



Reclaiming the Hudson River

Objective: Further flood plain testing needs to be done in order to ensure sustainable community and economic development, heritage/cultural tourism and the safety and well being of our residents.

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Key Points

- Schuylerville & Victory Health/Safety Issues
- Navigational Dredging
- Plans for future projects

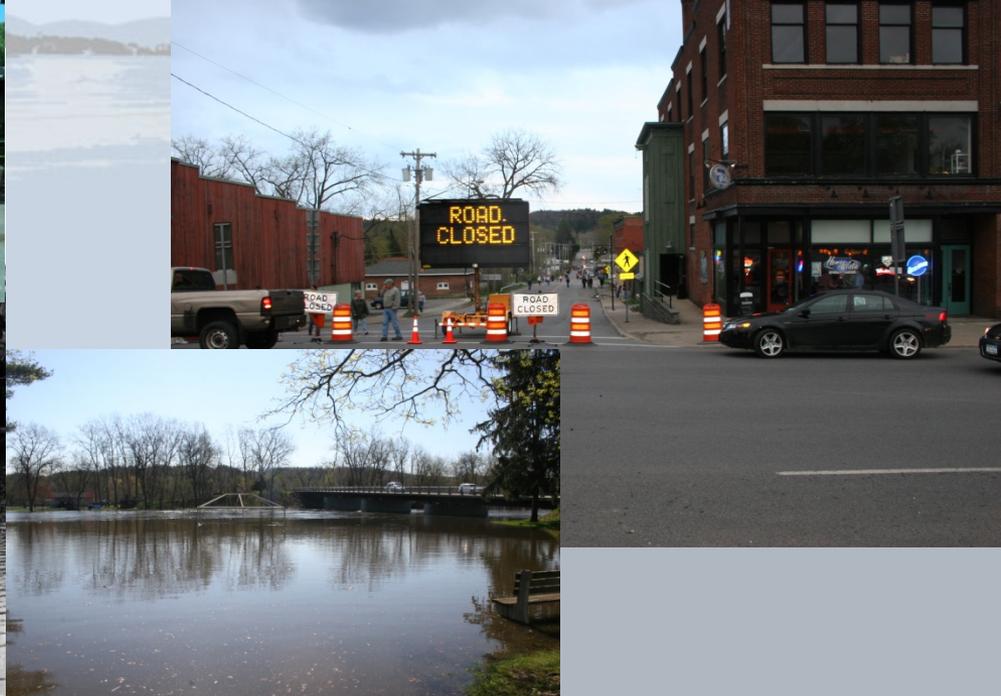
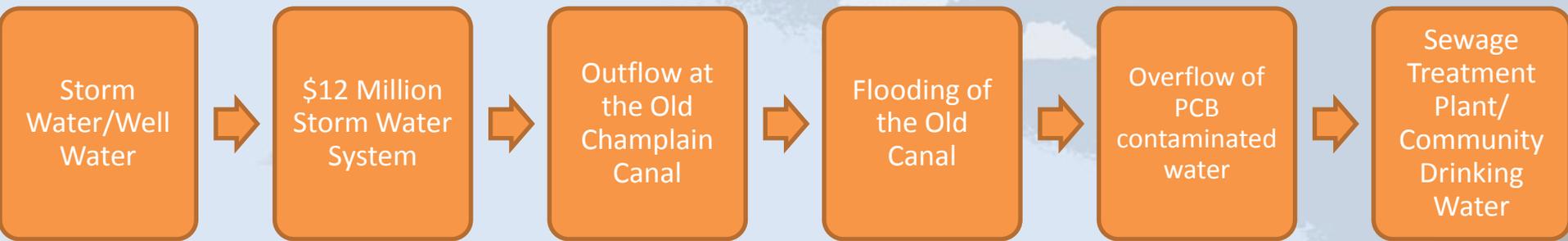


Schuylerville & Victory Health/Safety Issues

- Potential Breach of the Old Canal
 - Contamination of Water Supply/Sewage Treatment Plant.
 - Impact of local recreational areas.
 - Closed for Business



Schuylerville & Victory Health/Safety Issues



Action



PCB sediment clogging the Old Canal

Remove the PCB sediment in the Old Canal before the dewatering facility is closed.

Navigational Dredging

- Navigational dredging will support the economic vitality of our communities.



Navigational Dredging

- NYS Constitution has a mandatory 12' depth for barge canal, which is not being met.
 - Greenwich Barge Terminal
 - NYS cannot dredge due to PCBs
 - Cannot handle without Dewatering Plant.
- Commuter traffic helps support waterfront communities.



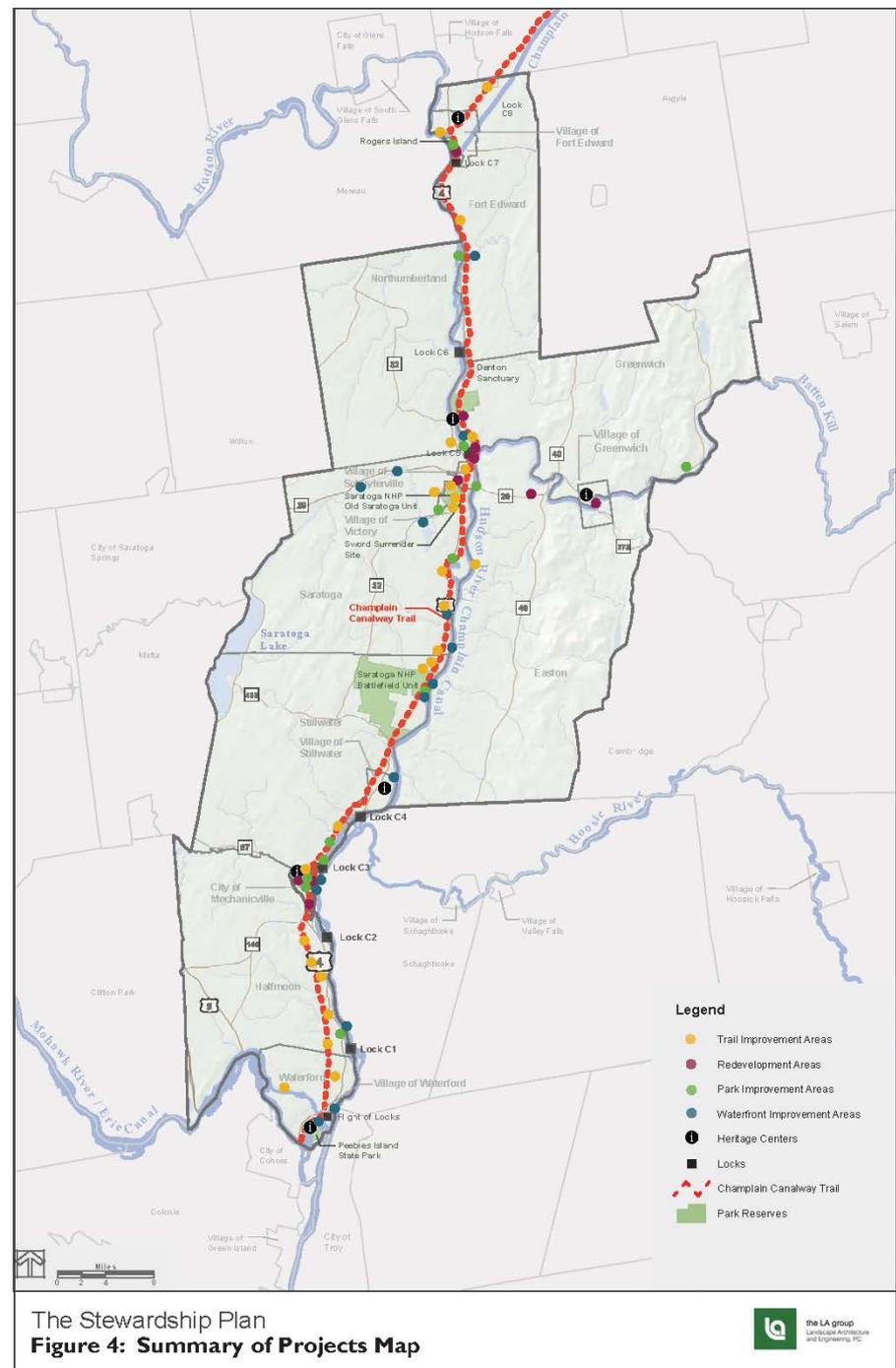
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Dredge the canal to meet the mandatory 12' depth requirement while the dewatering facility is in place.

Plans for Future Projects

Future waterfront development projects are dependent on removing PCB sediment in the flood plains.



The Stewardship Plan
Figure 4: Summary of Projects Map

Plans for Future Projects

- Potential loss of public/private investment.
 - Hudson Crossing Park
 - Kayak launch closed due to PCB contamination.
 - More than \$5 Million of public dollar and local investment.
 - Cultural/Heritage Tourism
 - Historic Hudson & Hoosic Rivers Partnership, Erie Canalway NHC, Champlain Valley NHP, Hudson River Valley NHC, Saratoga NHP, Lakes to Locks Passage/ National Geographic, Saratoga/Capital Region.
- Future Project Developments
 - PCB sediment will escalate the cost prohibitively, or eliminate the potential for future waterfront projects.
 - Documentation of potential future projects to be supplied.
 - Partnership working on this for past year.



Action



New warning signs at the kayak launch in Hudson Crossing Park.

Identify all PCBs in the flood plain in extended areas and complete removal so that the communities can proceed with project development.

Conclusion

We urge that the EPA, GE and all the involved state and federal agencies undertake a serious evaluation of the flood plains and back water areas including the Old Champlain Canal in the Villages of Schuylerville and Victory and assure for the citizens and business of the "Upper River" that PCB's and Navigational Dredging are completed before the Dewatering Facility is shut down.