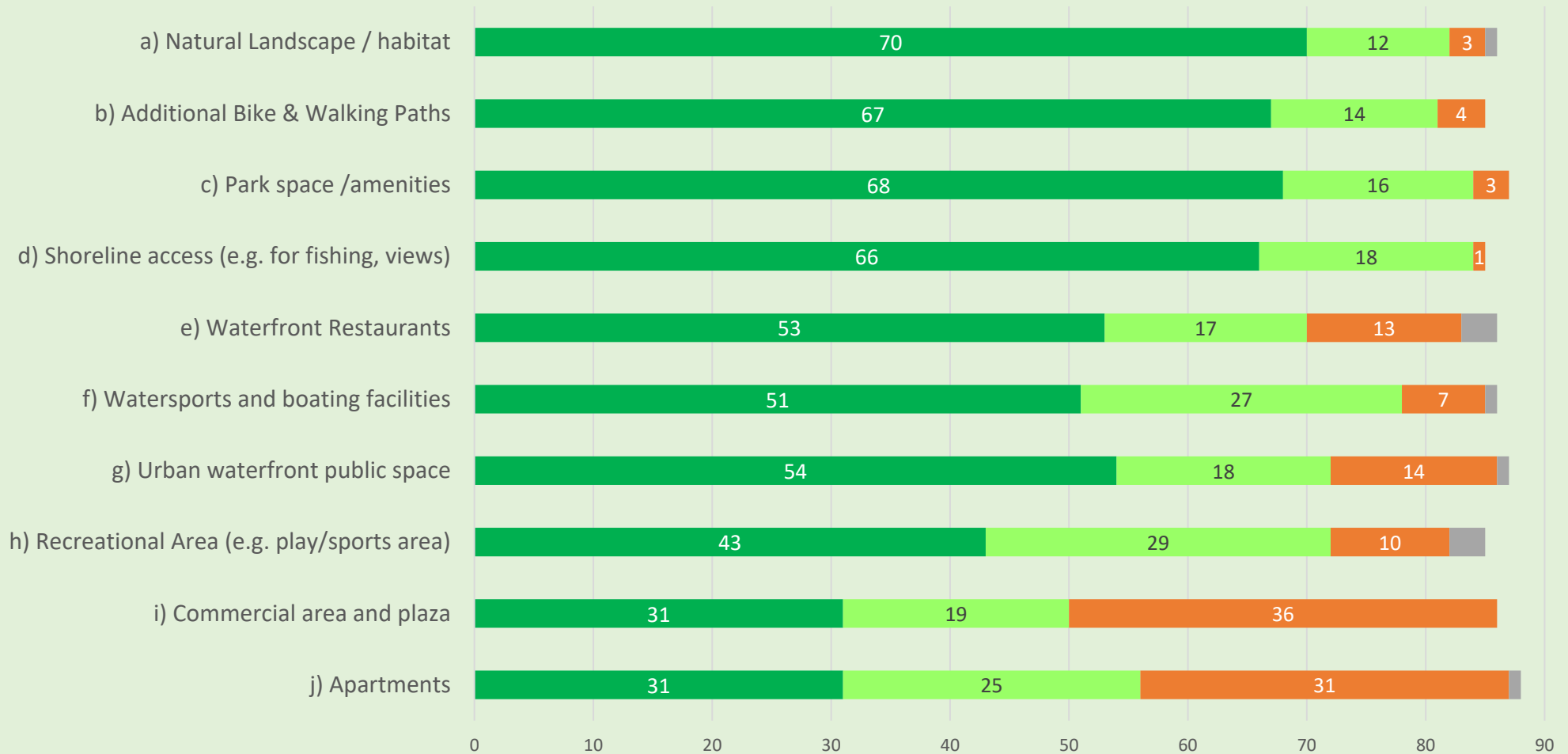


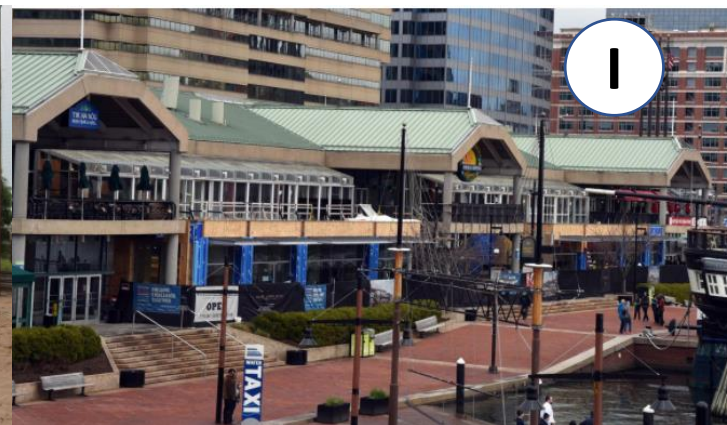
North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) - Summary

Looking at the photos below, what type of development might be appropriate in this area?
(90 respondents)

North Broadway Sub-Area: What development might be appropriate? (images)

Yes Maybe No No Opinion





North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Further comments (images for North Broadway): 17 respondents

I Can Truly See Our City Coming Together.

I'd rather see tge river more accessible for recreational purposes that for apartments.

People need to be able to live near where they work. Putting private housing on the river downtown would align with that public good. But apoarently it is not being considered. Well, shame on Albany and shame on this study. The one big thing that Albany could do to really transform Albany and it isn't under consideration. Another missed opportunity. Let Troy and Schenectady progress, while Albany squanders.

residential housing investments should be restricted to areas to the west of I-890 or any boulevard that replaces it.

b. small, family-owned g. just a boat access dock j. it's blank (nothing is there) k. if the CITY wants to build and be (forever) responsible for apts, then go for it. I don't think the shoreline should be used as money-making opportunities for investors. The City can collect the rent.

None

But if you put apartments by 787 they better be soundproof. Or put a cap on 787. (Why dig down when we can build something over it?)

Apartments are an interesting option that are coming up for the first time in this survey. Why no apartments in the South End or downtown? I think they could be part of mixed use development anywhere along this area.

Out of all the waterfront areas mapped, this one seems the best one for strong development.

Remove 787; improve the quality of life by enforcing ALL ASPECTS of the City Code, particularly Section 313 as it relates to litter; trash and solid waste management.

Recreation area may be appropriate west of 787

Residential is only appropriate if it is not over developed

Apartments would not be appropriate for the Corner Preserve waterfront area.

Livable space should not be built in floodplains, we have enough apartment building happening close enough to the River. By building private housing, you cut off the public's access to the water.

There have been so many times I have gone for a walk on the rail trail and wanted to go get a beer or cider afterward and needed to...walk back down to Quay St and walk back up to the warehouse district! Oftentimes I will just take my car because all the places you want to go to are so disconnected for a person on foot. Let's connect the places people want to go! Also affordable apartments are great, just please don't surround them with parking lots. The river needs more trees and less impervious surfaces - let's add more bus stops to this area.

Public home ownership needs to encouragement to overcame redlining, not apartment buildings.

Garden style apartments not high rise.

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) - Summary

Summary of Open-Ended Questions:

4.1 What is your general vision for the North Broadway waterfront sub-area?

4.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

4.3 What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)

General Vision (waterfront) 47 respondents	Priorities 45 respondents	Relation between River and City here 45 respondents
Connect the warehouse entertainment district with the water and improve waterfront access, but keep the passive nature preserve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve safe access for residents, inc from North Albany• Remove / minimize 787 impact & barrier• Support recreational, maybe entertainment uses• Managed, mixed-use development (don't overdevelop)	<p>This large area can be a mix of uses, with the river as a focus / draw. Keep that scenic, green natural area on the river.</p> <p>Use as a resource for environmental education. Improve connections so the riverfront is a gateway to the North Warehouse entertainment district.</p> <p>Area near the river could accommodate water-enhanced or water-related attractions/recreation and a variety of commercial uses</p>
Infill area in between with mixed-use development, educational (exhibits/centers on history, natural resources); creative (art/craft); and recreational (diverse activities, sports spaces/venues, restaurants) uses.	<u>Others</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight history• ensure sustainability, flood resilience• Greenspace and Environmental protections	

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

General Vision for waterfront

4.1 What is your general vision for the North Broadway waterfront area? Comments 1-19

Best location for my "zooquarium" proposal.

similar to downtown but more green/natural/open space

Preserving the current landscape and the architect of the building, more trees, shrubs and flowerbeds. Walkability.

It would be great to link up the northern part of the bike-hike trail to the bike path that ends in Cohoes. (Basically make the entire Mohawk-Hudson River Marathon protected for runners/walkers/cycles so it's possible for them to go from Niskayuna to the Rail Trail without encountering cars.

What's wrong with it now?

There's a lot of hipster businesses in this area and I'd love for that to expand. Cool restaurants and shops while continuing the river walk feel.

A better way to connect the current bar scene to the river

Creative=entertainment zone for Albany

Adjacent to the Modern Press building on Water St is the location of Lock 1 of the original Erie Canal which transformed Albany and upstate New York. This can be viewed in old photos and is very impressive. Today it is buried under several feet of fill and not visible. This should be unearthed and can then provide many possibilities for economic growth and tourism. With the rehab of central warehouse this is a natural complement.

maintained in a more natural state with areas for passive recreation and environmental protection

safe, family-oriented, clean & inviting

Increased access and usability.

As natural as possible towards the water.

More access. Sound barriers.

Connect the warehouse district back to the water, but once you get toward the I-90 interchange, a nature preserve is more important.

This section in my mind is the best opportunity for development.

Needs cleanup and revitalization

Better connections between the river and the city. Tear down. 787. Encourage mixed use.

Expanding the current recreational offering in the area. More bike repair stations and enforcement of litter and trash removal and cleanup. More picnic areas and a wildlife preserve.

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

General Vision for waterfront

4.1 What is your general vision for the North Broadway waterfront area? Comments 20 - 35

Enhance light industrial and commercial uses and preserve riverfront habitat east of 787

This section of the waterfront should be the educational part of the waterfront - library, history of the river and its relationship to Albany and its inhabitants.

A city-wide composting facility

It has a vibrant nightlife but needs more residents.

build on existing pubs and beer breweries - add connecting trails and future water taxi to let patrons travel by water from the pubs

Lots of boats and bikes; residential development within walking distance of downtown and the river; clear indications and capacity for visitors to park

Mixed use, maybe higher end housing and boating facilities

Like the rest, reimplement the original street plan. Honor the Erie Canal.

Safety

Access to riverfront walking path and scenic views. Linkages to existing businesses, art installations and interpretive signage focused on history and natural resources

Cleaner Hudson River with a more access to the riverfront.

Connect N. Albany neighborhoods to the waterfront with multiple access points and opening viewsheds.

Access to the river, Educational exhibits, sport field, rest rooms with a place to shower after playing in a sporting event. A place to sit and view the river, grab a bite to eat or a drink..

Not sure!

Blow up the monstrosity to begin with. Make the current owner pay his taxes No one is going to do anything productive with it.

The warehouse district is growing and it would be a waste to not capitalize on that growth by excluding the river. There is great opportunity to collaborate with the growing craft beverage industry in this area - make this area the beers and bikes destination for the capital region!

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

General Vision for waterfront

4.1 What is your general vision for the North Broadway waterfront area? Comments 36-47

Larger community gathering spaces, more open recreational areas, event venue

Manufacturing/office, restaurant and residential

more clear directions or signs on how to access the waterfront/boat launch, more pedestrian/biker friendly entry ways

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

Waterfront activities including the skyway and bike/kayak rentals that takes individuals directly to small businesses and interactive art

Restaurants and tourist attractions

maintain environmental stewardship and bring in more restaurants/nightlife

No vision yet, but access the River must be possible.

Revitalize with housing and retail connecting with open parkland on the riverfront.

This area needs much better connection to the waterfront. As more development happens here there should be more of a need for waterfront and green space access.

This area should have the highest focus on greenspace, environment, and recreation/education for residents.

Commercial district with residential housing, restaurants, and vendors.

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Priorities

4.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

Comments 1-18

Larger area for this proposal, further away from outside crowds, better parking, etc. A very specific stopping point.

Diverse hiring, Inclusion and making the area look like downtown Hollywood.

Restrooms, events, vendors

Better public transportation so to the bars on Broadway. Access to the river.

Late night noise acceptable

Central warehouse, Lock 1. Recently over 350 individuals completed the Cycle the Erie Canal bike ride sponsored by Parks and Trails New York. The 400 mile journey ended at the area opposite buried lock 1. Unlike the community receptions in the many towns along the canal where local citizens and electeds greeted the bikers with food and welcoming tours of local history, demonstrating much pride in their area, when the bikers ended their long journey in Albany there was a total lack of any of this. This group was seeking information on everything from where to get to breakfast or lunch nearby to a tour of our significant historic buildings. Nothing was available. Shame on us!

1. minimize impact of nearby highway, 2. manage level of use 3. improve safe access for north Albany residents

needs a river walk, a boat dock, large park with picnic areas

Direct access to the waterfront; picnic, recreation, and community gathering places; commercial development along the lines of restaurants and shops.

Again: rising waters.

More access. Sound barriers.

787 is in the way of connecting the warehouse district to a really cool waterfront nightlife area.

Better lighting, boathouse, docks, better connecting pedestrian sidewalks/paths to Broadway

Security. Lighting, access.

Tear down 787!

Removing the environmental hazards; protecting public health by improving the air, water and local lands.

Not to over develop the area with residential property - ability to use the space all year long - buildings for restrooms.

Albany needs to add a fully function compost program. A digester can be built in the North Albany section of this sub-area near existing DGS facilities.

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Priorities

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Comments 19 - 37

More apartments need to be constructed. Off street parking needs to be created to support the amount of businesses that are needed. A better connection to downtown could be created.

commercial development that promotes clean river uses

boating, biking, more residents and residences

residential conversions, highlight the original Erie Canal entrance point, boat dock

Remove 787, expand business and residential, green connections to the river

Walking, biking

Barriers that protect cyclists

Highlight local history and Albany's unique culture

Sustainability, Dining, activities

Create physical connections between residential neighborhoods and the riverfront.

Make this the "sporty section" of the river.

Not sure

Again make property owners take responsibility

Connectivity to the city, craft beverage industry, the river

See above

Liveable and sustaining community

cleaning the river, safer neighborhoods, promoting the downtown businesses/restaurants

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

HOUSING, Housing, and HOUSING

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Priorities

4.2 What would you say are the three most important things to consider for the future of this area? For example, something that needs to be added, changed/improved, or preserved. It could be something tangible (e.g. building or landscape feature) or intangible (e.g. related to the history or personality of the area).

Comments 38- 45

1. Basic services like bathrooms need to be better established 2. Restaurants and bars need to be adjacent to waterfront 3. Rentals of bikes and watersport craft need to be clear

maintain history if possible

infrastructure (inc. for bikes) and environment

First clean it up, then develop working options to get people to the River.

Get rid of the huge cold storage warehouse and redeveloped with affordable housing and retail

More access points from the street network.

Replace 787 overpass with a surface boulevard, more greenspace, more environmental preserves

1. Add more business opportunities to the area, 2. create housing opportunities, 3. opportunities for events

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

4.3 What should be the relationship between the Hudson River and the City in this area? How should the River be utilized in this area? (e.g. for scenic views, water sports, commercial activity, as green space, habitat, educational resource, tourist attraction, event venue ... etc)

Comments 1 - 19

Best of all worlds here.

appropriately more green/natural/open space

Every establishment in this area should have Photo board's on their walls depicting the greatness of our riverfront, we should show how proud we are of our riverfront.

Green space, boating

green space

I see this more as a river walk with shops and restaurants.

This might be a better space for events. Would it be possible to put the PAL's Lights in the Park program here?

All of these options should and can be made available and Len Tantillo has drawings illustrating each. This is the most historic river in the country, located adjacent to the capital city of the Empire State and the possibilities for improvement are endless.

it should be left natural to the extent possible, with some sitting or picnic areas, as long as they are away from the wateredge

green space, views, community involvement

All of the suggested possibilities as it is a large space adjacent to an already developing commercial area of restaurants, as well as the existing bike path.

More access. Sound barriers.

Events and tourism here, for sure, closer to the warehouse district. But up toward I-90 bridge, keep the nature preserve aspect.

Water sports, event venue, restaurants, green space, commercial activity in general, tourist attraction.

All of the above

We need to have better and greater access to the waterfront in this are by expanding the existing offerings.

Natural resource conservation along the Hudson

Again, the river is the focal point of the space. All activities related to water should be available. Green space, restaurants, retail.

Scenic views.

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

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Comments 20 - 35

The Corning Preserve should continue as a recreational green space. Residents and visitors should be better directed to parking areas near the river to fully utilize the Preserve. A sidewalk (not large walking/bike path) for pedestrians to get from Broadway and N. Ferry St. area to the Preserve/boathouse area would be nice.

commerce, recreation, tourist attractions

Some commercial facilities and a summer weekend marketplace would be appropriate

water sports

Commercial, green space, history!

Scenic views, walking, biking, natural areas. Connect the City to the Hudson, get rid of 787 (then there would be more room for shops, cafes and other amenities.)

Events

River as central to who we are

Green space, art installations, walking paths

Scenic views, water sports, Green space, educational resources.

This would be a good area for environmental education, including the habitat in the water that supports fisheries that are world renowned, including bass (currently) and sturgeon (historically). The existing bike path could become a more important commutation route if Albany could enter into intermunicipal agreements with Menands and Watervliet to keep the path plowed of snow and ice in winter.

Sports , educational , green space

Not sure

Bike paths. Commercial activity. Safety

You've got a ton of land in this area - improve the habitat - more trees, less hot open spaces - and make it a great place to hang out. This is the chill zone. You want people ending their runs/walks/bike rides and popping over to NinePin for a cider. You want people who come to the city to eat at Druthers to go for an after-dinner walk by the river. These areas need to be connected.

See above

North Broadway Sub-Area (incl. Riverfront Preserve) – Comments & Full responses

Relation between River and City in this area cont.

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Comments 36 - 39

Tourism, business

Mixed-use development, removal of 787 and re-connection with the riverfront.

commercial activity, event venue and tourist attraction

tourist attraction

habitat/green space, commercial activity, tourism

See above: First clean it up, then develop working options to get people to the River.

Connected

This should be a resource for the community, like the South End subarea.

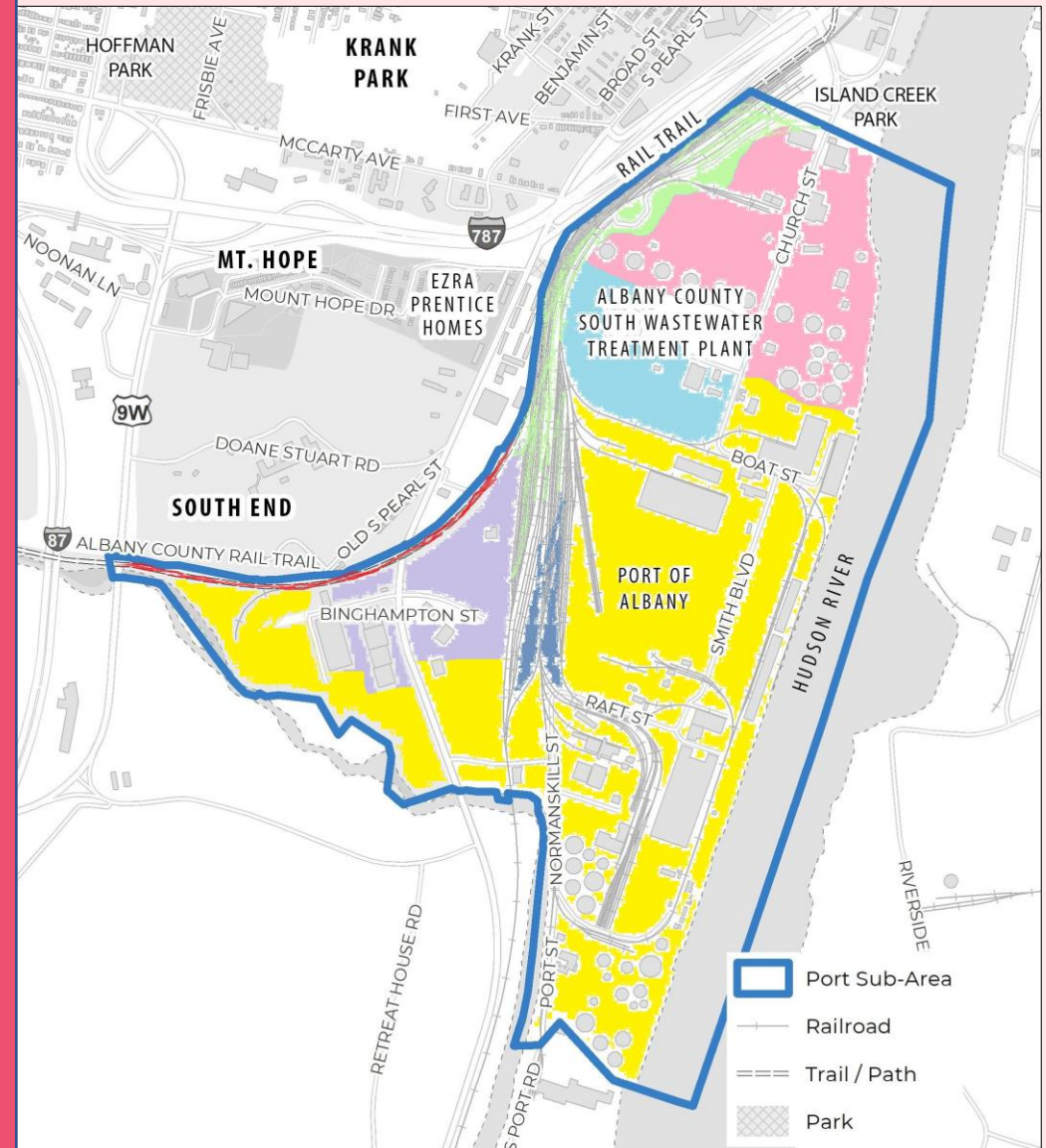
This area should be the most unequally supporting habitat, greenspace, education, and scenic views over commercial activities.

Commercial activity

Port District

This sub-area of the waterfront is a commercial and job center for the region with waterway-dependent businesses. It includes:

- A portion of the Port of Albany - (shown in yellow on inset map) An international maritime port of entry open year-round and managed by the Albany Port District Commission, a New York State public-benefit corporation. The port handles cargo such as wind energy, grain, wheat, salt, calcium chloride, molasses, liquid fertilizer, ethanol, petroleum, scrap iron, steel, and wood pulp. The Port of Albany has about 20 public and private tenants.
- Adjacent commercial and public properties - located nearby but separate from the Port of Albany. Examples include the county water treatment plant, Global Companies, and CP Railways.
- Trailhead of the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail.



Port Sub-Area - Summary

Do you have a connection to this sub-area? How familiar are you with the operations or commercial activities at the Port of Albany? (65 respondents)	Total #
No /not familiar	25
Business or employment connection	12
Familiar with	10
Neighbor	6
Visitor	3
Bike nearby	3

When you think of the FUTURE of this sub-area, what 3-5 words come to mind?
(66 respondents)

Total #	Theme
17	Jobs, commerce, economic development
14	Pollution control / clean
10	Renewable energy / sustainability / innovation
6	Greener, bike trail connections
6	Modern functioning port
4	Community
4	Revitalize
4	Beautify
2	Tourism opportunity
2	Challenge
1	Flood resilient

Port Sub-Area - Summary

Going forward, what role would you like to see this area - including the Port of Albany - play in the broader Albany community and/or economy? (57 respondents)

Total #	Theme
17	industrial/business area/engine
13	greater connection to community
5	> greater public understanding of history and contributions
2	> More open to public (e.g. Tours)
13	good local jobs, local/south end workforce development
10	green energy/business economic generator
9	Cleaner air, transportation, businesses, practices
6	not sure
2	education
2	screen (aesthetics)
1	plantings to reduce urban heat
1	no gentrification
1	family-friendly activities
1	bike lanes for workers
1	maritime walkways and nature interconnects
1	extension of Delaware Ave leisure area

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Do you have a connection to this sub-area? How familiar are you with the operations or commercial activities at the Port of Albany? Comments 1-21

not anymore. prior to finishing south end connector it was a backdoor to the rail trail.

Visitor

Well, I have about 15 summer youth employees working with the port of Albany on renewable energy, The manufacturing of (Wind Turbines).

No

A bit

Yes, I have run from the Rail Trail to the Corning Preserve/Jennings Landing. I have also taken the USS Slater tour.

I do not have connections and I am not very familiar.

I find the workings of ports fascinating but our is not accessible at all. I realize there needs to be security, but I'm sure Port Tours would be interesting for others too. I went on a brief one several years ago which included a boat ride and learned quite a bit. Bring it back!

No

Not at all.

Very familiar as involvement with businesses and administration of the Port

Only connection is biking past it.

no connection - I frequently drive or bike on adjacent roads

visitor. we use two companies in there, once or twice a year.

No

None

Little familiarity

not familiar

No. At the Port itself, it's very uninviting with poor signage. It has a notable scrap metal recycler. Unless safer pedestrian features are added, people should stay away.

I sometimes go to the port, for example to drop off Scrap Metal

Employee. Very familiar with the Port activities.

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Do you have a connection to this sub-area? How familiar are you with the operations or commercial activities at the Port of Albany? Comments 22 - 42

Born and raised in Albany, employed as well.

None.

Slightly familiar from work and visual observation

I have lived in the area but also use some of the businesses at the Port of Albany.

No

Visitor. I am familiar with Port activities.

Employee. Very familiar with the Port.

a little

I worked on this area in the late 1990's

I am a Port Board member

Not familiar. Find area very industrial. Given the port traffic Would like to see tours of Port etc.

No not very familiar

No

Not familiar

I have canoed near the port, and up the Normanskill. I have often visited the diner in the Port. Not sure its open any more. And, if some disgusting commercial project is built, like, say, an asphalt plant, I probably live close enough to smell it. I attended the Climate Change protest held which marched from Lincoln Park to the Port. The Port is rather dismal, with no sidewalks. I think it must be hard on the sailers. There used to be a place for sailers to stay in Albany on South Pearl Street, but, that closed 30 or so years ago. I wish this industrial area was just not so ugly.

Somewhat

Resident of this city, still exploring all the parts of the land

No Yes, familiar

Not very familiar

Neighbor, walk down to U-HAUL sometimes, visited the County Water Treatment Plant and picked up office cars there.

No connection, it is pretty commercial and could be dangerous for people to just walk around in it. Could have an educational and historical component to it .

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Do you have a connection to this sub-area? How familiar are you with the operations or commercial activities at the Port of Albany? Comments 43 - 65

Not much

I am a nearby neighbor of the south end

No

Neighbor

Yes, I occasionally report to the port area for work.

A bit.

Not at all familiar

I'm not familiar with the commercial activities

Not really, other than driving past or through

Fair

No.

no connection and not familiar

Somewhat familiar.

Neighbor. Very familiar with the Port as I was an employee of the D&H/CP, and had frequent contact with many businesses located there.

No

None

not familiar

No connection, limited knowledge of port operations.

No

No

I go to that trailhead regularly. My family is in the maritime shipping industry so we are very familiar with the port's operations.

None at all.

Neighbor. Only commercial activity I am aware of is the wind turbine manufacturing facility

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

When you think of the FUTURE of this sub-area, what 3-5 words come to mind? Comments 1-23

Revitalize, open, bright.
New Jersey...
Pollution control
1. Jobs, 2. Renewable Energy, 3. Future Employment, 4. Expansion Area, 5. Collaboration.
Full of possibilities
Cleaner air
Less pollution please. Emphasis on future sustainability
Enhance connection of Rail Trail to waterfront/bike-hike trail; possibly expand tour cruise opportunities.
Commercial
Port Tours, bike destinations,
natural environment
Unlimited
Cleaner industry.
continue as functioning port
wow. good luck.
A major challenge.
Transition to sustainability.
More of the same
Not for the general public.
Economic engine. Critical infrastructure.
Commerce, Innovation, Jobs
I was born as bd raised in Albany. I think thus area has never been utilized to its potential
PCB's; PFOAS; Diesel Emissions; Cancer

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

When you think of the **FUTURE** of this sub-area, what 3-5 words come to mind? Comments 24 - 46

Clean up Normans kill
Commercial, residential, and green space.
keep industrial but with bike path access
A fully functioning modern Port
Industrial, commercial maritime, workforce development.
business growth and clean economic development
Create a green strip to separate the city from the port and wastewater treatment facilities.
Job creation, economic growth, offshore wind
Expansive opportunity for port
Honestly not sure
Activity, events, things to do/eat
I think it should, at the very least, allow for the bike trails north of the port to connect to bike trails on the other side of the port (Helderberg-Hudson)
Expand economic opportunities but with mindfulness of ecological concerns.
Beautiful Modern Port
Access, share, community
Continuity of business operations
Green sustainable technology
More green, more walkable and accessible.
Community and entertainment
More cargo boats, more goods coming in and going out. Commercial area of the river.
Commercial hub, safe,
sustainability, environmental justice
Wildflowers, fishing, nature-connection

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

When you think of the FUTURE of this sub-area, what 3-5 words come to mind? Comments 47 - 66

Promising
Keep on working
trees, bike lanes, transit
Ugly
I have no idea
Potential specialty market for cargo products
Clean, organized, safe, navigable
Potential environmental hazard also potential community development star
Jobs and economic opportunities.
pollution, dangerous, waste of space
Green manufacturing, no fossil fuels
Hopeful, beneficial.
Off limits
reinvigorate, beautify and make it welcoming
probably needs redevelopment
Flood resilient
Shale oil and yucky stuff
Somehow make it attractive with public art and trees
More port activity
Economy, throughput, logistics

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Going forward, what role would you like to see this area - including the Port of Albany - play in the broader Albany community and/or economy? (Comments 1-19)

More open to the public. Perhaps tours of the port and it's importance to our community and state.

it's industrial use probably limits it's resident recreational connection/use - and that may be OK

More geared towards Green energy businesses

Clean Air....More Renewable Energy.

Cleaner transportation, education

Less petroleum reliant business that don't have the local public at heart

I think that we should encourage use of the port to bring industry to the city.

A greater understanding of how the port fits in with the local economy. We hear only bad news (e.g. using terms like bomb trains) and the city has always been an important port so maybe something historical or educational would be most appropriate.

This port could really extend the Delaware Area into further leisure area. I'd be curious about any further consultation and development in this area.

This busy port is very well administered and open to exploring more community involvement

Mitigating pollution to city residents while also providing good job opportunities.

economic activity generator if done in a sustainable, responsible manner

I'm not experienced enough in this type of development. Anything would be an improvement, but you can't destroy the businesses that are already there.

Surely there are ways this area could become more productive for the City, or useful to residents. However, I seem to be bereft of ideas.

Guided tours would help residents and tourists understand this area, its history and current importance.

With construction and general danger of the business there, people should stay away for now.

Waterway transport is super efficient and important for reducing our dependence on trucking. Any viable path forward toward a net-zero economy will include efficient water shipping routes, so we need the port!

A larger economic driver and employer for the region.

A better relationship/partnership

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Going forward, what role would you like to see this area - including the Port of Albany - play in the broader Albany community and/or economy? Comments 20-36

Remediation; elimination of 787; reduction of toxic threats and polluters in this part of Albany.

The Port is developed and run in an environmentally friendly, sustainable and resilient manner.

This space has always been commercial but there are residential opportunities because people do live in the area. I would like to see the existing warehouses utilized in telling the story of all who worked and benefitted from the river.

I want the Port to bring good jobs to Albany.

The Port is a vital commercial enterprise to the entire Capital Region, not just the City of Albany. The Port, businesses in the Port and the businesses adjacent to the Port (those not in yellow on the map) need to be encouraged to remain and expand their workforces if possible. These business entities should encourage and assist workforce development programs in the South End to try to gain more local employees. The Port should continue to expand its businesses.

expand Port-related businesses

The port and associated facilities represent jobs and economic development, but the city and its residents need protection from environmental contamination, pollution, noise, congestion, and disaster risks.

Job creator

Grow the business there. Bring in more business

Perhaps if there is some underutilized space in the port some businesses that would benefit from larger spaces (breweries, rock climbing gyms, etc.) could give the area a bit more life.

Economic engine.

The port has always been a huge asset to the city of Albany. It's the reason we are here. We should be proud of it and promote it

Focus on nature and land, lead to reparations and deeper conversations about how we make peace with how we treat one another

More connected, more engaged, more educational

Located at the southern gateway to Albany, I am concerned about the visual impact for visitors. The port is not attractive from 787, and could benefit from the planting of trees to lessen the sun-baked appearance. This would also have the benefit of reducing urban heat gain in the city.

No gentrification

Expanding in clean energy,

Port Sub-Area – Full responses

Going forward, what role would you like to see this area - including the Port of Albany - play in the broader Albany community and/or economy? Comments 37-57

I would like the port to become more sustainable and be a leader in environmentally friendly industrial processes. This area is close to several neighborhoods that deserve better quality of life.

Not sure!

More family friendly activities

Not sure

I'm not sure - industrial areas are often a necessity, but it is a bummer that ours takes up so much shoreline. I don't know what could make it better. Maybe unrelated, but I will say there should be bike lanes in this area for the people who work here. I see guys riding bikes to work all the time - complete streets are needed for industrial areas too.

Improve area.

Look less disgusting

I think if it can provide more employment for residents, that would be the most beneficial opportunity.

Large well paying employer, business entrepreneurs ecosystem

job opportunities, less pollution

Jobs in a Green New Deal economy

While containerization has taken away some port business, there are still many opportunities to keep Albany connected to its international seafaring history.

Create maritime walkways and nature interconnects

tie it into Albany somehow- it is blah currently

stronger connection to the city itself

Workforce development and training; all future development should be paired with ecological restoration on site.

Must remain viable

The port needs to be green and set the pace for helping the environment such as having a well managed composting facility, eliminate fossil fuel based cargo etc

The port could be an important job center for the city, particularly the nearby residents of the South End and the DelSo area. I think the port should be taking on more contracts like the recent wind turbine one to expand their operations.

Improving it (sorry I know that is vague, but I am not well-read on port infrastructure).

Port of Albany creates workforce opportunities for people living in the South End neighborhood.