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Board #1: Share a brief memory of the Furgary.

As a little girl, growing up watching all the fishing and hunting, these experienced hunters and fishermen with their catches of the day. I've been coming here for many years and would love the tradition to continue!

The Furgary is a part of the reason I moved to Hudson, unique communities are a treasure. I worry about the direction of this town in relation to its variety of neighborhoods.

First memory of the Furgary: "What the hell?" I am so lucky to see this before the suits take over.

Board #2: In a few words, share your vision for the area now occupied by the shacks.

As untamed and open as possible.

The nomination process for listing on the State – and National Register of Historic Places be completed, which will allow for 50% matching funds for site remediation, etc. It was less than a year ago that the Common Council passed a resolution to raze all but one of the shacks. This happened while the Council had full knowledge that the State (SHPO) was reviewing all of the shacks for listing eligibility.

Off leash dog friendly area... we need an off leash play area

I would love to see the shacks open and protected, preserve and remembered, registered as a historical place and preserved as a piece of Hudson's unique and diverse community.

Take down 80% of the shacks and arrange the land for access for boating and fishing and walking.

I'd like to see this property preserved as much to original site as possible. This site is too beautiful a space to lock out people who lived here and know the river. Preservation.

Art installation event area: Use the shacks, yards and docks for an art installation event – invite artists from area to create site-specific artworks that would be integrated into the environment. (Before the shacks are demolished or restored).

Desperately need any kind of sporting facilities... also, I dream of an outdoor café with music à la Roman holiday too many isolated people in front of their TV's. The outdoor café is truly classless - to me (10 year resident) Hudson's biggest - one of the biggest - is the complete lack of class mix. Every poxy little village in Europe has an outdoor café. Why can't we? Did PR in Manhattan for 10 years my dreams remain as large.

Board #3: Tell us what you value most about the north bay recreation area? How do you see yourself enjoying this area?

I love fishing and being by the river and historic shacks/shanties. The scenic value is to be treasured forever!

I'll regularly shoot fine art photos from my kayak in the north bay, Maybe five or 10 times a season. I would love direct access and a place to store kayaks and canoes. I also would love some land access for shooting photos of the bay from the landfill area.

The North Bay is a designated "Important Bird Area" (IBA) of Birdlife International and the National Audubon Society. Please make the recommendations of the IBA paramount.

I'd like to continue to come here and meet the many common folk who were born and raised here. Fishing and boating to continue. Keep this place close to what it is today, just safer structures.

I would love to use this area for boating, fishing, river access, education and history. It would also be great to have the families who had/have shacks here provide oral histories, as part of the Oral History Archive at the library and maybe a listening station or event here.

Great views and open space, so close to the urban core the city. Boating in North Bay, walking in all seasons.

Access to nature... walking around... wildlife.

Open space that connects to town! Paths for bikes and walkers! River and marsh access for kayakers!

The amazing views from above the landfill hill. The wildlife: foxes, coyotes, weasels, hawks, deer, etc. The wildflower meadow in the summer. The access to run, walk, observe nature of the North Bay. I already run and walk the trails, but I could see myself volunteering to help maintain in the future.

Board #4: What are your concerns? What would you like to know more about?

Canoe/kayak access. The light weight carbon fiber canoes and kayaks gaining popularity now require for safety a walk-in access. The kayak put-ins at the waterfront don't work for us. Please keep us in mind.

I'm concerned that these will all be torn down and there will go their history as well. I would like to see these shacks restored and maintained as a museum of the era and apart they represent in the history of Hudson.

Educating the youth and telling them the needed knowledge of this place. Opening their minds to how historic and awesome Hudson is!

I'm concerned the shacks will be torn down, and that people's anger and disappointment about the shacks shutdown will harden into further divisions in the community.

These shafts are a huge liability and would cost millions to rebuild. Save a small group of shacks for future renovation and tear the rest down.

I would appreciate a program of discovery linked to the landscape revitalization program of Cornell University; to allow youths to realize the need to preserve this historic site; and engage in its proper historic inclusion in their studies of Hudson.

My major concern is to not tear down these structures, they're historic in value way more than money can buy! I'd like to know how people can continue traditions of fishing and boating!