



City of Newburgh Vision Plan

Public Workshop #2

May 30, 2018



Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Presentation (6:45 – 7:15)**
- 3. Coffee Break (7:15 – 7:30)**
- 4. Round Table Discussion (7:30 – 8:15)**
- 5. Wrap Up and Report Back (8:15 – 8:30)**

Introductions

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Tonight's Objectives

- 1. Provide a brief overview of community outreach to date.**
- 2. Round table discussion to hear your ideas about priorities, goals, and potential revisions and updates.**
- 3. Report back on round table takeaways.**

Why Start with Vision Plan?

- Get public input on the Vision and Goals from Newburgh's existing Comprehensive Plan (*Plan-It Newburgh*, 2008)
- Create a framework of key issues to address and opportunities to build upon in a future comprehensive plan.
- Serve as a foundation for the City to update its Comprehensive Plan.



Why update Newburgh's vision now?

The current Newburgh Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2008.

An update of the plan will reflect current demographics, recent plans, and up to date planning principles

Opportunity to help the City respond to changing regional and economic trends.

Help prioritize implementation for existing recommendations and plans.



Recent Planning Context

Plan-It Newburgh (2008)

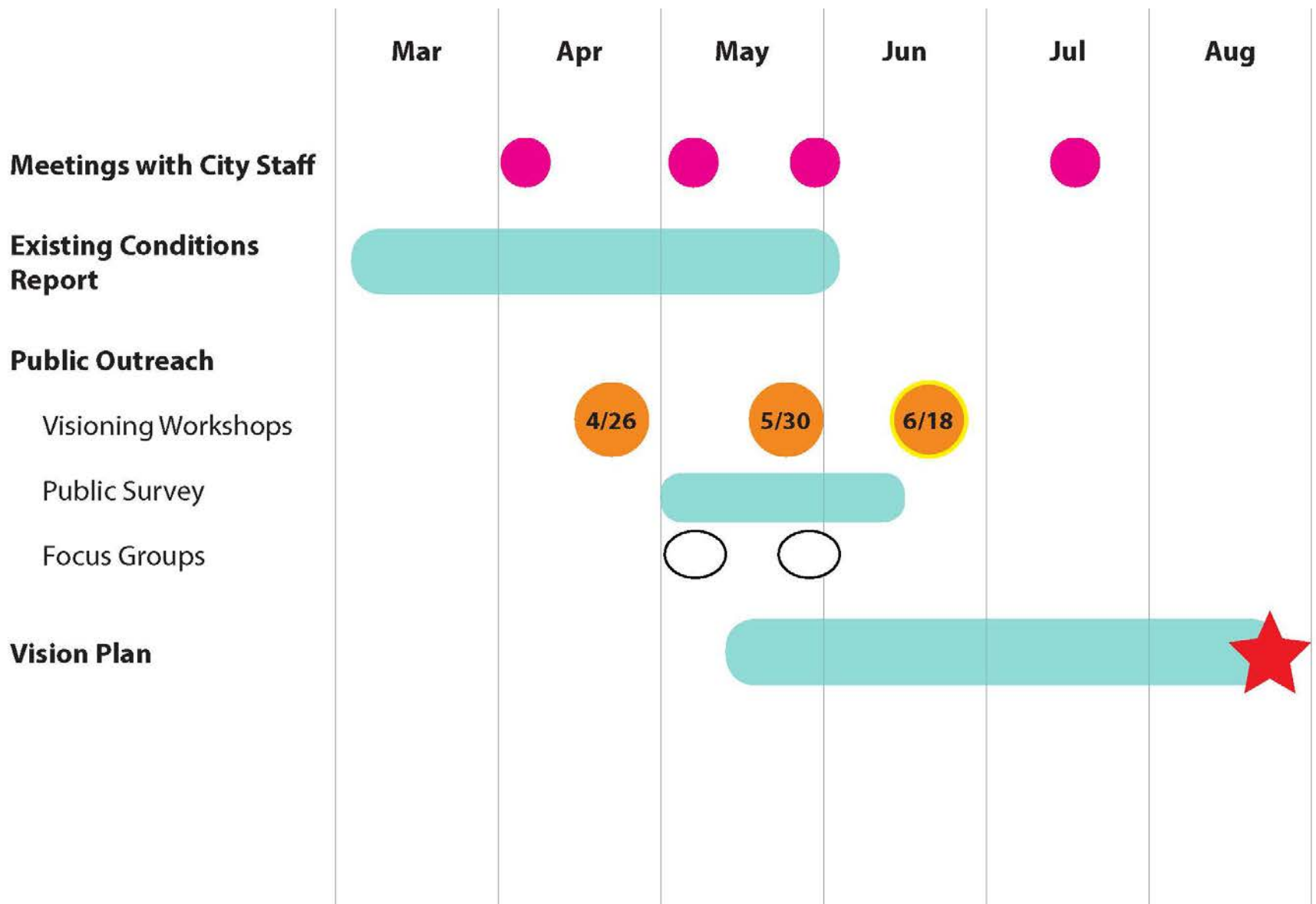
Future Land Use Plan (2011)

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
(2017)

Vision Plan (2018)

Comprehensive Plan Update (future)

Project Timeline



Newburgh Vision Plan Elements/Chapters

1. Introduction

2. Existing Conditions

3. Vision and Goals

- Vision Statement
- Goals
 - Social Well-Being
 - Governance
 - Housing
 - Natural Environment
 - Economic Development
 - Transportation
 - Municipal Services

4. Implementation

Take the survey, we want to hear from you!

Newburgh Public Survey is the tool to gain feedback from a wider range of stakeholders.

Anyone interested in the future of Newburgh is invited to take the survey. The individual responses are confidential.

Open through June

Take it now at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewburghVision>



Join us to help create a vision for Newburgh!

Public Workshop #3

City of Newburgh Vision Plan

Date: Monday, June 18 2018

Location: TBD

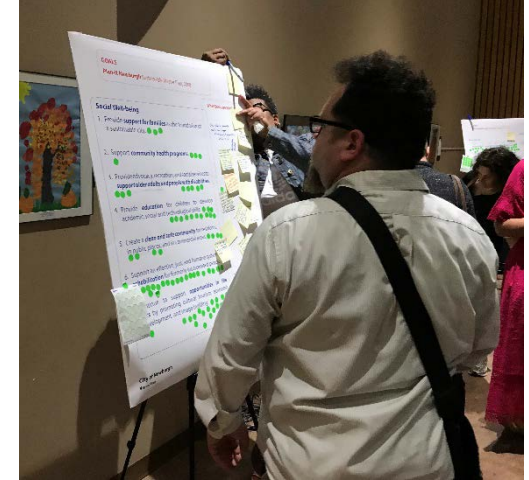
Time: 6:30 pm

Objective: Finalize Newburgh's vision and goals and discuss next steps

Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Vision:

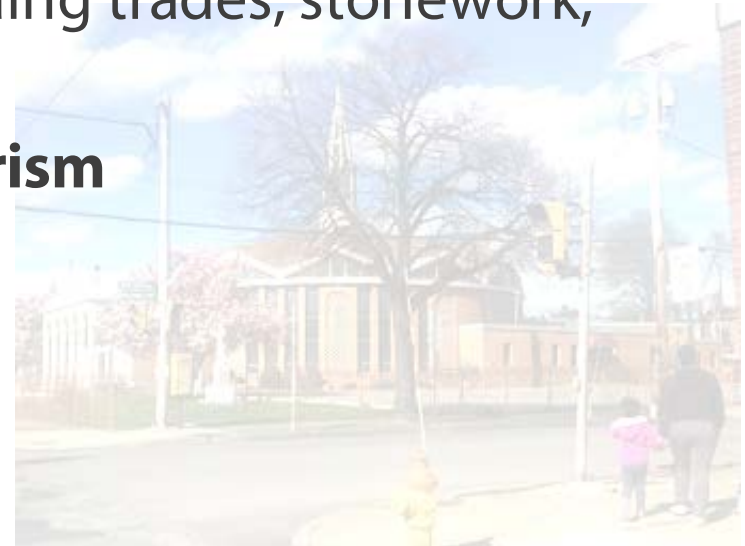
- Need for identity and rebranding
- Bring jobs to Newburgh
- Emphasize environmental issues (e.g. water quality, brownfield sites)
- Promote homeownership
- Balance future growth with supporting existing residents
- Need to achieve financial stability and increase tax base



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Social Well-Being

- Need for a wide range of **community facilities** (e.g. fitness center, supportive programming for seniors, resources for young people such as a Children's Museum)
- Housing and workforce— **prioritize municipal employees** for residential rehab assistance
- Provide **job-skills training** (e.g. building trades, stonework, masonry)
- Expand **green space** and attract **tourism**



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Governance

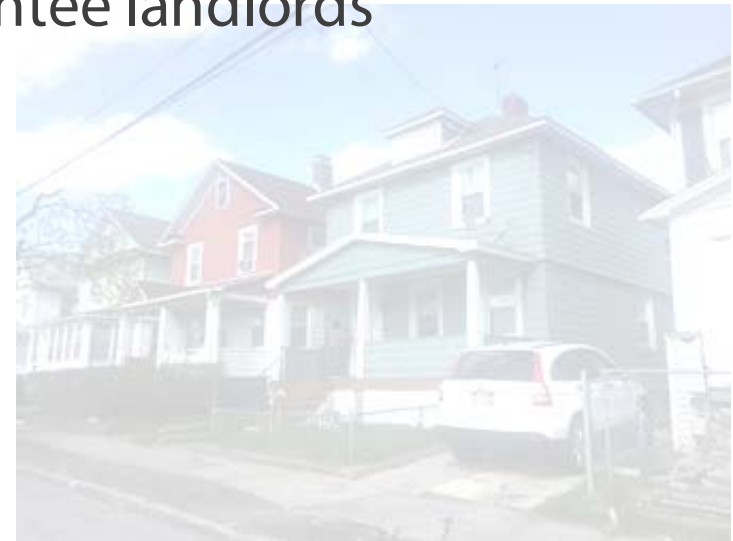
- **Transparency** in local government
- Newburgh should encourage **community input** and participation
- Need to **expand the local tax base** through economic growth and future development
- The City should seek businesses but with a **prudent use of PILOTS** (Payment In Lieu of Taxes)



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Housing

- Promoting **homeownership** is still an important goal
- Need for **affordable housing** and a need to help low-income residents invest in their homes
- Tensions between investors/**newcomers and longtime residents**
- Seek to **limit displacement** and absentee landlords



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Natural Environment

- Importance of the **Hudson River** in Newburgh's culture – preserve views, prioritize waterfront conditions
- Need for stronger **waterfront connections**
- **Environmental initiatives** provide opportunities to spur job creation (e.g. renewable energy, indoor greenhouse)
- New development should be energy efficient



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Economic Development

- Need for **workforce opportunities** for existing residents
- Greater **diversity of business development** (not just arts, retail, tourism)
- Need for **accountability** in the plan to identify responsible parties and actionable goals
- Support the development of **Stewart Airport** as a job generator for Newburgh residents



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Transportation

- Better **maintain** streets and sidewalks
- Need to emphasize **non-vehicular transportation**- many Newburgh residents don't drive
- Connection between **transportation and access to jobs**
- Need to **overhaul bus system**, and/or seek alternatives
- **New ideas**: cyclist connection over Beacon-Newburgh Bridge; electric buses; streetcars; trolleys; local jitney service



Feedback from Public Workshop #1

Municipal Services

- Ensure **financial stability** in order to effect meaningful change and lasting improvements
- Improve water quality in **Hudson River**
- Improve **drinking water** quality
- Implement **improved waste management** programs: recycling, composting, leaf pick up



Future Outreach

- The Vision Plan is the starting point for to gain meaningful community feedback.
- The Vision will provide a framework for the community to get directly involved in the planning process.
- Take the survey!

Tools to help continue the conversation:

- Block captains
- Intercept surveys
- State of the City Roundtable
- “Meeting in a Box”



Round Table Discussions

After the coffee break...

- Form small discussion groups to discuss what are the top priorities for these 7 topics:



- Given what the City can afford, each table must come up with **1 or 2 top priorities**
- Consider strategies for each topic as well as: **Who pays? What will the cost be? Who will benefit?**
- After the group sessions, we will ***reconvene to report back*** on the top priorities

For more information:

Sign in to get on the email list.

Attend future public workshops.

- Next public workshop is on June 18, 2018

Take the public survey!

Keep an eye on the City's website throughout the process for updates:

www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/planning-development/pages/2018-master-plan-update