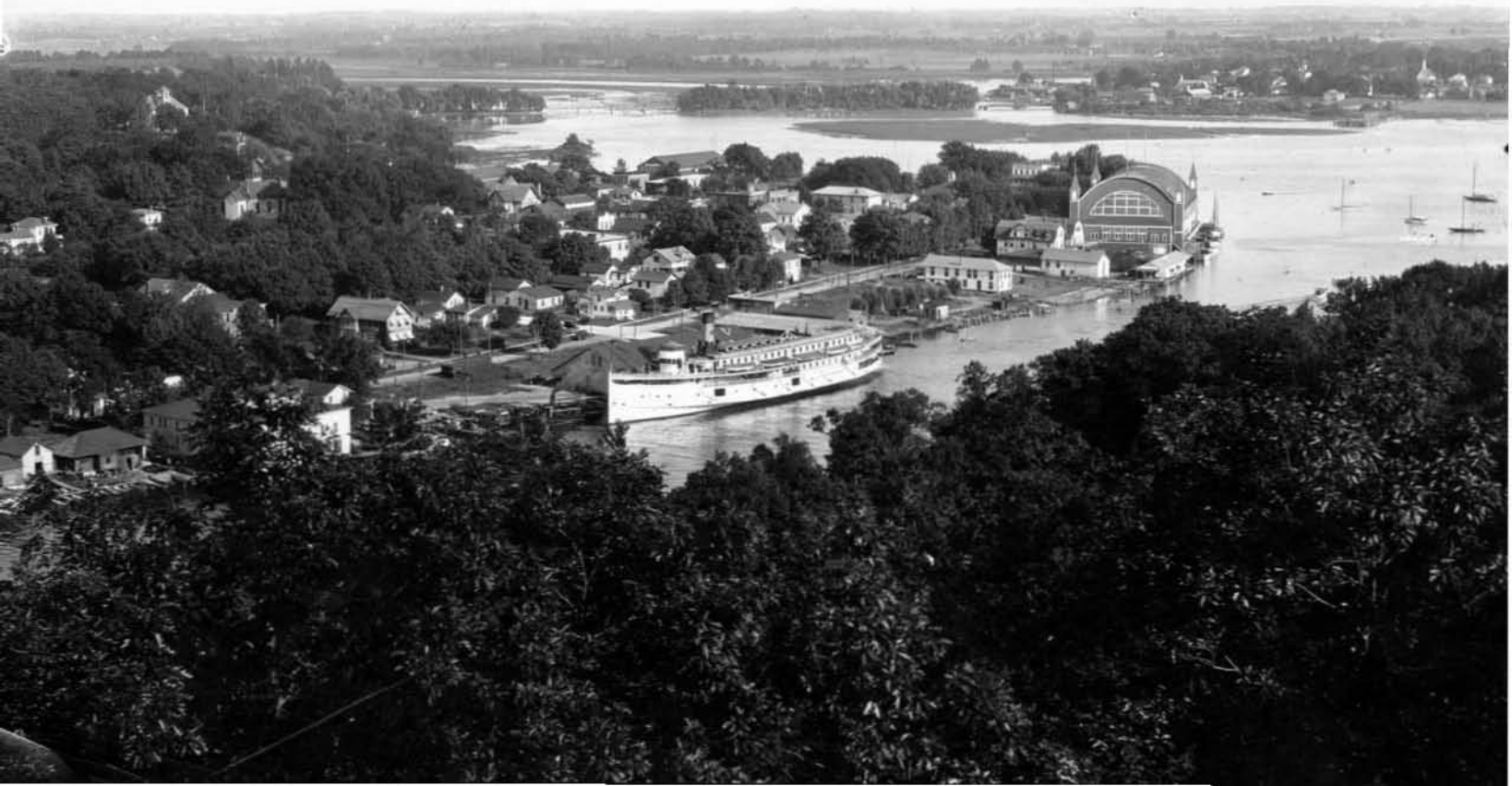


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INTRODUCTION

The communities that surround the Kalamazoo Harbor (city of Saugatuck, city of Douglas and Saugatuck Township) recognize the need to work together to assess the conditions of the harbor and find a common vision for the future. The harbor serves many functions and is a natural, cultural, and economic resource; in short, it is the lifeblood of the community.

The harbor, which includes the Kalamazoo River, Kalamazoo Lake and Douglas Harbor, extends from the mouth of the river to the I-196 bridge. To assist in the process of preparing the Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan (Master Plan), the communities retained JJR, a firm of planners, environmental scientists and engineers that have extensive experience in the planning and design of waterfront communities and facilities. To help evaluate the condition of the harbor's sediments, the master planning team included the firms of RMT, Inc., for their expertise in environmental remediation and management of river sediments, and JJR, LLC.

The primary mission of the Master Plan is to:

1. Assess the facilities, uses and natural features of the harbor, and determine needs and opportunities for improvement, expansion and preservation.
2. Set parameters for harbor use and development to balance competing and complementary interests.
3. Understand the need to maintain the function of the harbor, and identify potential sources and mechanisms for funding maintenance and construction.
4. Understand the character of potential dredge material, determine a strategy for disposal, and identify a site(s) for disposal.

This report will summarize the master planning process and the findings of the team.

MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

To accomplish the Master Plan mission, the community and consultants established a planning process that encouraged public participation and input. The process followed by the master planning team included the following steps:

1. Meetings and Analysis
 - Attend a kickoff meeting with the Harbor Committee and local residents.
 - Conduct a site review and analysis of existing facilities and harbor conditions.
 - Perform a dredge review and analysis to outline potential disposal options.
 - Conduct workshop #1 with the Harbor Committee, local residents, business owners, and representatives of regulatory and resource agencies.

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2. Develop Plan

- Prepare preliminary harbor recommendations regarding harbor use and facilities.
- Prepare preliminary dredge recommendations for limits of dredging, management of future sedimentation, and disposal of dredged sediments.
- Conduct workshop #2 with the Harbor Committee, local residents, business owners, and representatives of regulatory and resource agencies.

3. Open House and final Master Plan

- Conduct an open house with the local community to present the Master Plan.
- Finalize the plan based on input from the open house, and from regulatory and resource agencies.