

II. Waterfront

3. Comments

- 1 Waterfront could be a “front door” to Cold Spring.
- 2 Being near the Hudson is the best thing about Cold Spring – the more public access to that, the better!
- 3 Be more dog friendly. Move the DPW truck and recycling away from the River! Convert land to open space – maybe with a riverfront restaurant.
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- 5 Keep waterfront clean – keep litter down, especially at Little Stony Point.
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- 8 Tell the mayor we like kayakers. No jet skis!
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- 14 Members of the community can launch motorized craft at the C.S. Boat Club.
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- 17 We have too much condos and housing for a small town now. Keep the stop on building any more!
- 18 less expensive eating places
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- 21 There is a need for B&Bs and parking facilities, especially down in lo’ Main.
- 22 A coffee house and river walk would be nice; more public use of land and less private construction.
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25 Boats travel up and down the river and can't stop in Cold Spring.

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31 The outdoor bar at Dockside was a little treasure. The Village is diminished by its absence. Its closure was a rotten, mean-spirited stunt by OSI. Re: O [kayaking, canoeing, and non-motorized boating], kayak, canoe access to marsh east of RR tracks, near Kemble, for example

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36 It is important for all -- seniors and youngsters -- babies, too.

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46 Waterfront = public space. An outdoor swimming pool would be great.

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54 More beaches needed at “dockside” – north of gazebo, in addition to a paved sidewalk along the river’s edge.

55 Conference center? This town is too small. We can’t handle the traffic. Keep the waterfront as is; the special feeling of Cold Spring is the waterfront. Too much traffic of any kind would destroy it.

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63 K [visitor boat docking] and L [docking for ferries and other passenger boats] depend on environmental impacts. Good to limit auto use in village, encourage arrival by water, but need impact study on effects on river.

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65 *Not valid: completely blank, no responses*

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68 Re J, K, L [acquiring more waterfront property for public uses; visitor boat docking; docking for ferries and other passenger boats]: If Dockside property could be used.

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70 I hope we can preserve the riverfront without “tarting it up” as much as the Foundry Cove park did – keep natural access!

71 We need more affordable housing, not necessarily on the river.

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75 Re M [a community launch for power boats]: There is one already – the Boat Club. Re U [more single-family housing]: It is pretty well built up.

76 Development is unnecessary and highly undesirable.

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78 Keep the place as natural as possible. [Decrease] pollution.

79 The kayak boat ramp is so poorly designed. I hope better choices are made in the future. Why people have to carry kayaks for 40' when we could drop off by water is beyond me. A drive-through would have made this easy.

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84 Access and preservation of waterfront is essential.

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91 New area to the right of gazebo (open space), place benches and add shrubs and flowers.

92 These open spaces are one of the reasons that make Cold Spring unique and special.

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95 Maintaining the “small town” character won’t be possible if ferry docks, conference centers, additional housing and more marinas are added. Also, putting restaurants at the waterfront will hurt established restaurants on Main Street.

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98 Again, these are issues that depend on the circumstances at the time – which is why this kind of questionnaire in advance is only partially relevant.

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102 A conference center – with additional traffic and parking – would be a change for the worse.

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106 *Not valid: Did not check whether resident or not.*

107 Encouragement of public transportation and open access to the river, I think, is key.

108 Would like to see part of our open space (Foundry Creek? Nelsonville?) devoted to dog park (leashless play area).

109 Philharmonic concerts on the waterfront or on the grass in Boscobel would be enjoyable.

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112 The very developed area around the pier (a tourist attraction) is very different from the undeveloped area around Foundry Marsh, whose use should be planned very carefully. The municipal lot with recycling dumpsters could provide a new site for Hudson River access.

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119 Any planning for the waterfront must take into consideration first: the area is prone to *serious* flooding and traffic/congestion in the summer is terrible.

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121 The waterfront must be kept for public recreational use with the priority of maintaining its natural state. Please, no more power boats/jet skis dumping into the river – already it's too much.

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126 Cold Spring is blessed with abundant and diverse waterfrontage. We can make the most of it by maximizing public access to recreational purposes (Mayor's Park, Boat Club slips, kayak dock) while preserving other areas of estuarine shoreline (Constitution Marsh etc) for wildlife protection and environmental education.

127 One thing not here is better access from Main Street under the train tracks. Making the waterfront more easily accessed by wheelchair is important.

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129 *Not valid: Checked as under 18.*

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133 Picnic areas promote litter. Motor boats are disruptive and pollute. Conference center waste of tax \$.

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147 Have public events – fireworks, fairs, etc – at the Marathon Battery site – where there is ample parking and an entrance and an exit. At the riverfront there is only one way in and out in case of emergency. This is a setting for disaster.

148 like Newburgh's waterfront – all prices (ranges) at riverfront restaurants: We go there!

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167 Need to be able to use kayak area near train station for everyone and everything, not just canoeing and kayaking. They don't own the waterfront!

168 river parking

169 We live here because it allows us access to natural areas and quiet spaces along the Hudson River. Without those, we would happily go elsewhere.

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176 Take away the rocks and restore our beach.

177 I think that the answer "not important at all" does not convey opposition to items such as "community launch for pleasure boats."

178 How can we keep our "small town village character" and build more condos?

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181 The waterfront should remain a residential area enjoyed by residents and a few visitors. Retail space should not be encouraged as it would take business from the Main Street. Adequate facilities are already provided.

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192 Development of the cookie-cutter variety will ruin what this village is all about. Preserve the waterfront and open spaces.

193 A riverfront playground and some river view restaurants would ensure a steady stream of visitors.

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198 A waterfront restaurant would be good – but retail should be prohibited.

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202 I like the informality of the waterfront as it is.

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204 A playground at the waterfront is needed like the ones in Peekskill and Beacon. A public restroom is needed to replace the nasty rental ones. The Depot one is too far away to suffice.

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207 A kids playground by the river would be much appreciated! River-view restaurants would thrive.

208 Please don't encourage more motorized boating! With the millions of motorcyclists that love to terrorize Cold Spring already, we don't need more motor noise and pollution!

209 Re A, B, C [more public events, more eating places, retail stores]: This would help the local economy tremendously. When you say swimming would you add a pool or do you mean swim in the river?

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219 In this section, I consider everything I answered "3" [no opinion/neutral] to be loaded questions that cannot be answered by circling a number.

220 Always appreciate and preserve the waterfront!

221 skate park!

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223 **Not valid:** Checked as not being a resident.

224 Public events drawing people from all over the area would boost business on Main Street and enhance the village's reputation and value (think grants) to the county and state.

225 The village should make much better public use of the village garage and salt shed on Fair Street. This is one of the most scenic high points of land in Cold Spring, clearly visible from Storm King across the river. Use this land for a public park, perhaps with a small conference center or community center as part of it. Also: prevent pollution, including noise pollution on the waterfront. Curtail power-boating and ban use of jet skis (etc) from public waterfront.

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228 You did not include a bike path to Beacon which would be #1 on my list, as well as law offices, etc – low-impact businesses. Re M [a community launch for power boats]: We have one, don't we? Boat Club's charter?

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232 More condos, are you kidding me? Let's be realistic!

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237 A public access natural shoreline is my main interest.

238 Upgrade design of existing pier. Extend walking path along river.

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246 What is not listed but would be a top priority is a restaurant/catering facility like "Dockside" on that property. Also, to open the main dock for docking boats like Clearwater, John J. Harvey, and other boats the public can visit, and to be able to have the River Rose and that type of event boat pick up and drop people for local events that contract with them.

247 We need a swimming pool very badly. Also, as I mentioned in another part of this survey, a tour boat would enhance our waterfront greatly and make the Hudson more accessible to us.

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249 Would like a swimming area on the river, with a swim at your own risk policy. Would like a place for an ice skating rink.

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267 The waterfront should be open, accessible and public. It is a key asset. It should always be in the process of continuous improvement. I would love it if the water treatment plant could be moved and the river became accessible with beach.

268 Waterfront is a major attraction of this town. Its beauty should be preserved and enhanced, and public access should be improved. Can the water treatment plant be moved?

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272 Please limit more development of this area. It will lose its charm if it becomes overcrowded.

273 Shoreline parkland is vitalizing to the community and to seasonal business. [Also]: riverfront bike path

274 The above are not as important to me personally as list on previous page [village character], but I'm sure they are important to many families in Cold Spring.

275 Re R [maintaining the shoreline in a natural state]: O.K. to have some compatible development. I miss Northgate. Perhaps an outdoor music/arts venue or an ice cream/pastry shop with tables outside. I think people used the waterfront more when Northgate was there than they do now. People are social animals. Fostering respect for nature sometimes means making it relevant to their lives. An unseen or unused park is destined to be forgotten and soon filled with beer bottles.

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279 waterfront park or playground

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286 Preserve public/open walking and viewing paths along the river!

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288 I'd love to be able to get to Newburgh waterfront or West Point without getting in a car!

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290 We have ample provision for non-motorized boats and limited spots for power boats.

291 Again, I believe the connection with the river and the outdoors, proximity to New York and a clear, sustainable vision for the future will be what puts Cold Spring on the map and draws commerce. We should work on a vision that includes Riverkeeper.

292 Senior high density is good. One bedroom and studio apartments are good, both as accessory use in existing houses and in buildings. Unfortunately, NYS law taxes in a way that inviting families with children is not a viable option when people are being taxed out of homes.

293 Encouraging/facilitating boat traffic to/from West Point would be great. More visitors with fewer cars would greatly help Main Street.

294 We should not develop the waterfront any more. It should be left for everyone to enjoy.

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297 No development on the waterfront. What was already approved (against public consent) is a travesty.

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300 I feel the village needs more traffic for the health and vitality of the village and Main Street. Anything that brands Cold Spring as a location to visit – environmental activities, waterfront activities, arts and cultural activities, historic sites – are good. However, please preserve the “wildlife and wooly” nature of the Hudson waterfront -- natural beauty rather than “manicured” beauty, in keeping with what drew and excited the Hudson River painters and others.

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302 Maintain what we have and enhance natural elements. More development = more destruction/pollution/crowding.

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307 Limit huge houses near the river please. The Foundry Marsh is absolutely wonderful. Have plastic bags available for picking up dog poop and a trash can at the entrance. They do this in California.

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309 Please! Only development that will benefit the village, not make more work for the village crew after a weekend of tourists.

310 Conference center is an interesting idea, but only if tax revenue remains local.

311 affordable rents!

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313 If we are to encourage docking of boats and ferries for tourism, we have to consider pollution. Boats docking at Little Stony Point leave all manner of debris and there's no village removal. It's all volunteer.

314 Swimming or beach is really missing.

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317 More public transport! Limit cars.

318 Re T [more high density housing (e.g. condos)]: Strongly opposed.

319 Re B: more cafes and ethnic food: Indian, Thai, Vietnamese, etc.

320 Waterfront should be conducive to all sorts of commerce and activities as long as they respect and maintain the natural beauty and health of the river.

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322 I would like to see a park or beach reserved for village residents only. Stop catering to the weekend people.

323 Re J [acquiring more waterfront property for public uses]: private area for Cold Spring residents ONLY

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