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Comments

Assignment- what makes Cold Spring so special to you - in a graphic representation-to
VH this spring

Sense of neighborhoods- preautomobile community, then a further out neighborhood at
Undercliff

Traditional Neighborhood Development- ideas on planning and zoning

Collection of oral histories - not part of inventories but Historical Society has done some

Have plaques explaining neighborhood significance

ARB-local historic designation provides best protection because of local review

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Strengths - Internal to Community

- HRB
- Zoning Codes
- Historical district already designated
- Walkability and sense of community
- Business district
- Geographic location- isolation and accessibility both
- Natural setting, parkland
- More history per square inch than anywhere else
- Train that takes us to NYC
- Historic properties - not just buildings- also landscapes
- Citizens who care
- River
- View sheds
- Range of housing types
- Structure and cohesiveness of planning
- Vital older and disabled population
- Strong school district

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Opportunities-external

- Tourism
- Opportunity for state and county to invest in us- return of sales tax
- River-- access to Village (non-automobile)
- Ferry service
- Work with adjacent municipalities
- Use comp plan to set a vision (internal)
- Be a model for Hudson
- State and national grant opportunities
- International recognition- of our history and natural resources
- Regional tourism
- Hudson River Quadricentennial
- Events
- Untapped history of long term residents; families
- Learn how other communities have learned to maintain their traditional character at the same time as supporting live style

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Weaknesses- Internal to Village

- No auditorium
- Vulnerability of development
- Parking
- Fragility of businesses
- Lack of places for youth activities
- Potential loss of character in unprotected areas
- Real estate and property tax pressures
- Lack of places like Dockside
- Lack of Reinvestment of taxes locally (this is external)
- Zoning code- suburban

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Threats- External

- Destruction of historical properties through development
- Lack of written documentation of history
- Larger economic conditions
- Marathon property - development
- Destruction of viewshed through development
- Lack of understanding of view sheds
- Overdevelopment of surrounding areas- traffic
- Lack of state support for Greenway (this is also an opportunity)
- Change in socio economic diversity- taxes, affordability, young and seniors
- Homeowners don't know their rights