

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – March 2022

Priority Long-term Economic Development Projects

1. Van Buren Hall Renovation and Grant Funding
2. Bandstand Renovation and Grant Funding

Promotion and Village Information Distribution

1. Developed content for a “Greetings from Kinderhook” rack card to be distributed by Berkshire Brochure in spring/summer 2022.
2. Contracted with Flying Eye Press for graphic design of rack card:
3. 3. Continued restocking display of Historic Kinderhook Village Walking & Bicycling Tour.
4. Continued posting news and events about Kinderhook events and businesses on Nextdoor Kinderhook, Facebook, IMBY.com, Instagram, and regional Facebook Community Boards.
6. Reposted village notices on official village Facebook page.

Historic Kinderhook GeoTourist App - Supported by a Grant from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

1. Script review completed and finalized.
2. Photographer assigned to take contemporary photos.
3. Village historian Kate Johnson began research of historic photos.
4. Recording of GeoTourist app to be completed by May 2022.

Community/Business Outreach

1. Continued discussions and support re: village issues with The Kinderhook Knitting Mill, OKPantry, The Kinderhook Bottle Shop.
2. Provided tips for submitting signage application to HPC to El Toro Mexican Restaurant.
3. Worked in cooperation with KBPA on planning spring/summer events.
4. Stayed informed about new opportunities for purchasing business-district properties and potential new businesses exploring Kinderhook locations.
5. Assisted with formatting of Memorial Day Parade 2022 flyer.

Bandstand

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

Traffic Issues and Complete Streets Related to Economic Development

1. No activity.

COVID-19 Community Outreach

1. Continued daily postings and on-going email blasts from village and on Nextdoor Kinderhook and Facebook concerning Columbia County Department of Health COVID-19 updates.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail and Village Bike Racks

1. Consulted with DPW about placement of bike rack with KBPA-donated funds in Village Square.

Mills Park

1. Awarded \$500 (no match) Columbia Land Conservancy Municipal Mini-Grant for the design, production, and printing of a tri-fold explanatory brochure/map about the history of Mills Park, and sustainable planting, gardening, and pollinators.

Sister City - Buren

No activity.

Grants

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS and private grant availability to make recommendations to village board.
2. Researched customizable splash pads for playground for grant competitiveness.

Kinderhook Creek and LWRP

1. Finalized RFP for LWRP. Approved by NYS Department of State.
2. Sent out by clerk's office: April 4, 2022.

Van Buren Hall - NYS Parks & Recreation Historic Preservation Grant

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

25 Chatham Street – Vacant Lot

1. Next steps on hold: (1) Contacting DEC to determine if there is any additional paperwork in their files post-demolition status. (2) Summarizing information for report to Board of Trustees.

Miscellaneous

1. Assisted with village communications about voter deadlines for 2022 village election.
2. Composed economic development updates for spring/summer Village bulletin.