


Clean Water Act Symposium

Connecting People to the Hudson River

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A group of young girls are sitting on a wooden dock by the water. They are wearing swimsuits and are looking towards the water. In the background, there is a large steel truss bridge spanning across the water. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The dock is made of wooden planks and has metal railings. The water is dark blue and calm. The overall scene is a peaceful outdoor setting.

Scenic Hudson
sustains and
enhances the Hudson
Valley's inspirational
beauty and health for
generations to come.

Imagine!



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No need to imagine 50 years of Positive Change

- Preserved over 40,000 acres of irreplaceable landscapes
- Created or enhanced 65 public parks and preserves
- Transformed urban waterfronts
- Revitalized riverfront communities

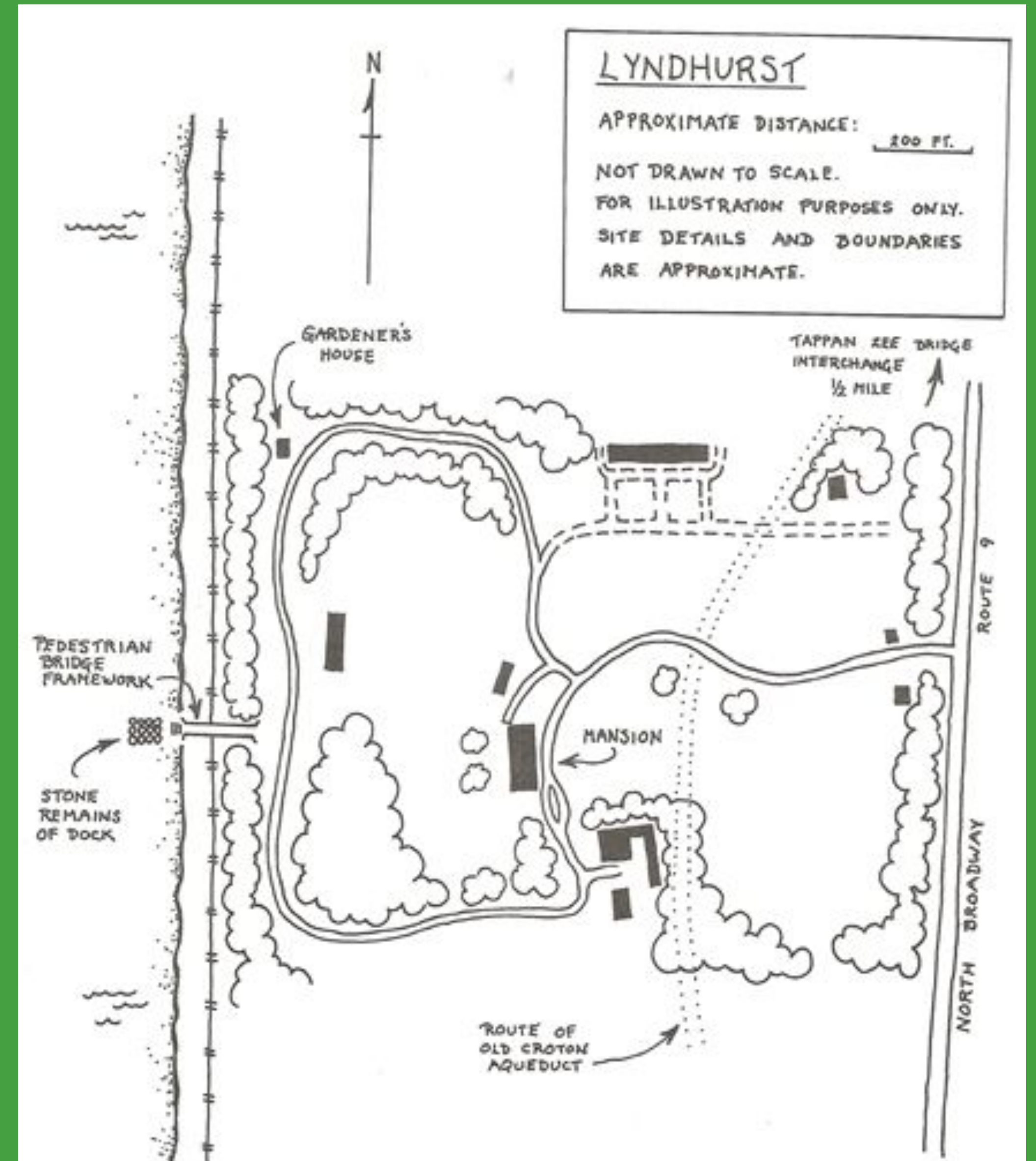
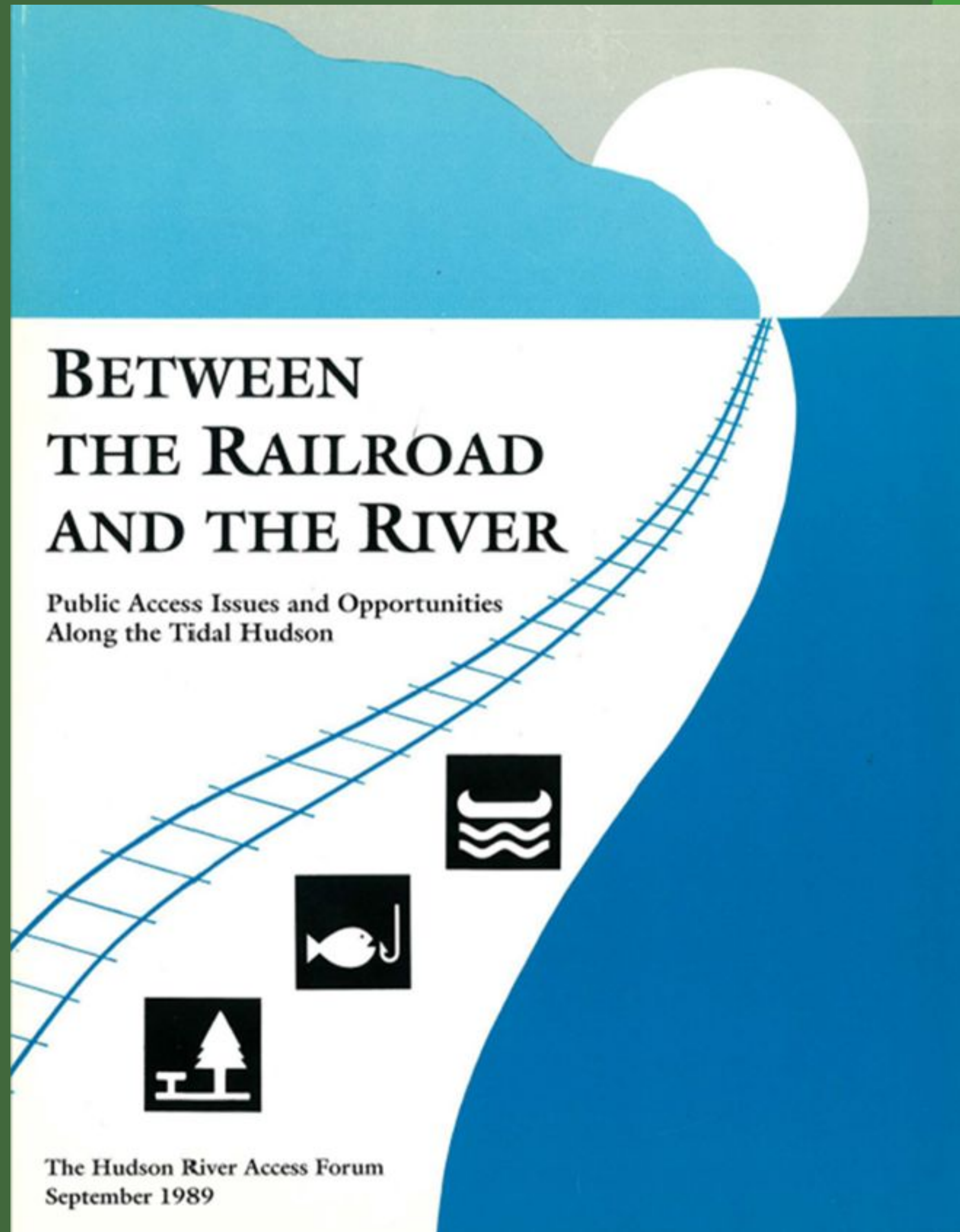
BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN!



We need more Hudson River access




Challenge: Railroads still create a barrier



Challenge: Provide safe at-grade crossings

Barriers to Shoreline Access
Reduce Risk & Provide Shoreline Access

How to Reduce Risk and Improve Shoreline Access Along Passenger Rail Lines
A case study in San Clemente, California, and recommendations for sites along the Hudson River





San Clemente Beach Trail
Source: Ana Vengas/CA Times, 12/27/05

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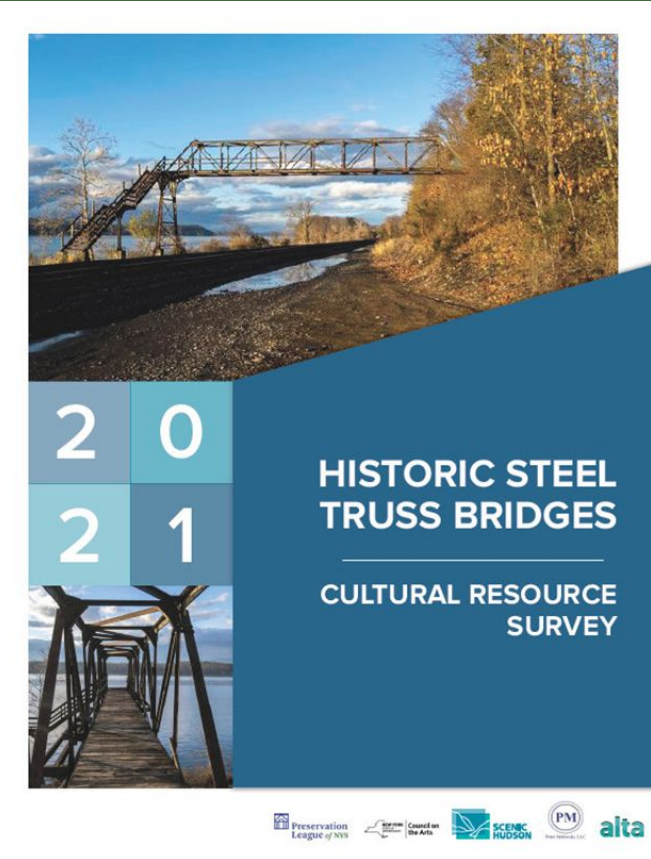
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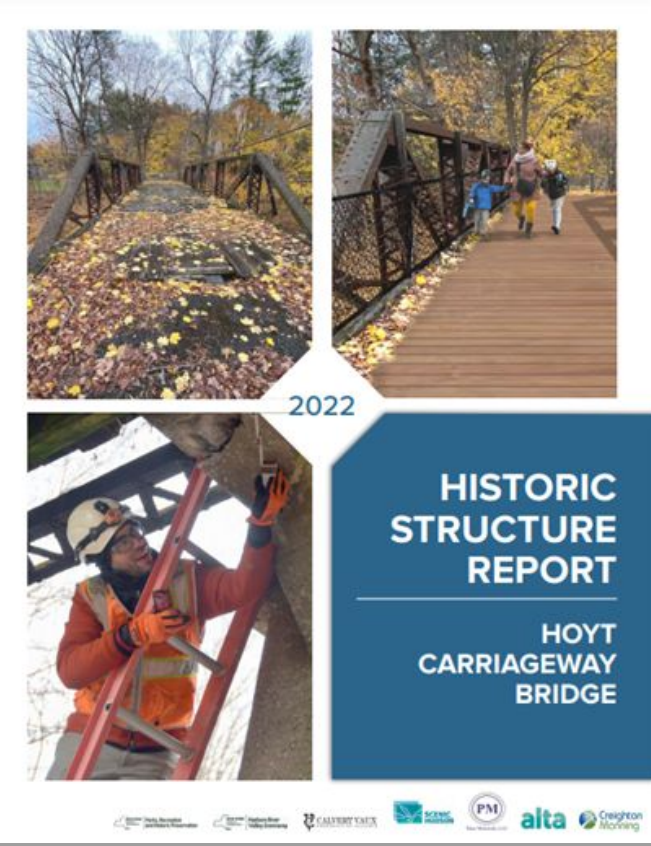
Castleton-on-Hudson
 $\frac{3}{4}$ acre undeveloped and
inaccessible municipal waterfront park

Challenge: Repair & Reopen Historic Truss Bridges



2021
HISTORIC STEEL TRUSS BRIDGES
CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Logos for Preservation Enterprise, State of New York, NYS Office of General Services, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and Alta.



2022
HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT
HOYT CARRIAGEWAY BRIDGE

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Challenge: Poorly planned riverfront development

- Insufficient size of public riverfront parks
- Discontinuous riverfront parks
- Gated developments



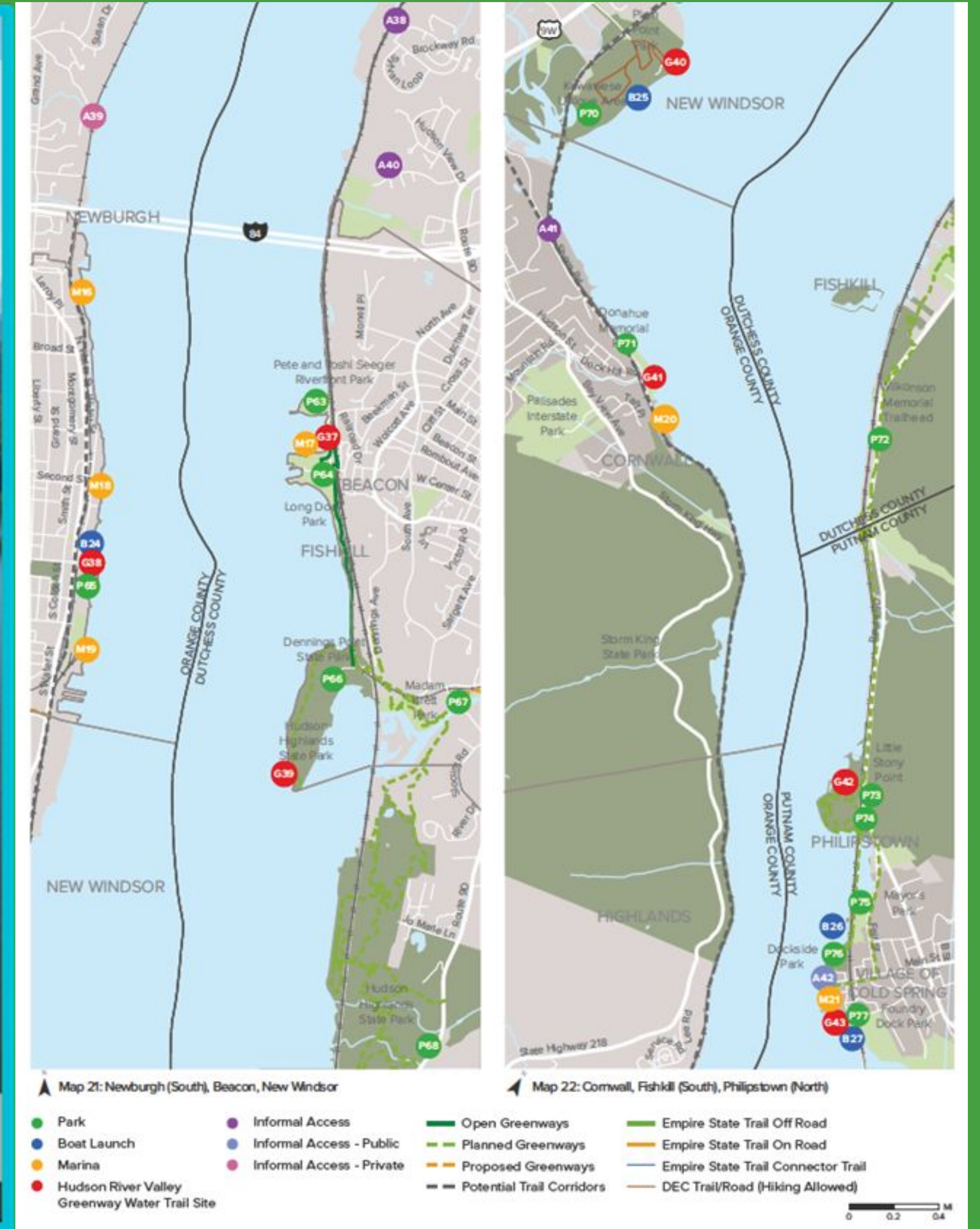
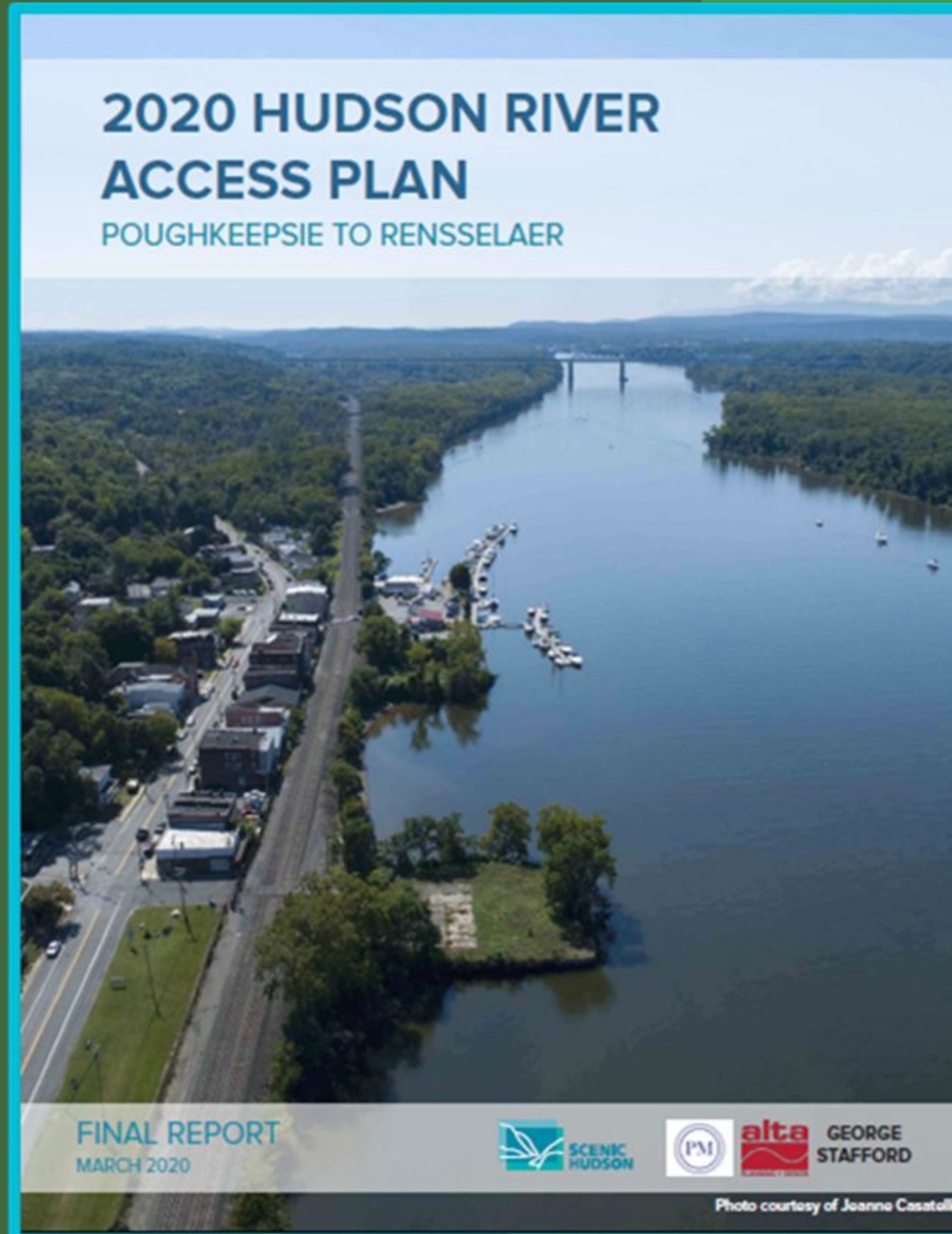
Challenge: Reindustrialization of the River

- Legacy industry that no longer requires a riverfront location



Hudson River Access Plan

- Expanding HRAP 2020 to capture riverwide access opportunities and needs
- Based on extensive public
- Approximately 10,000 public comments
- Can be used by municipalities and NGOs to achieve their river access needs



Hudson River Access Plan



LONGVIEW PARK / BOAT HOUSE ROW

CROSSING TYPE



SIZE

75 Acres

OWNERSHIP

Private (Marist College and Vassar College)

EXISTING AMENITIES



CROSSING CHARACTERISTICS

One-lane tunnel below the railroad to connect the college campus to the riverfront park, Hoffman Street bridge and North Water Street.

EXISTING USE & FACILITIES ON SITE

Longview Park includes a bike/walk path along the river, a fishing pier, Marist's historic Cornell boathouse, and scenic vistas.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

A future greenway trail is planned along the riverfront that will connect south to the City of Poughkeepsie and north to Hyde Park.

“

IMPORTANT river access site for Hudson River Rowing Association AND annual Dutchess Dragon Boat Races & Festival fund-raising event for Habitats for Humanity Dutchess!”

–Survey Respondent

RECOMMENDATIONS

Maintain existing tunnel for access to the site. Construct City of Poughkeepsie Riverfront Greenway Trail through the site to connect to One Dutchess Avenue and Fern Tor.

PUBLIC INPUT

48

respondents **already use this site**, and

27

respondents **would like to use this site**

The most desired amenities for this site are:



80%

would like to use this site for **recreation and scenic views**

60%

would like to use this site for **trails**

Summary

- Many former riverfront industrial sites cleaned up and are now parks
 - but long stretches of shoreline still provide no access
- Railroad is still a barrier
- Can be addressed with
 - Public involvement in planning decisions
 - Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs
 - Interagency cooperation
 - Funding



What can you do?

- Celebrate our mutual successes & Enjoy our Hudson River
- Participate in local planning processes
- Ensure your community has a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Keep apprised of Scenic Hudson's river access initiatives and take action at



<https://defendthevalley.org/campaign/river-access/>

Questions?

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