

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019

PLANNED & PROPOSED UPCOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CO-SPONSORED PROJECTS

1. Official opening ceremony for naming of Van Buren Hall

PROMOTION

1. Continued restocking display of Native Son brochures at Martin Van Buren statue, tourist information stand at Samascott's Garden Market, and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, and Clermont.
2. Continued posting news and events about Kinderhook events and businesses on Nextdoor Kinderhook, Facebook, and Instagram.

HISTORIC KINDERHOOK WALKING & BICYCLING TOUR BROCHURE

1. Grant Awarded for brochure redesign and rebranding: June 12, 2019
Total Project: \$2,750 Grant Award: \$1,325
2. Multi-stage content revisions and additions with village historian Ruth Piwonka nearing completion.
3. First-version graphic design completed and under review.
4. Contacted Curtis Printing for pricing and arranging for scanning of vintage Village of Kinderhook photos for brochure.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Continued liaison and social-media promotional efforts with new businesses.
2. Invited existing businesses to submit photos for Instagram promotional posts.
3. Contacted Alliance for Creative Economy to explore web distribution of information about lease availability of 5 Hudson Street. (Awaiting photos of 5 Hudson Street.)
4. Contacted Columbia County Economic Development Corporation to invite representatives to visit Kinderhook and 5 Hudson Street.
5. Composed "Kinderhook on the Move" for village's Fall 2019 Bulletin.
6. Attended HPC and Planning Board meetings to stay informed about new and existing business issues.
7. Met with J. Dunham, R. Phillips, and R. Fitzsimmons to discuss 3 and 5 Broad Street.
8. Discussed potential village retail opportunities with local realtor.
9. Researched and shared information with J. Dunham and interested community residents about New York State regulations concerning transportation/trucking of agricultural products.
10. Began research concerning empty lot on Chatham Street that used to be location of a gas station. Discussed with representative of DEC what's on

file concerning tank removal and other issues. Completed a Foil request to village file on history of the lot.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FOOD TRUCK VILLAGE – 2019

1. Closed out vendor fees in consultation with KBPA.

SISTER CITY PROJECT – BUREN – THE NETHERLANDS

1. Continued follow up with Buren on expanding connections between the two communities.
2. Continued postings on Kinderhook-Buren Facebook page to share Kinderhook news with Buren and encourage Dutch tourism to Kinderhook.
3. Met Sophie van Doornmalen, Senior Cultural Officer, Shared Cultural Heritage and Dutch Old Masters, of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New York City. Gave a brief tour of local Kinderhook businesses following her tour with CCHS and Ruth Piwonka and discussed the potential for joint projects concerning cultural exchanges.

GRANT AVAILABILITY

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS grant availability to make recommendations to village board.
 2. Distributed relevant grant notifications to local non-profits and Climate Smart Task Force for their consideration.
 3. Recommended Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant for future Kinderhook Creek Heritage Water Trail signage. (Due: March 2020)

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT LIGHTING STUDY GRANT & PROJECT

1. Awaiting finalized easement for 3 Hudson Street in order to order fixtures.
2. Contacted Congressman Antonio Delgado's office to request help with expediting U.S. Postal Service permission for easement at 3 Hudson Street.
3. Composed letter to Peter Cecchini re: Congressman Delgado's postal liaison.

KINDERHOOK CREEK RECREATIONAL USE STUDY, PHASE I AND HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT, AND GRANT FOR LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN

1. Awaiting grant decisions in December 2019 for LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan).
2. Reviewed final Kinderhook Creek Resources Survey.

MILLS PARK

1. Met with Sigrid Gray, Michael Allen, Jim Dunham, Dave Booth, Rob Meehan to discuss new mowing plan at Mills Park.

VAN BUREN HALL

1. Contract finalized by Village Board with architect Gregory Merryweather.
2. Van Buren Hall committee met with Gregory Merryweather and reviewed initial design proposals and offered feedback.
3. Gregory Merryweather to revise initial designs and meet again with committee in October.