

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- SEPTEMBER 2017

PLANNED UPCOMING EDC AND EDC CO-SPONSORED PROJECTS

1. Establishment of Village of Kinderhook Facebook page.
2. Planning for Candlelight Night in Collaboration with KBPA.
3. Potential Establishment of Sister City Relationship with Buren (ancestral home of the Van Buren family) in The Netherlands.
4. Official opening ceremony for naming of Van Buren Hall now that new sign is installed.

PROMOTION

1. Continued distribution of summer and fall event rack card, Native Son, and Walking Tour Brochures throughout village, town, in Chatham, Hudson, Valatie, and at Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for their office and AMTRAK station.
2. Composed and posted IMBY.com and Nextdoor Kinderhook posts about village events, including farmers' market and OK Fall Festival.
3. Continued restocking display of Walking Tour brochures and Native Son rack card at Martin Van Buren statue and tourist information stand at Samascott's Garden Market.
4. Continued assembly of presentation portfolio about Kinderhook to send to Mayor Jan de Boer of Buren of The Netherlands for Sister City project. To be sent out to Dutch Consulate in NYC in third week of October. Kept in contact with Tessa Dikker of Dutch Consulate.
5. Commenced research and consulted with Berkshire Taconic Foundation concerning applicable grants from Berkshire Taconic Foundation related to potential Sister City project.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Continued to contact and encourage business district businesses to produce materials to display at tourist information stand at Samascott's Garden Market.
2. Liaisoned with new home business, Hands of Bleu, for display of business logo and inclusion in listing of village businesses on village website. Village Board at last meeting decided to invite home businesses to be listed on village website. Email blast to go out.
3. Began planning of Candlelight Night, December 8, in collaboration with KBPA.
4. Provided support letter for Concerts in the Village for their application for a 2018 Community Arts Grants Fund from the Greene County Council on the Arts.

LIGHTING STUDY GRANT & PROJECT

1. Liaisoned with Sage Engineering re: final stages of lighting study – now complete.

2. In process of preparing final report for New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for grant reimbursement. Grant amount: \$3,500.
3. Arranged for George Campbell of Sage Engineering to present final study to Village Board on September 13th.
4. Continued keeping informed of progress of Climate Smart committee re: tasks completed that could relate to possible future funding for lighting of parking lot.
5. Prepared with Village Clerk Historic Preservation Commission application for Certificate of Appropriateness for lighting fixtures and poles for October HPC meeting.

DESIGNATION OF KINDERHOOK CREEK AS A NYS INLAND WATERWAY AND GREENWAY GRANT

1. Awaiting decision on grant application for Greenway funds for “Kinderhook Creek Recreational Access Improvements Plan.”
Grant request: \$46,050. Greenway Funds Requested: \$23,025. Applicant Match (divided among four municipalities): \$23,750.

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA GRANT – Native Son: Martin Van Buren & Kinderhook

1. Brochure distribution to historic sites and other outlets ongoing.
2. Completed grant reimbursement paperwork. Paperwork submitted to granting agency. Reimbursement approved and awaiting reimbursement check. Grant amount: \$1,000.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT GARDEN AT MILLS PARK

1. Research to be conducted on finding an interpretive sign on monarch butterfly habitat from a national monarch conservation group.
2. Planning for official dedication ceremony for Monarch Butterfly Habitat Garden with participation of Girl Scout troop, as per Mayor Dunham.
3. Meeting held with Electric Rail Trail representative, Mayor Dunham, and village resident Warren Applegate on September 16, 2017, re: Mills Park as a trailhead. Planning for a public meeting to take place on November 27, 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Worked with Deputy Village Clerk on October 2017 Village Bulletin. Liaisoned with village organizations re: events and schedules for bulletin calendar.
2. Participated in planning sessions for upcoming Green Fair with subcommittee of Climate Smart Task Force. Green Fair to be held April 21st. Began identification of and outreach to possible speakers/presenters for Green Fair.