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A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Waterfront,

Welcome to the 13th edition of the waterfront newsletter. Since our last newsletter in September the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC), our consultants Union Studio and city staff have been working diligently to move the waterfront planning process forward.



Jack Mettee

Much of our effort has been in developing the final design for the waterfront park. A number of issues have to be taken into account. These include the effect of sea level rise as well environmental constraints such as those posed by sensitive intertidal species that were discovered during the natural resource survey of the intertidal area. A Park Design Subcommittee has been appointed by CWDAC to work with our consultants to come up with a preferred design. We are fortunate to have members of CWDAC on this committee who are highly qualified landscape designers. The subcommittee has met several times including a meeting with key stakeholders to ensure broad input into the final design. See below for more on this process.

In addition, to the park design process, our consultants have been working diligently on putting together the necessary documents and applications for permitting. We will need to obtain permits for dock construction, park design and construction, and site grading to prepare the waterfront site for development. We will also need to have a approved permits for partial removal of the bluff. We have had several pre-permitting meetings with numerous state and federal

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Upcoming meetings:**Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee**

- The next meeting of CWDAC will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016. [Click here](#) for more information.

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agencies to ensure that the eventual permit process goes as efficiently and smoothly as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Dec. 20 when we will have a discussion with Union Studio and the Park Design Subcommittee about the status of the park design as well as a more detailed overall conceptual site plan for the waterfront.

Your Chairman,



Jack Mettee

Waterfront park planning includes stakeholder and public outreach

CWDAC has formed a Waterfront Park Planning Subcommittee that includes key members of the Union Studio Design Team as well as several members of CWDAC. The purpose of this committee is to assist our design consultant with the park design and just as importantly, solicit information from individuals and groups in Dover who have an interest in the park.

At its first meeting in October, the Planning Committee identified a number of features that should be included in the park including: kayak access; a rowing dock; a location for gundalow landing; a walking trail; vendors/food trucks; a plaza with electrical service, tent locations, restrooms, water and lighting; ice skating and opportunities for movie night. The Committee also indicated the importance of connecting the future waterfront park with Henry Law Park to the west and Maglaras Park to the east.

Committee and development of the City's waterfront property, or to contact the committee, visit the City of Dover's [waterfront development page here](#).

CWDAC Mission Statement

"... [T]o provide a vibrant waterfront with public gathering places and access to the water, a place for people to live, meet, relax, encounter nature, conduct business and learn of Dover's past."



Last week the committee met with a large group of stakeholders to discuss the future uses of the park using a schematic park layout prepared by our consultant, pictured above. For example, the following activities gained the most interest: boathouse, kayak/canoe access and opportunities, rowing, downtown connections, paddle craft rentals, hammocks/fun seating and boat building.



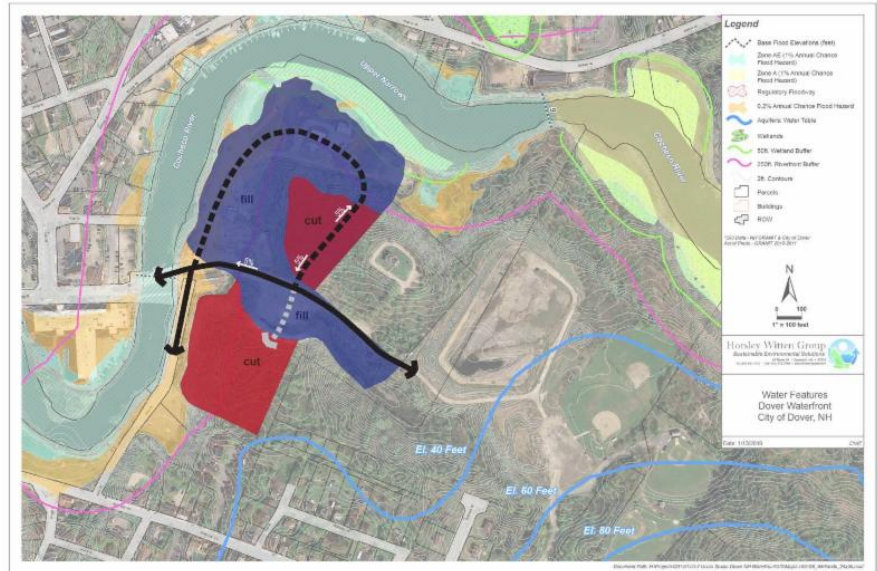
The Committee also intends to prepare a survey that will be set up online so that the public can provide input to this planning process. Groups can forward the survey link to their members or individuals can respond. The survey will be available on the city's website.

City to solicit bids for bluff excavation

A major part of the development of the waterfront site will be the need to raise the elevation of the site to account for sea level rise. Adding material to the site will also allow the city to provide acceptable cover for the remaining contaminated soils. Fortunately, the material needed to accomplish this task is already on the site in the form of a hillside on the north side of the site that rises 30-40 feet from the river and a 60-foot rock bluff on the south side of the site along River Street.

To accomplish this, our consultants are developing a grading plan for the site. This plan calls for the hill on the north side to be excavated

and spread out on the lower portions. It also calls for a two-acre portion of the bluff to be removed to create a developable area along River Street. Some the material from the bluff excavation can be used on the site for grading and to assist in the closure of the dredge cell on an adjacent site near Maglaras Park. The image below is a preliminary schematic grading plan, but generally shows the areas where the earth is cut and the area where cut materials are used for filling the site. As part of this plan the consultants will also prepare applications for an Alteration of Terrain and a Wetlands permit that must be approved by the NH DES.



At its last meeting CWDAC approved having the city prepare a Request for Qualifications to solicit excavation contractors that would have the capacity, equipment and experience to complete the bluff excavation. This RFQ is expected to be issued in the next week.



Missed the meeting? Catch it here

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee last met on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

To view the meeting online, [click here](#).



1768 - The selectmen were empowered to purchase a sufficient quantity of common land for landings on each side of Cochecho river.

1786 - Dr. Ezra Green and others petitioned the town to appropriate some of the money which the Dover Landing lots were sold for the purchase of a bell, inasmuch as Dover was the only shire town in the county and was in much need of a bell for its own accommodation and for that of the court when in session. The town voted in the negative.

1788 - The selectmen were authorized to sell as many of the town's lots at Dover Landing as would be sufficient for the purchase of a bell, and no more.

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