

Waterfront
Access



Safety &
Accessibility



Facades &
Alleys



Retail
Activation



Housing
Options



Comments



Create a Riverfront Access Hub



Project Location:
Riverfront Park, Water
St.

Project Type:
Public Improvement

Project Sponsor:
Village of Athens

Property Ownership:
Village of Athens

Funding Estimate:
\$1,432,000
Total Project Cost
\$1,432,000
Total NYF Funds Requested
0%
Sponsor Match %

Project Overview:
The project will create a "river access hub" at Athens Riverfront Park that will significantly expand waterfront access and connectivity through the installation of approximately 20 additional boat docking spaces, serving both residents and transient boaters while providing dedicated space for ferries, water taxis, and tour boats. The project includes restoring the kayak launch as an ADA-compliant system along with resident storage space for kayaks and small watercraft. Infrastructure improvements will include replacing the existing composite decking boardwalk, extending safety fencing for consistency, and creating an enclosed area for relocated portable restrooms.

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Existing Site Conditions

Riverfront Park faces several infrastructure and accessibility challenges. Docking is limited to 3 - 4 boats, with no ferry or water taxi access and no basic services, discouraging recreational boaters from visiting. The boardwalk is deteriorating and does not extend the full length of the bulkhead, creating barriers for individuals with mobility challenges. Additionally, the kayak launch isn't ADA compliant and requires significant upgrades. There is also no public storage available for kayaks or small watercraft near the river.

Capacity & Partners

The Village has successfully managed multiple grants and construction projects in recent years, including the new DPW building and ongoing water and sewer infrastructure upgrades. It has also demonstrated strong collaboration with partner agencies in administering complex projects and securing funding, reinforcing its capacity to deliver on initiatives.

Alignment with Vision & Goals

The project aims to **enhance waterfront access, improve pedestrian safety & accessibility**, and boost riverfront connectivity to drive economic growth along the shoreline.

Readiness & Timeframe

Work has not yet begun and may require permitting, which could extend the overall timeline. Once design, permitting, and funding are in place, the project is expected to be completed in under one year.

Project Category



Public Improvement

Project Size

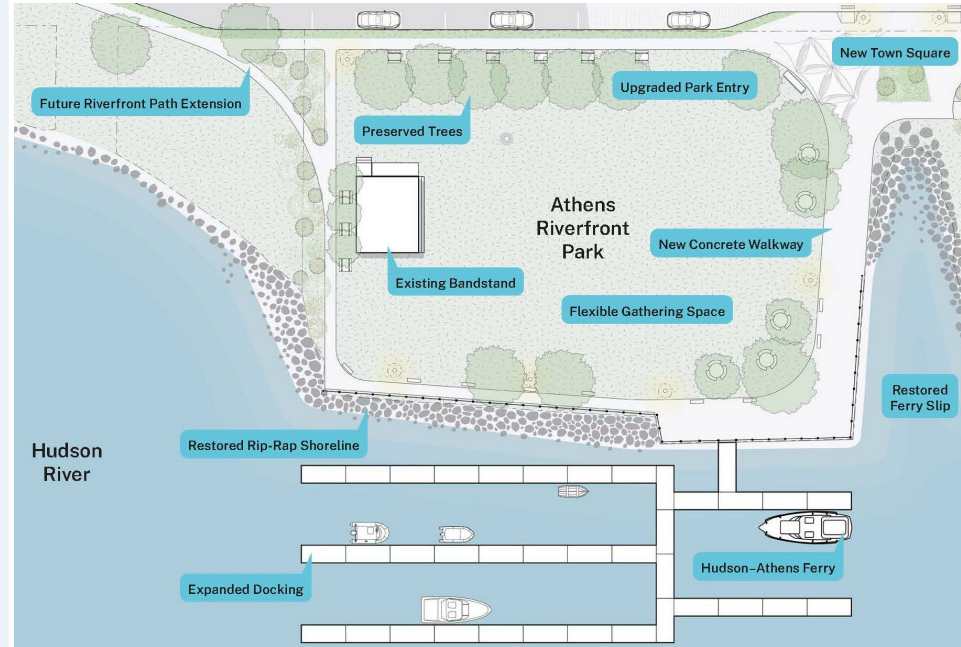


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NYF Funds Requested



\$1,432,000



Above: Proposed site plan study



Above: Existing boardwalk condition