

VILLAGE OF PHOENIX STRATEGIC PLAN

PUBLIC SURVEY

September 12, 2006

1. Do you live within the Village of Phoenix? _____
 - a. If yes, how long have you lived in the Village? _____
 - b. If no, where do you live? _____

2. Do you work within the Village of Phoenix? _____
 - a. If yes, how long have you worked there? _____
 - b. If no, where do you work (town or village)? _____

3. Do you visit the canal waterfront district at night and on the weekends? _____
 - a. If yes, what do you do? _____
 - b. If no, what events or activities might entice you to visit the Village? _____

4. Please read through the following recommendations for **Boating Enhancements** in the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (x) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I <u>do</u> support this	I <u>don't</u> support this
Construct marina facilities on Lock Island		
Utilize the containment area along the dam as a mooring facility		
Expand docking facilities at Henley Park		
Install restroom/shower facilities at the Bridge House		
Upgrade water and electric service at all docks		
Provide WiFi access along canal		
Install a floating dock/fishing pier to promote recreation		
Install a launch for kayaks and canoes		

Do you have other suggestions of ways to enhance boating opportunities? _____

5. Please read through the following recommendations for **Recreational Opportunities** in the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (X) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I <u>do</u> support this	I <u>don't</u> support this
Create a waterfront bike, rollerblading and pedestrian trail		
Install stationary telescopes for bird watching		

Install interpretive signs (history, wildlife, etc)		
Renovate the gazebo to accommodate year round entertainment venues		
Create a nature/historic/cultural center on Lock Island or along the canal		
Develop an exercise course on Lock Island or along the waterfront district		
Install shuffleboard courts, chess tables, horseshoe pits etc. for outdoor games		
Develop a walking tour – linking the waterfront to the residential areas (highlight historic buildings, pond, library, VFW memorial, etc)		
Identify areas where new recreational activities can take place		
Install bike racks to promote non-motorized travel in the canal waterfront district		

Do you have other suggestions of ways to enhance recreational opportunities? _____

5. Please read through the following recommendations for ***Development and Restoration*** in the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (X) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I do support this	I don't support this
Convert buildings into multi-use structures with retail space on the ground floor, apartments and office space on the upper floors		
Create an attractive mix of apartments, office space, neighborhood shops and restaurants		
Create destinations that draw residents, visitors and new business activity		
Install lighting to increase security and expand visitor hours		
Install awnings on all buildings on State Street		
Assist business owners and homeowners with façade improvements		
Construct an historic center/visitor information center (on the island)		
Collaborate with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to protect, preserve and promote historic structures		
Collaborate with the National Main Street Center (part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation) to promote Village's historic features (and encourage visitors)		
Infill vacant lots along State Street with mixed use buildings that are architecturally consistent with the existing Village structures		
Encourage developers and contractors to participate in voluntary "design review" with Landmark Board		
(Village) work with businesses (financial assistance/incentives) along State Street to create two front entrances (roadside and canal side)		
(Village) provide financial assistance (grants/incentives) to State Street businesses to create a unified, integrated appearance consistent with the look and feel of the Village (façade improvements)		

Do you have other suggestions of ways to enhance development and community restoration? _____

6. Please read through the following recommendations for **General Improvements** to the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (X) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I <u>do</u> support this	I <u>don't</u> support this
Repair sidewalks along key Village streets		
Plant trees and other native vegetation to enhance the visual environment		
Create a Village Square (on the island or elsewhere) and install a large clock and reflection pool		
Install kiosk near canal to inform/direct visitors and residents		
Bury the power lines		
Investigate the potential use of the draw bridge for pedestrian traffic		
Improve or remove fence along State Street		
Improve sidewalks and repaint crosswalks		
Construct a pedestrian bridge from the pavilion to west Phoenix		
Convert State Street from vehicular to pedestrian travel (reconfigure existing parking lot)		
Convert State Street parking to parallel parking and install a raised median with plantings		

Do you have other improvements that should be made? _____

7. Please read through the following **Policy and Management** recommendations for the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (X) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I <u>do</u> support this	I <u>don't</u> support this
Create a committee to organize a Village Block Party to be held along the waterfront (Henley Park)		
Connect individual public open spaces through a system of greenway and blueway trails		
Pursue acquisition of lands that could provide continuity for pedestrian access/activities along the canal		
Develop a "Village Foundation" to accept monetary and other donations for the beautification projects		
Amend zoning to allow residential uses in commercial district (apartments above offices)		
Participate in New York State Coastal Resources Interpretive Program to promote connectivity along waterways and encourage tourism		

Do you have other policy and management suggestions? _____

8. Please read through the following recommendations for *marketing and community involvement* for the Village of Phoenix Canal Waterfront District and indicate (X) whether or not you support them.

Recommendations	I <u>do</u> support this	I <u>don't</u> support this
Install signage along Interstate 481 to bring people to Phoenix		
Install signage along the canal (Three Rivers) to bring people to Phoenix		
Attract new businesses: bicycle rental facility, kayak/canoe rental, fishing excursions, bait/tackle shop, book store, specialty shops, grocery store, etc.		
Develop a marketing/promotion committee to pursue funding to attract people to Phoenix		
Develop a brochure to market the Village of Phoenix (specialty shops, trails, historic buildings) – include coupons/discounts to local merchants		
Develop a theme for downtown development		
Coordinate marketing activities with businesses along Route 57		
Work with regional tourism groups to promote historic destination (Heritage NY program)		
Collaborate with the National Main Street Center (part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation) to promote Village's historic features and encourage visitors		
Create website to list events that celebrate the Village and its history to tourists		
Install kiosk near canal to inform/direct visitors and residents and announce community events		
Create a volunteer-based group to organize year-round festivals and events in the Village (concerts, plays, arts/crafts, contests, races, dances, games, tent sales)		
Organize a farmer's market to be held weekly in the parking lot near the Village Hall		
Create festivals/activities that support the diverse interests of the residents and the rich, cultural heritage of the Village		

Do you have other suggestions for marketing and community involvement? _____

Do you have any additional suggestions that don't fit into the categories above? _____

Thank you for your time!