



Village of Ossining
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Village of Ossining Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Local Planning Committee (LPC) Meeting 2

March 19, 2022



**Downtown
Revitalization
Initiative**

Agenda

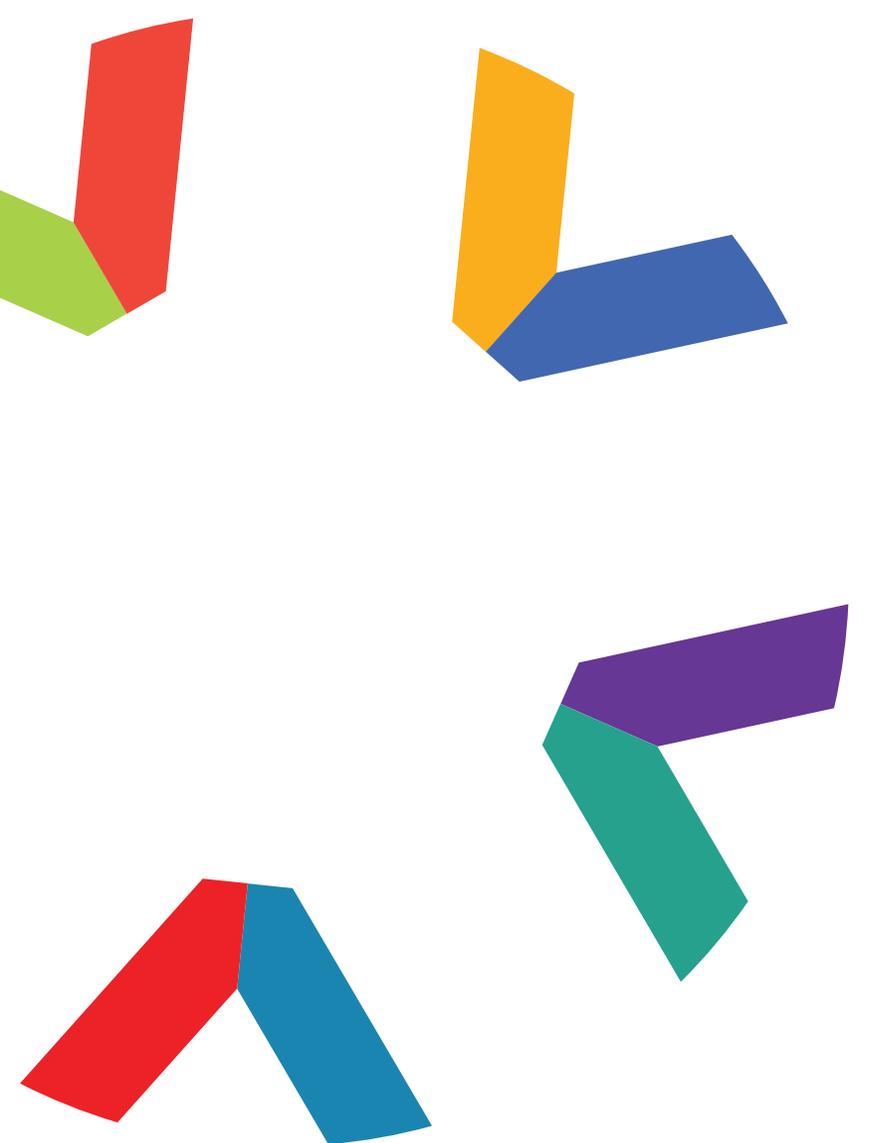


Meeting [9:00 to 9:35 am]

- Introductions
- Conflicts of Interest and Recusal Disclosure
- DRI Planning Process
- Public Engagement Update
- DRI Vision and Goals
- Downtown Profile and Assessment
- Project Evaluation Criteria

Opportunity for Public Comment [9:35 to 9:50 am]

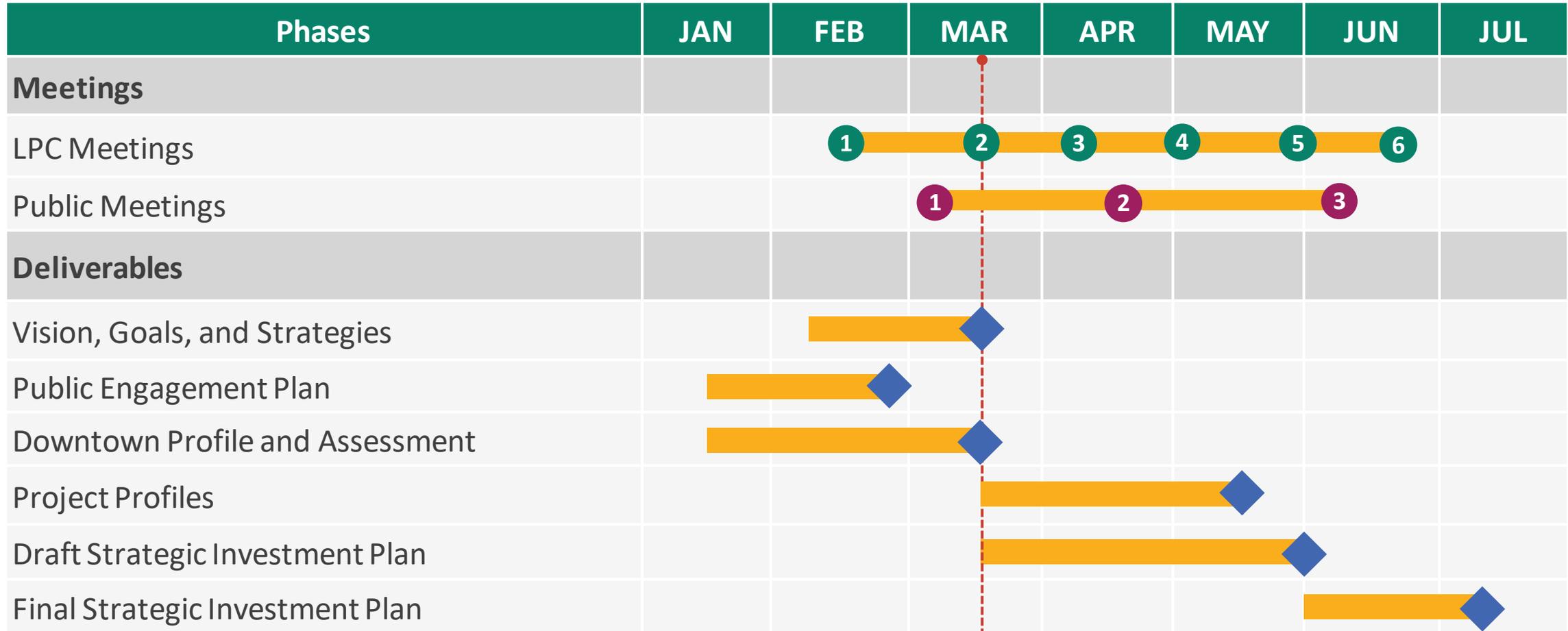
Walking Tour of the DRI Area [10:00 to noon]



Introductions

Conflicts of Interest and Recusal Disclosure

The DRI Planning Process



● LPC Meeting
 ● Community Meeting
 ◆ Deliverable

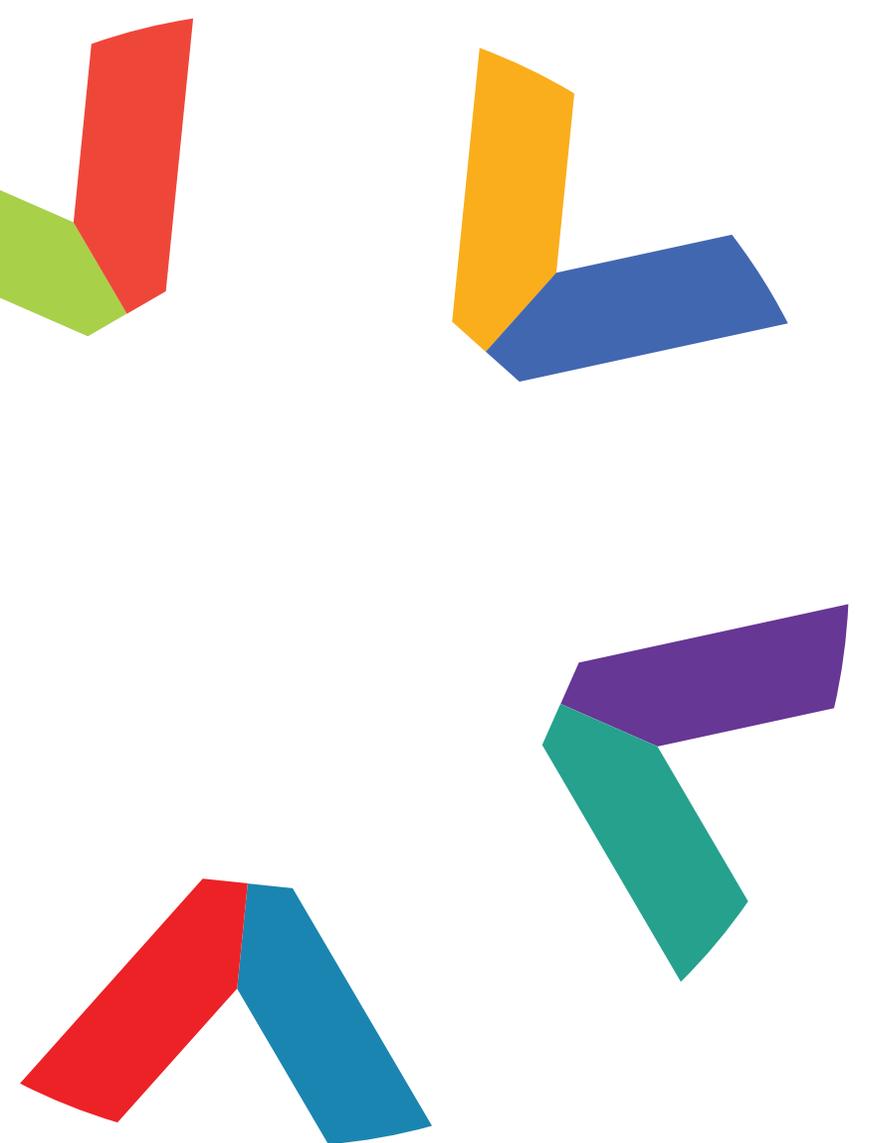
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Public Engagement Update



Key Takeaways from Community Meeting 1

- It is important to build upon past planning efforts and initiatives, particularly around climate change, resiliency, and parking.
- It is also important to share information broadly and engage a diversity of voices, using a mix of engagement strategies.
- There is strong interest in a walkable downtown and a dynamic waterfront—and connecting these two areas.
- There is also interest in supporting small business development, cultural programming, and spaces for youth.
- More information is needed about how potential projects will catalyze economic development that is sustainable and inclusive.



**What are you hearing about
public engagement in the DRI
planning process?**

Vision for Downtown Ossining



“ “ *The Village of Ossining envisions its downtown as a vibrant, diverse, and walkable district that connects the historic Main Street corridor to the beautiful Hudson River waterfront.*

The revitalization of Downtown Ossining will leverage its existing assets—abundant public amenities and access to transit, an innovative and entrepreneurial business community, and engaged residents who share a commitment to building a more just society—to strengthen the local economy and expand opportunities for residents and visitors alike to live, work, and play.

By fostering economic development that is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient, the Village will preserve its rich cultural and socio-economic diversity while creating an even better tomorrow.

Goals for Downtown Ossining



Goal 1

Transportation & Mobility

Improve walkability and connectivity within Downtown Ossining, which has a steep hill, by implementing improvements that will enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and promote transit ridership.



Goal 2

Economic Development

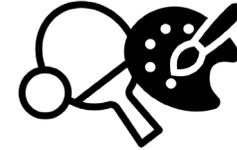
Strengthen the local economy by leveraging Downtown Ossining's existing assets to attract visitors and foster economic development that is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient, so that the area continues to reflect the Village's cultural and socio-economic diversity.



Goal 3

Housing

Encourage the creation of mixed-income housing in Downtown Ossining through public-private partnerships that result in rehabilitation of existing buildings and construction of new mixed-use, transit-oriented buildings on certain strategic sites.



Goal 4

Open Space, Recreation, Arts & Culture

Enhance the abundant public amenities within Downtown Ossining—including the waterfront, green spaces, and the community center—and encourage a vibrant sense of place through outdoor dining, public art, and cultural events.

Downtown Profile and Assessment



Strengths

- The population of the DRI Area has been rising over the last decade.
- With large Hispanic and Black populations, the DRI Area is a diverse and vibrant community.
- The high level of connectivity to the waterfront plus the network of trails and parks offers many recreation options.
- Locally-owned businesses and historically significant buildings contribute to a unique sense of place.

We want your feedback!

Challenges

- Though median income in the DRI Area is rising, there remains a significant population living below the poverty line.
- Few large employers mean DRI Area residents pursue employment outside the Village.
- Both renters and homeowners face high levels of housing cost burden—and rising sales prices have intensified housing challenges.

Project Evaluation Criteria



State Criteria for Project Selection

- Alignment with State and local goals
- Public support
- Project readiness
- Catalytic effect
- Co-benefits (secondary benefits to the community and project sponsor)
- Cost effectiveness (effective and efficient use of public resources)

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Next Steps



**Call for
Projects**

*Office Hours:
Thu March 24
10am to noon*



**LPC
Meeting 3**

*Thu April 7
Noon to 2pm*



**Community
Meeting 2**

*Mid to late April
(date TBD)*

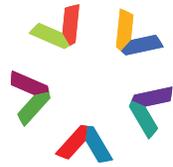
Deadline: March 31

Public Comment



- You can ask a question or offer a comment by using the “Raise hand” feature on Zoom
 - Press *9 if using telephone
- Please limit your question or comment to two minutes.
- The meeting and all commentary is being recorded.





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Thank You!

For questions, email OssiningDRI@vhb.com or visit www.VillageofOssining.org to learn more.