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The Town of Chester is preparing a dynamic and forward-thinking plan to address future recreational needs across the town.

Over the next few months the Town will be updating the community on the plan's progress and looking for suggestions on how existing recreational facilities can be enhanced or improved, and what other kinds of recreation are needed to meet the year round and seasonal needs of residents and visitors.

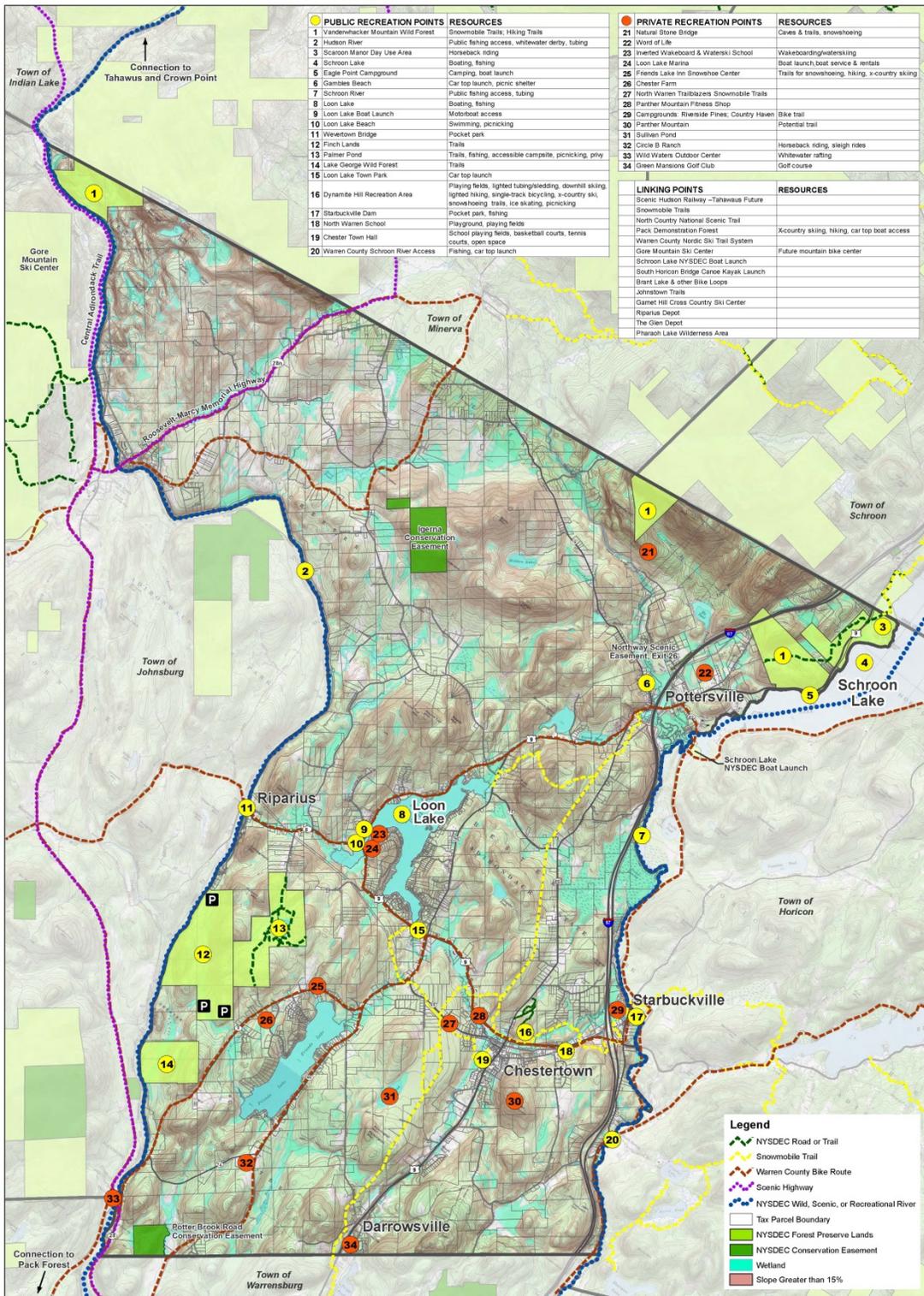
An Advisory Committee, made up of a cross-section of members of the community, is guiding the planning process. The project is being funded by the NYSDOS and the Town of Chester, overseen by the Warren County Planning Department, and developed by the LA Group. Funding assistance is linked to a NYS Scenic Byway initiative known as the *First Wilderness Heritage Corridor*. By tapping into the expanding fields of outdoor recreation and heritage tourism, *First Wilderness* provides the framework for a successful tourism strategy for the Upper Hudson River Corridor. The Plan seeks to build upon these strategies linked to expanding tourism and economic development in the corridor by increasing awareness of the tremendous variety and extraordinary quality of the recreation trails and facilities in the Town.

The Plan will: (1) evaluate the need for additional facilities, (2) identify areas suitable for future development of new recreational facilities; (3) provide conceptual plans which depict and describe a plan for future expansion of recreation facilities in the Town, (4) suggest alternative designs for improvements at the Dynamite Hill Ski Area and the Carolyn Fish Ski trails and, (5) propose site improvements and facilities, including potential funding sources, site specific designs and feasibility analysis, project phasing, regulatory permits, and recommended means of management.

A number of opportunities are being developed to reach, inform and receive feedback from as many residents and visitors as possible. Maps, drafts for comment, meeting notices, and newsletters will be posted on the Town's website: www.townofchesterny.org/chester-townwide-recreation-plan. Please go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/chester-townwide-recreation-plan> and "Like" the Chester Townwide Recreation Plan.

Look for information on this project and opportunities to participate at a variety of venues including:

- *Farmers Markets*—Wednesdays beginning June 18th at Town Hall
- *Summerfest* —July 5th at Town Hall
- Chestertown Library at Town Hall
- North Warren Chamber of Commerce on Route 8 Dynamite Hill Road
- Public Open House — July 30 @ 7pm, Chestertown Town Hall



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