The Village of
Haverstraw

Report Highlights
June 2016
The Village

12,000 Population
67% Hispanic

Housing
5,580 Buildings

- 41% Built before 1940
- 48% Owner occupied
- 45% Renter
- 8% Vacant

Residents’ Access to Open Space

86% live within ½ mile of a park

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Main St. Assets

- Walkability
- Nature
- Affordable

Architectural heritage

Direct access to the Hudson River

Rich history, including American Revolution and Industrial Revolution

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Challenges

Community cohesion

Perceived safety concerns

Lack public access amenities along the river

Aging infrastructure and active code enforcement

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Case Studies

Peekskill
Beacon
Yonkers

Waterfront towns
Main Street draw
Incorporate the arts

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Peekskill

Cultural Diversity and Mix of Businesses

Anchor – Historic Paramount Theater

Riverfront park & MTA station
Main Street appeal
Event anchor institution

Impressive Streetscape, Art and Gathering Places

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Beacon

Cohesive Main Street

Multiple Cultural and Business Anchors

Frequent Arts and Community Events

Visionary leadership
Strong code enforcement
Active community participation

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Yonkers

Waterfront Restaurant Anchor

Waterfront revitalization

Unearthing natural assets

Savvy marketing

Day-lighting Saw Mill River

Attractive Architecture and Streetscape

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Haverstraw

Historic riverfront village on the rise through collaborative efforts of residents, community groups, organizations, businesses and public agencies.

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Recommendations

Comprehensive Plan

• Communication and collaboration
• Form based zoning code
• Parking strategies
• Street aesthetics
• Open space
• Affordable housing

Code Enforcement

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Recommendations

Update infrastructure
Address safety concerns
Explore financing options
Revitalize waterfront
Cleanliness campaign
Marketing plan
Focused tourist events
Ferry on the weekends
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