

Livingston Manor CFA 2015 Riverwalk Project
July 23, 2015

Dear Mr. Eggleton

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of The Beaverkill Community in support of the Town's efforts to seek funding for the proposed Riverwalk project in Livingston Manor. This project will help rejuvenate our business district by attracting tourism and providing a safe engaging place for community activities. I cannot think of more deserving project for public investment.

The Friends of Beaverkill Community is a New York State not-for-profit corporation founded in 1998. Our organization is dedicated to historical preservation, conservation and the welfare of the Beaverkill community and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Riverwalk project will benefit our area in many ways:

- Economic

The Riverwalk project creates a boon for tourism and attracts weekend home owners. This will help existing struggling local businesses and be a catalyst for new private-sector investors. By enlivening Livingston Manor we enliven the economy of the entire area.

- Health & Safety

It will provide a place for both local residents and visitors to walk for pleasure and for exercise. Safe, engaging places to walk are critically important to this area. Sullivan County's health ranking is the lowest in New York State, except for the Bronx. The length of the proposed Riverwalk, and the varied experience provided by the design, will get people moving.

- Community

The Riverwalk will provide space for community activities, potentially engaging young people including those at risk.

- Environment:

The project includes improvements to the environmental stability of the steam bank. It is being designed to withstand the impacts of future flooding, and to be low maintenance.

In summary the Riverwalk project is a great opportunity for Livingston a Manor and the entire area. I sincerely hope this project gets the funding it deserves.

Yours truly,

Sue Barnett

President

Friends of the Beaverkill Community