

Update on Dover Waterfront Project

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In the last few months significant progress has been made in the efforts of the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) and the City to redevelop the City-owned waterfront property along the Cochecho River.

Bluff Excavation

In early November, the remaining permits required from the state and federal permitting agencies were obtained. This has allowed the work on the removal of a 3.7 acre portion of the bluff to begin in early December. Tree clearing began the first week of December and the plan is to begin the excavation of the soil layer above the bedrock a week after that. The soil will be trucked to Maglaras Park where it will be placed on the slope north of the dredge cell. The blasting of the bedrock is scheduled to begin in early January and continue until March 15th.

Waterfront Developer Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

CWDAC and the City issued an RFQ to solicit potential developers that would be interested in entering into a public/private partnership to develop portions of the waterfront. The RFQ was issued on September 29th and responses were due on December 6th. Five responses to the RFQ were submitted. The submittals will be reviewed by a sub-committee and interviews will be held to determine the developers that are most qualified and experienced. It is anticipated that multiple developers will be asked to proceed to the second stage, where detailed Requests for Proposals will be prepared.

Waterfront Public Dock

As part of the development of a waterfront park along the riverfront area, a public dock for various paddle sports has been designed and has received permits from the NH Department of Environmental Services. The dock is designed to accommodate canoes, kayaks and crew boats and will be fully compliant with American with Disabilities Act accessibility standards. After conducting a competitive bid process, the City Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to award the bid for construction and installation of the dock in December. It is anticipated that the dock would be installed in the spring.