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TO: Mayor Brian Pugh and the Village Board of Trustees

FROM: Chairman Simon, Waterfront Advisory Committee

RE: *Referral from Village Board of Trustees to review correspondence from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Consistency review for the MNR Harmon to Poughkeepsie Signal System Upgrade Project*

DATE: September 17, 2026

On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, and Wednesday, September 16, 2026 the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) reviewed the referral listed above for consistency with the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). Based on the Committee's review of the 44 LWRP policies, the Waterfront Advisory Committee made a recommendation of consistency with the LWRP. Steve Krisky was absent from the September 16, 2026 meeting.

Conor Devaney, MTA/MNR Project Manager participated in both meetings via Zoom and reported that an initiation letter for this project was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that included the proposed signal upgrades in Croton-on-Hudson in proximity to eligible and listed historic resources. SHPO reviewed the initiation letter and confirmed that additional review for effects to historic properties was not required for resources within Croton-on-Hudson, and that there would be no adverse effect.

The committee reviewed the 44 LWRP policies and determined that the following policies are relevant:

POLICY 7: *Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats*

POLICY 7B: *Materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton River and Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat and the Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat shall not be disposed of or allowed to drain in, or on land withing the area of influence in the significant fish and wildlife habitats.*

POLICY 7F: *Construction activity of any kind must not cause a measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activity, or impact other locations. Construction activity in the Croton River and Hudson River spawning areas shall be timed so that the spawning of anadromous fish species and shellfish will not be adversely affected.*

POLICY 7G: *Construction activity of any kind must not cause significant degradation of water quality or impact identified significant fish and wildlife habitats.*

POLICY 8: *Protect fish and wildlife resources in the coastal area from the introduction of hazardous wastes and other pollutants which bio-accumulate in the food chain, or which cause significant sub-lethal effect on those resources.*

POLICY 11: *Buildings and other structures will be sited in the coastal area so as to minimize damage to property and the endangering of human lives caused by flooding and erosion.*

POLICY 12: Activities or development in the coastal area will be undertaken so as to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion by protecting natural protective features including beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs.

POLICY 13: The construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures shall be undertaken only if they have a reasonable probability of controlling erosion for at least thirty years as demonstrated in design and construction standards and/or assured maintenance or replacement programs.

POLICY 14: Activities and development, including the construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures, shall be undertaken so that there will be no measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activities or development, or at other locations.

POLICY 18: To safeguard the vital economic, social, and environmental interests of the State and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the State has established to protect.

POLICY 19C: Encourage the improvement of public transportation, when feasible, where water dependent and water-enhanced recreation activities are located.

POLICY 30A: Existing rail services and transportation-related facilities shall not dispose of any regulated materials in coastal waters until all such regulated materials have been tested by the State for conformance with water quality standards.

POLICY 33: Best Management Practices will be used to ensure the control of stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.

POLICY 33A: The flow of stormwater discharge shall be controlled to limit the flow of pollutants from street and parking areas, etc. directly into the rivers and water bodies.

POLICY 37: Best management practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.

POLICY 44: Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.

POLICY 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.

The committee reviewed the 11 LWRP Section IV, Proposed Land Uses & Projects policies and determined that the following policies are relevant:

POLICY #3: Facilitate upgrades to catch basins and outfalls to address floatables in Croton Bay. The intent of this project is to control stormwater runoff discharges and other pollutants from entering Croton Bay. Protecting the ecological health of Croton Bay and River is a priority for the Village.