

**Clayton LWRP Possible Project Ideas
Recommended by Clayton Residents**

I. Consider possible reconfigurations of Riverside Drive, which include
1. A permanent median, possibly with trees.
2. Diverting traffic to Hugunin St., allowing pedestrians only (seasonally or a few days/week), except for deliveries.
3. Define the median (pots with trees, flowers) to control jaywalking
J. Preserve properties that provide historic or cultural character
1. Preserve farmscapes such as Bechaz Farm (TILT or town to purchase development rights)
2. Preserve historic Fairview Manor
3. Preserve historic sites related to local Native Americans (Ken Knapp is a resource)
4. Preserve the cheese factory on Grindstone Island
5. Nunnery for sale (18 acres), private, restaurant
K. Protect open space and important views
1. Protect Wingerath property (undeveloped waterfront) from development
2. Preserve Bartlett Point, light the flagpole
3. Preserve open space (natural and recreational, French Creek and golf course)
4. Preserve McCarn Hill as a gateway by protecting open space around McCarn Hill and putting growth behind it
5. Clean up the dump at Lion's Field
6. Provide more opportunities for public use of Zenda Farms
L. Promote local history
1. Encourage heritage tourism
2. Provide historic markers at French Creek
3. Provide historic signage, at locations such as McCarn Hill
M. Eliminate overhead utilities
N. Transform French Creek bridge to a more aesthetically pleasing structure with a pedestrian walkway, public fishing pier, and room for non-motorized vehicles. Remove solid fill (dredge), improve navigability for paddling, restore natural marsh grasses
O. Rebuild Washington Island causeway as two bridges
P. Develop a viable year-round economy
1. Develop opportunities for cross country skiing at Zenda Farms, municipal golf course, and various trails
2. Provide winter offerings for visitors: snowmobiling, ice skating rink at Lion's Field, downtown shopping
3. Provide year-round overnight accommodations and businesses
Q. Provide reasons for people to visit Clayton
1. Develop and emphasize eco-tourism opportunities such as birding, paddling, etc
2. Make Clayton a destination point like Sackets Harbor
3. Develop a Convention Center
4. Provide reasons for people to get out of their cars and walk around
5. Provide a place to be able to bring in events and shows
R. Consider overall parking and transportation situation in downtown
1. If Riverside Drive is closed, parking could be provided at the school, with shuttle to Village
2. Provide more parking, possibly in parking garage
3. Consider removing parking meters
S. Identify possible alternative transportation solutions
1. Local trolley, i.e. from train station
2. Small ferries to get to islands, historic places
3. Provide golf cart or scooter rental (some visitors may not want to be tied to a shuttle bus)

What may not be

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A. Develop walking, biking, hiking, and paddling trails for transportation and recreation
1. Walking-biking trail along Hwy 12 for access to Heritage Heights and beyond as development occurs
2. Walking-biking trail from Cape Vincent to Clayton (concrete/asphalt) (see waterfront trail in Canada)
3. Create dedicated bike lane in Village
4. Develop walking-biking trail at new access road near George Kittle's house (state owned road)
5. Create eco-trail (French Creek, old Indian mounds at head), (paddle to Round Island and back), birding information
6. Develop trails along French Creek for walking, hiking, X-C skiing (nature walks, kid friendly, fishing access)
7. Develop old railroad bed: provide walking areas separate from snowmobile/ATV trails, open up view to river
8. Provide access to the Palisades area for public, i.e. bike trail
B. Develop recreational amenities
1. Build on the "Sissy Danforth" walking tour and Seaway interpretive signs
2. Develop a map of all trails and fishing access points
3. Promote recreational amenities: hiking trails, canoeing and kayaking
4. Develop rest stops along biking and hiking trails
5. Walking tour to historic homes in town
6. Provide bikes (or segways) for borrowing or for rent
7. Develop shuffle board/game area
C. Move Sewage Treatment Plant
D. Preserve and enhance access to the water
1. Provide fishing pier(s), public marina(s), public beach(es)
2. Beach along causeway to Washington Island for fishing area and beach area (potential parking issues)
3. Provide access to French Creek for fishing
4. Provide places for people to swim, possibly a partnership with Clayton Yacht Club to use beach
5. Provide places for dogs to swim
6. Provide water access that goes beyond "the view and the ice cream cone"
7. Increase the number of streets that go down to the water (where possible)
E. Improve existing water-based facilities
1. Fix up Clayton marina area
2. Goose Bay - spruce up fishing area
3. Provide transient marina dockage, access
4. Provide docks and facilities (electrical, etc) for large boats, possibly at Centennial Park
5. Level off the docks on the Riverwalk
6. Encourage and protect water-related uses (houseboats, boatyards, fishing)
F. Preserve Clayton's character of a "Village in the Country: A beautiful little waterfront community emerging from farmland and woods"
1. Concentrate growth/development within the village limits, growth supports upgrades/repairs to existing infrastructure
2. Require that development equal the scale of the community (building height, mass) and blend with existing architecture
3. Enhance gateways: no billboards, limited businesses, limit building heights, maintain trees/grass in development
4. Require that trees are planted when trees are removed
5. Create setbacks and vegetation to camouflage commercial activity (vegetative buffers) along Route 12
6. Preserve pedestrian character
7. Develop zoning to limit building heights, limit industrial development
8. Maintain existing community feel but develop business base
9. Plan for increased residential expansion - concentrate development, minimize impact to traffic
10. Provide tax breaks for properties that have attractive visual appearance
G. Look to precedents in other communities that preserve history and connection to the past: Sackets Harbor (planting, lighting), Skaneateles (shops, walkable, compact scale), Merrickville (restaurants, arts - glass blowing), San Antonio Riverwalk, and Lake George (planting, alleys, walk along water)
H. Make Riverside Drive more pedestrian friendly and attractive
1. Clean up downtown: alleyways, provide trashcans, lighting
2. Clean up river side facades of downtown buildings
3. Create generous sidewalks to allow for outdoor seating, allow businesses to personalize (flowers, etc)
4. Assess lighting and consider softer, more decorative lighting and lamp posts
5. Consider possible water features: fountain, wading pool, spray park, antique fire pump (Frink Park area)
6. Communicate ship schedule at Frink Park and Chamber of Commerce for public enjoyment
7. Plant decorative gardens and flowers, encourage more landscaping
8. Create replica of RR depot in Frink property, possibly as a pavilion