

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – November 2022

KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE - VACANCIES AND BUSINESS OPENINGS

Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]

5 Hudson Street

Business Opening: Shaker Museum, 2nd floor, 4 Hudson Street, Kinderhook Knitting Mill

PROMOTION

- Design of “Bridge Closure” graphic and ad placement (2).
- Distribution of Mills Park and Walking Tour brochures plus business rack card.
- Worked with Megan Wilson of Hudson Valley magazine to coordinate information, personal stories, business information, and provide photos for Village of Kinderhook feature in February 2023.
- Consulted with Friends of Lindenwald re: Martin Van Buren celebration.

GRANTS SUMMARY

COMPLETED:

GeoTourist “Kinderhook Village Square and Beyond Walking Tour” app.

Launch Date: January 2023.

Grant: Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Mills Park Brochure

Columbia Land Conservancy Municipal Mini-Grant \$500 reimbursement for Mills Park brochure design approved and received.

REVIEWED:

Municipal Water Resources Inventory

CURRENT (ONGOING):

Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Projects)

- Hudson River Valley Greenway budget rescope submitted and approved by the Greenway (kayak launch project).
- Barton & Loguidice hired to prepare LWRP.
- Discussion on next steps for LWRP with Robert Murphy of B & L and Trustee Weir. Requested that B & L submit a summary of administrative tasks that B & L will be responsible for.

NY Forward Grant Application - Grant Request: \$2.5 million

- NY Forward grant application and PowerPoint presentation completed and submitted.
- Awaiting award announcements.

Restore NY

- Met with Jessica Gabriel, CEDC; and Debbye Byrum, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; and Mary Ose to discuss grant funding.
- Submitted Restore NY "Intent to Apply" application on behalf of 1 Chatham Street. Eligibility confirmed. Application deadline: January 2023

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

Bandstand

Awaiting meeting with NYS Parks & Recreation Historic Preservation about grant eligibility - to be scheduled by HPC.

Van Buren Hall

Follow-up meeting to be scheduled by HPC for review by NYS Historic Preservation of renovation drawings and plans for grant eligibility.

Potential Grant Application: NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation

Review and Distribution of Private Foundation Grant Opportunities to Local Businesses

Arts-related grant opportunities forwarded to Kinderhook business.

ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack, Village Square Lighting

- Location for bike rack in Village Square on hold.
- Awaiting installation of Village-owned light post at Kinderhook Knitting Mill parking lot.
- Village directional signage at Electric Trail: Columbia Land Conservancy grant application to be completed (deadline: February 2023).

Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues

- Exploration of parking striping along Hudson Street.
- Chatham Street vacant lot: Preliminary discussion about grant availability with Jessica Gabriel of CEDC.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Collaborated with Kinderhook Memorial Library on plastic-recycling program at Village Hall. Library's donation goal was met, and donated bench to village was received.
- Liaisoned with Senator Hinchey's office re: visit to Kinderhook.
- Met with Jessica Gabriel, CEDC; and Debby Byrum, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; Bill Laraway, KBPA; and Liz Cottingham, The Kinderhook Bottle Shop to discuss Columbia Forward outreach, KBPA, and potential local business resources and support.

