

**City of Poughkeepsie
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Common Council Chambers
Wednesday, September
2nd, 2026
5:30 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of July 1st, 2026 Meeting Minutes

III. New Business

1. **American Cruise Lines & City of Poughkeepsie Partnership for a Waryas Park Dock.** LWRP Consistency Review application for the formation of an agreement between American Cruise Lines and the City of Poughkeepsie for the construction of a dock at Waryas Park.

IV. Old Business

1. **Discussion - Fall Kill Blueway Project Updates**
2. **Discussion & City Update - Southern Waterfront**

V. Adjourn Meeting

1. Next meeting October 7th, 2026.

City of Poughkeepsie Waterfront Assessment Form (WAF)

A. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applicants, or, in the case of direct actions, City agencies shall complete this Waterfront Assessment Form for proposed actions which are subject to the LWRP Consistency Review Law. This assessment is intended to supplement other information used by a City agency in making a determination of consistency with the policy standards set forth in the LWRP Consistency Review Law.
2. Before answering the questions in Section C, the preparer of this form should review the policies and policy explanations contained in the City of Poughkeepsie Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), a copy of which is on file in the offices of the City Clerk and posted on the city's website. A proposed action should be evaluated as to its beneficial and adverse effects upon the Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) and its consistency with the policy standards.
3. If any question in Section C on this form is answered "yes", the proposed action may affect the achievement of the LWRP policy standards contained in the Consistency Review Law. Thus, the action should be analyzed in more detail and, if necessary, modified prior to making a determination that is consistent with the LWRP policy standards. If an action cannot be certified as consistent with the LWRP policy standards and conditions, it shall not be undertaken.

B. DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND PROPOSED ACTION

- 1 Describe nature and extent of action:

American Cruise Lines proposes to construct a small overnight passenger vessel dock at Waryas Park. The dock would remain a public asset.

2. Type of City agency action (check appropriate response):

- a. Directly undertaken (e.g. construction, planning activity, agency regulation, land transaction)

Agency Regulation

- b. Financial assistance (e.g. grant, loan, subsidy)

N/A

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| (d) | Does the project presently offer or include scenic views or vistas that are known to be important to the community? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (e) | Is the project site presently used for commercial or recreational fishing or fish processing? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (f) | Will the surface area of any local creek corridors or wetland areas be increased or decreased by the proposal? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (g) | Is the project located in a flood prone area? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (h) | Is the project located in an area of high coastal erosion? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (i) | Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally important vegetation be removed by the project? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (j) | Do essential public services or facilities presently exist at or near the site? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (k) | Will the project involve surface or subsurface liquid waste disposal? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (l) | Will the project involve transport, storage, treatment or disposal of solid waste or hazardous materials? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (m) | Will the project involve shipment or storage of petroleum products? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (n) | Will the project involve the discharge of toxics, hazardous substances or other wastes or pollutants into coastal waters? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (o) | Will the project involve or change existing ice management practices? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (n) | Will the project alter drainage flow, patterns or surface water runoff on or from the site? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (p) | Will best management practices be utilized to control storm water runoff into waterfront waters? | <u>X</u> | — |
| (q) | Will the project cause emissions that would exceed federal or State air quality standards or generate significant amounts of nitrates or sulfates? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (r) | Will the project affect any area designated as a tidal or freshwater wetland? | — | <u>X</u> |
| (s) | Will the project utilize or affect the quality or quantity of sole source or surface water supplies? | — | <u>X</u> |

- c. Permit, approval, license, certification

To be determined. Local ordinance compliance.

- d. Agency undertaking action:

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3. If an application for the proposed action has been filed with a City, the following information shall be provided:

- a. Name of applicant

N/A

- b. Mailing address:

N/A

- c. Telephone number:

() N/A

- d. Property tax number:

N/A

- e. Application number, if any:

N/A

4. Will the action be directly undertaken, require funding, or approval by a State or federal agency?

Yes X No

If yes, which State or federal agency? USACE

1. Location of action (Street or Site Description and nearest intersection):

Waryas Park Promenade

6. Size of site (acres): N/A

7. Amount (acres) of site to be disturbed: N/A

8. Present land use: Park

9. Present zoning classification: Waterfront

3. Will the proposed action involve or result in any of the following:

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| (a) | Physical alteration of land along the shoreline, underwater land or surface waters? | <u>X</u> | <u>—</u> |
| (b) | Physical alteration of two (2) acres or more of land located elsewhere in the waterfront area? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (c) | Expansion of existing public services or infrastructure in undeveloped or low-density areas of the waterfront area? | <u>X</u> | <u>—</u> |
| (d) | Siting or construction of an energy generation facility not subject to Article VII or VIII of the Public Service Law? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (e) | Mining, excavation, filling or dredging in surface waters? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (f) | Reduction of existing or potential public access to, or along, the shoreline? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (g) | Sale or change in use of publicly-owned lands located on the shoreline or underwater? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (h) | Development within a designated flood or erosion hazard area? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (i) | Development on a beach, dune, bluff or other natural feature that provides protection against flooding or erosion? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (j) | Construction or reconstruction of erosion protective structures? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (k) | Diminished or degraded surface or groundwater quantity and/or quality? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (l) | Removal of ground cover from the site? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |

4. PROJECT

- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| (a) If a project is to be located adjacent to shore: | | |
| (1) Does the project require a waterfront location? | <u>X</u> | <u>—</u> |
| (2) Will water-related recreation be provided? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (3) Will public access to the foreshore be provided? | <u>X</u> | <u>—</u> |
| (4) Will it eliminate or replace a water-dependent use? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (5) Will it eliminate or replace a recreational or maritime use or resource? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (b) Is the project site presently used by the community neighborhood as an open space or recreation area? | <u>—</u> | <u>X</u> |
| (c) Will the project protect, maintain and/or increase the level and types of public access to water-related recreation resources or facilities? | <u>X</u> | <u>—</u> |

10. Describe any unique or unusual landforms on the project site (i.e. bluffs, wetlands, other geological formations): N/A
11. Percentage of site that contains slopes of 15% or greater: N/A
12. Streams, lakes, ponds or wetlands existing within or continuous to the project area?
- (a) Name N/A
- (b) Size (in acres) N/A
13. Is the property serviced by public water? Yes _____ No X
14. Is the property serviced by public sewer? Yes _____ No X

C. WATERFRONT ASSESSMENT (Check either "Yes" or "No" for each of the following questions). If the answer to any question above is yes, please explain in Section D any measures which will be undertaken to mitigate any adverse effects.

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Will the proposed action be located in, or contiguous to, or have a potentially adverse effect upon any of the resource areas found within the waterfront area as identified in the LWRP? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (a) Significant fish or wildlife habitats? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (b) Scenic resources of local or State-wide significance? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (c) Important agricultural lands? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (d) Natural protective features in a coastal erosion hazard area? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. Will the proposed action have a significant effect upon: | | |
| (a) Scenic quality of the waterfront environment? | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| (b) Development of future or existing water-dependent uses? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (c) Operation of the State's major ports? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (d) Land or water uses within a small harbor area? | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| (e) Designated State or federal freshwater wetlands? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (f) Commercial or recreational use of fish and wildlife resources? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (g) Existing or potential public recreation opportunities? | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| (h) Structures, sites or districts of historic, archaeological or cultural significance to the City, State or nation? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (i) Stability of the shoreline? | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| (j) Surface or groundwater quality? | _____ | <u>X</u> |

D. **REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OR DESCRIBE ANY ITEM(S) CHECKED "YES"** (Add any additional sheets necessary)

All construction planning will be subject to local, state and federal permitting approval. All mitigation requirements will be identified in this process.

If you require assistance or further information in order to complete this form, please contact the City Planning Department.

Please submit completed form, along with one copy of a site/sketch plan to:

City of Poughkeepsie
Building, Planning, and Zoning Department
City Hall-2nd Floor
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Preparer's Name (Please print): Carson Neilander

Affiliation: American Cruise Lines

Telephone Number: (203) 584-6876

Date: 9/1/2006



Poughkeepsie *American Cruise Lines Partnership*





Company History

American Cruise Lines



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- ★ Ship operating and shipbuilding since the 1970s
 - ★ Founded by Charles A. Robertson
 - ★ Second generation family business, still owned by the Robertson family
 - ★ Executive leadership all have more than 20 years of history with the companies
 - ★ Hands-on operations-oriented leadership teams



Company Overview

Cruise Close To Home® with American Cruise Lines, the leader in U.S. River and Coastal cruising and the largest domestic cruise line in the country. The company offers a growing fleet of new riverboats and small cruise ships, each accommodating just 90 to 180 guests. All ships are built in the U.S.A., and all itineraries are fully domestic. American is the only cruise line in the world with a fleet of 100% U.S.-flagged small ships and riverboats.

Sailing year-round, the company's ships visit only U.S. ports of call while cruising the country's great rivers, lakes, and coastal waterways from Alaska to Florida. American offers 50+ itineraries that range from 7 to 55-days in length and explore over 35 states. The company has 50+ years of experience exclusively cruising the U.S.A., and specializes in personalized service and well-curated destination-focused cruises.

28 SMALL SHIPS ★ 50+ ITINERARIES



AMERICAN RIVERBOATS

COASTAL CATS

CONSTELLATION CLASS

INDEPENDENCE CLASS

PADDLEWHEELERS

PATRIOT CLASS





Hudson River *Number of Cruises Each Year*

2026

34 cruises

2027

42 cruises

2028

46 cruises





Poughkeepsie *Excursions*



*Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
Vassar College*



Walkway Over the Hudson



Locust Grove Estate



Downtown Walking Tour



FDR Mansion



Vanderbilt



Culinary Institute of America



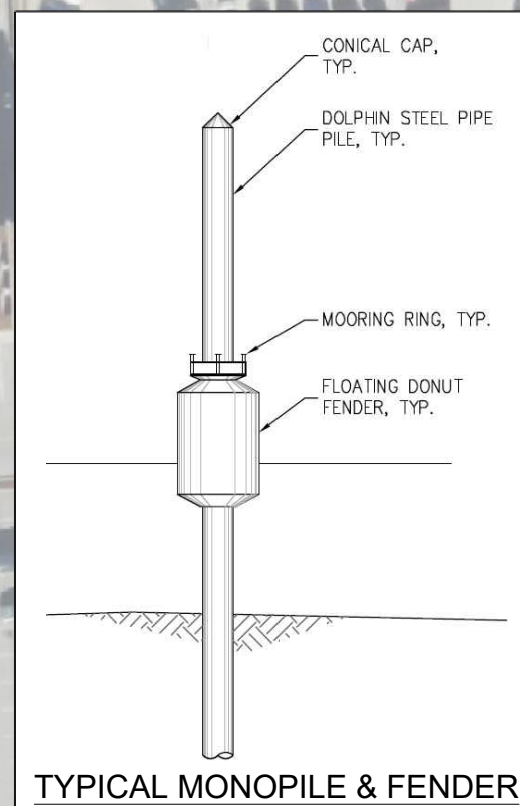
Partnerships *Examples*





Proposed Plans *Poughkeepsie, NY*





AMERICAN CRUISE LINES
POUGHKEEPSIE DOCK IMPROVEMENTS



DRAWN BY:
OKC

CHECKED BY:
JFM

DATE:
03/23/2026

PROJECT NO.
ACL

SCALE:
1" = 60'

SHEET

2.0

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