

# Village Parks

## Riverfront Park

**Riverfront Park** is a 3/4 acre parcel right on the Hudson River; it was given to the Village for a park in 1994. The park is located at Main Street & Scott Avenue. On November 18, 2017, volunteers cleared brush and overgrowth from the land. Public access is difficult, and the Village is seeking to change this.



In 2018, the Village was awarded \$50,000 for Riverfront Park under the Hudson River Estuary Grant Program! Funding for the grant award is provided by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund, NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program. Public access to the Hudson River is the goal of the grant.

### SITE ID #3: CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON RIVERFRONT PARK VILLAGE OF CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON

**Site Overview:** This is a publicly owned, undeveloped parcel of land located at the northern end of the Village. The Village has a very strong desire to develop the property into a public park but the AMTRAK line and previous agreements are currently limiting access to all but those who go to the site to maintain it. (Milepoint 2.5)

#### Top Issues:

- 1) **Visibility:** The site was encircled by vegetation but in November of 2017 the Village organized a clean-up and clearing effort which significantly opened-up visibility.
- 2) **Current Use:** Vacant land
- 3) **Vulnerability:** The shoreline is hardened with a concrete wall and large stones/concrete.
- 4) **Safety:** This site is currently undeveloped and illegal to access except for maintenance-related efforts.
- 5) **Accessibility:** The site is not currently open to the public.

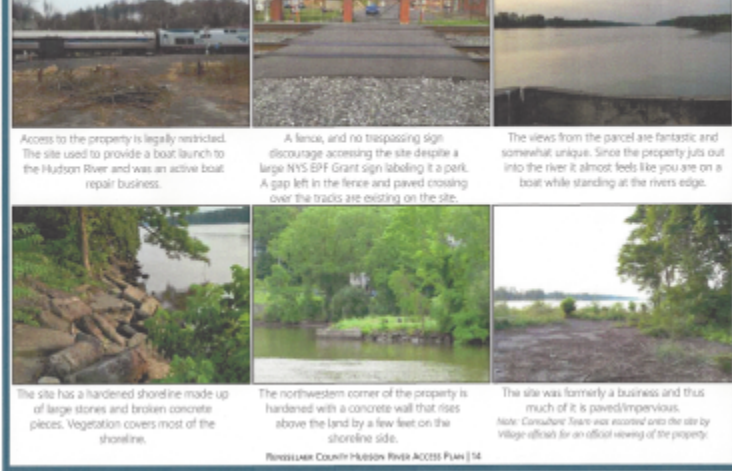
#### Top Opportunities:

- 1) **Offerings:** The site has water access on the north, west, and south sides. It is relatively flat and open and easily redeveloped as a park site.
- 2) **Nearest Existing Access Sites:** The site is 3.5 miles south of Papsanee Island Nature Preserve South and 1.0 mile north of Schodack Island State Park.
- 3) **Development:** The Village is ready to develop the site as a park but first needs to get public access across the existing railroad tracks.

#### Priority:

**Recommendation:** This is a high-priority development location. In Once the accessibility issue has been resolved, which is a major issue, redevelopment of the site should be a quick and somewhat easy undertaking as the Village is leading the effort and the project champion and the site is mostly paved - minimizing natural features and environmental concerns.





The full report is here: [Rensselaer County's Hudson River Access Study](#)

The Village has been participating in Riverkeeper Sweep since 2016. In 2018, the sweep location was at Riverfront Park.

## Schermerhorn Park



**Schermerhorn Park** (AKA "The Brickyard") is located on the east side of Main Street, right at the Village's southern border. This 12 acre parcel was given to the Village by the Schermerhorn family. The Vlockie Kill, a Hudson River tributary, runs through it.

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Department of Environmental Conservation

# HUDSON ESTUARY TREES FOR TRIBS

A program of the NYSDEC Saratoga Tree Nursery

**Replanting the Streams of the Hudson Valley**

In partnership with local volunteers, NYSDEC's Hudson River Estuary Program is conserving tributary streams. Trees planted along streams protect water quality, fish and wildlife, and also reduce erosion and flooding.

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For more information about Trees for Tribs, please contact the Hudson River Estuary Program at 845-256-3016 or visit the website: [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html)

The Village received a Trees for Tribs grant from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Estuary Program and volunteers planted 150 trees along the Vlockie Kill in Schermerhorn Park on October 28, 2017.

*Trees for Tribs sign (actual size is 9in x 12in)*