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ONE BAYFRONT
A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN BLUEPRINT FOR ERIE'S WATERFRONT

One Bayfront:
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Open House Event on Draft Vision and Goals

June 25th, 2026





Agenda

- How Did We Get Here?
- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- Vision and Goals
- Next Steps



How did we get here?

- Many waterfront plans developed over the years
- We have one shot at getting this right
- Input from YOU is most critical in this effort

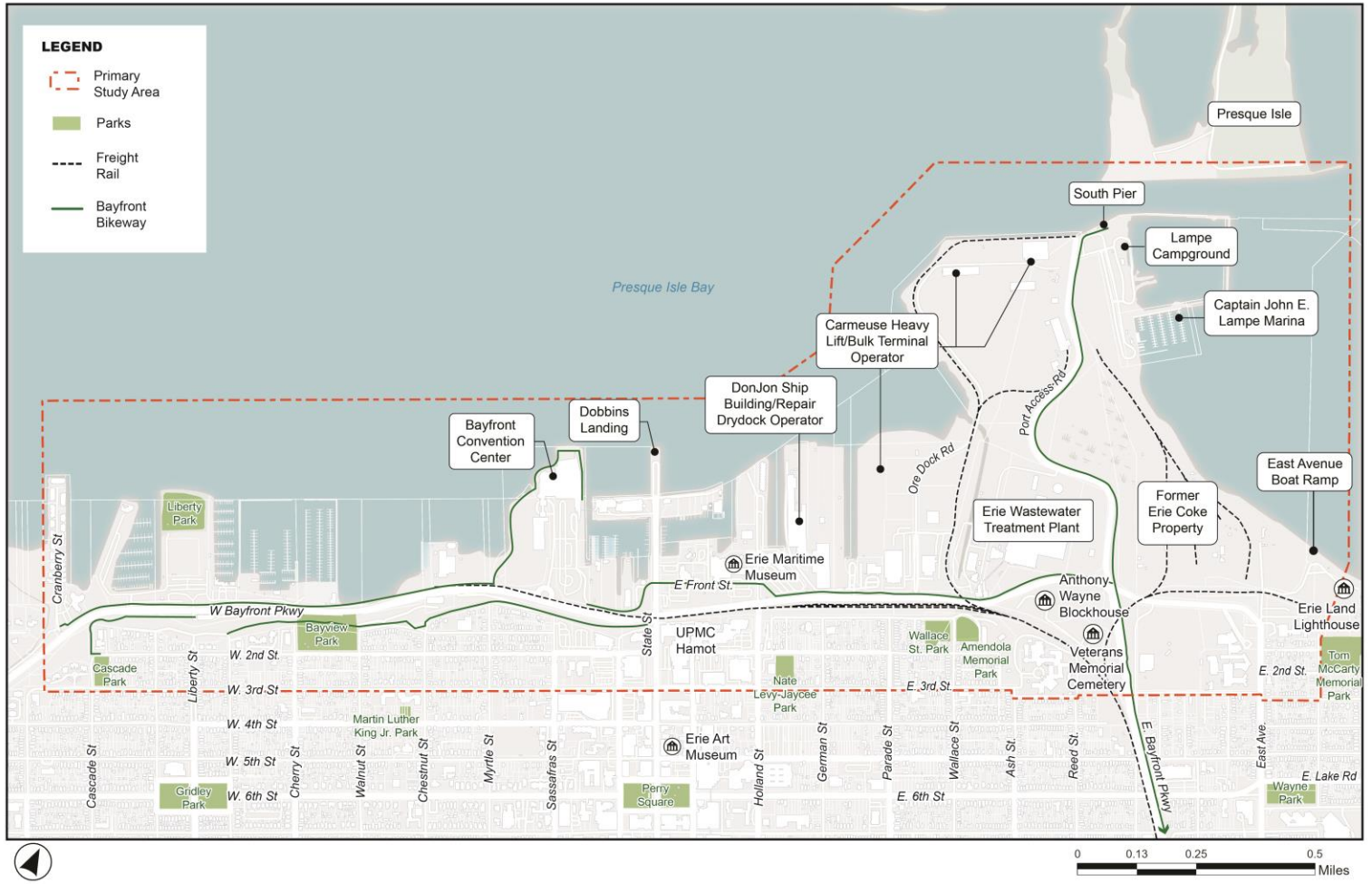
One Bayfront Facilitating Team

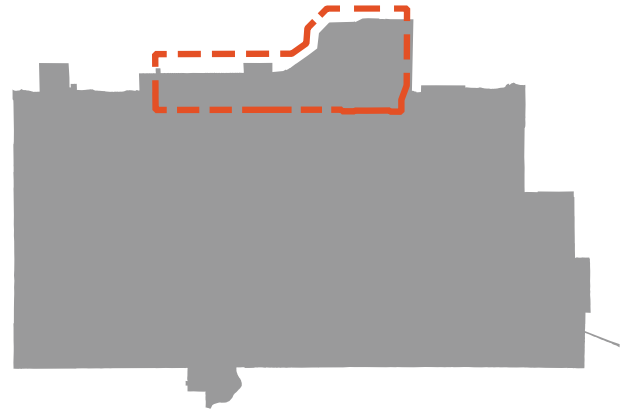


What is the *One Bayfront Initiative?*

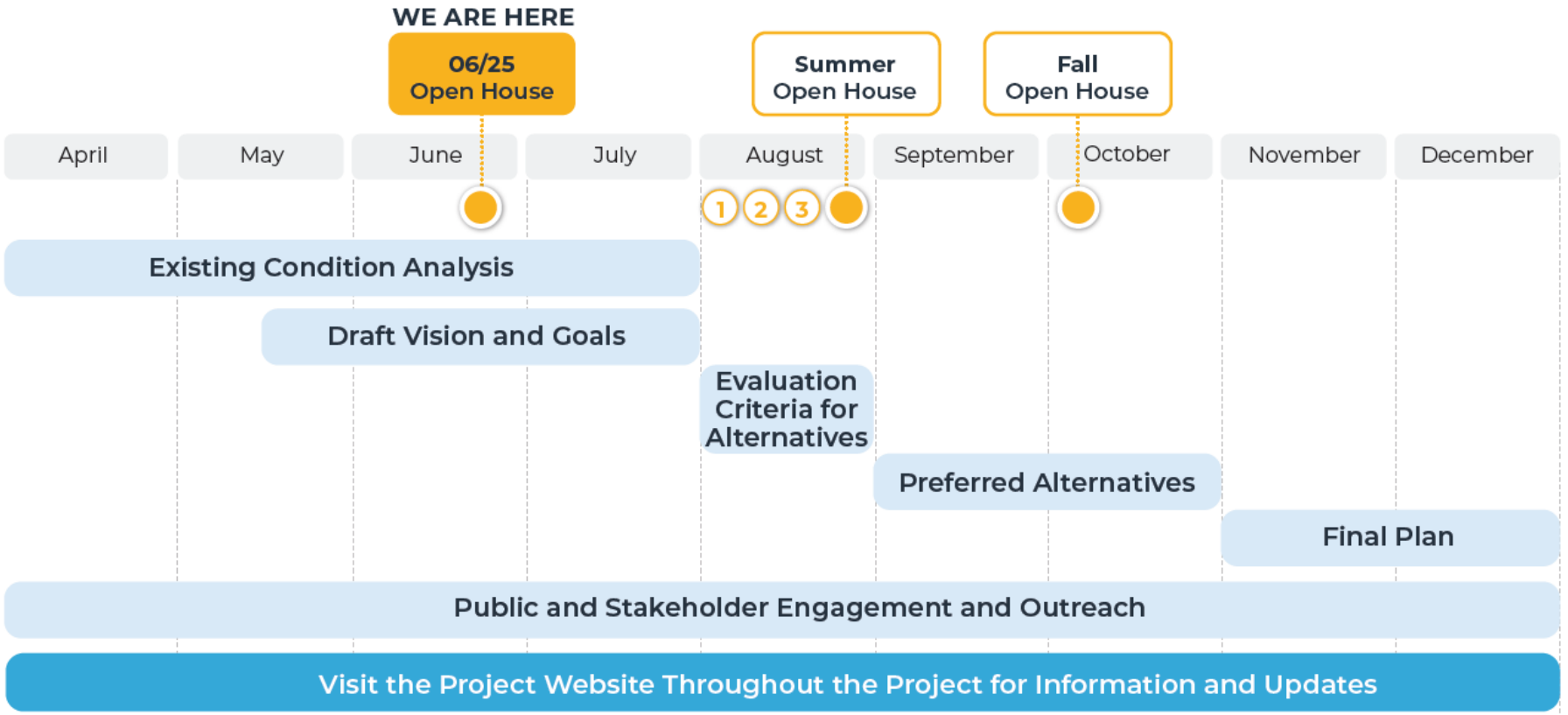
- A **community-driven** planning process designed to ensure residents have a voice in shaping the future of Erie's waterfront every step of the way.
- A **collaborative** effort that seeks to balance economic opportunity, public access, and quality of life while creating a waterfront that serves the entire community.
- Through public engagement opportunities, One Bayfront will help create a **shared vision** for a waterfront that reflects Erie's values, creativity, and pride for generations to come.

Where is the *One Bayfront* Study Area?





Project Schedule



Scan the QR code to visit our website



Survey Responses

- **655** responses received so far!
- It has and will continue to help us shape the Vision and Goals

Virtual Open House Option

Do you know someone who can't make it to this in-person open house? Join us virtually and provide feedback!
Visit Infiniteerie.com/bayfront or wspengages.com/onebayfront. Open for feedback from 6/25 to 7/17.



1. Meeting Materials and Map

Click to view the Primary Study Area and review meeting materials below



2. Take Survey!

Share your ideas and tell us what you think about current conditions and improvements needed.



3. Drop Map Pins

Drop pins on the Interactive Map to share location-specific ideas and concerns.

Informing the Vision and Goals

Foundation

Existing conditions analysis, stakeholder input, and review of existing plans informed the development of the draft vision and goals.

Vision

Captures why the plan is being developed, along with the result it is meant to achieve.

Goals

Building on the "Vision," they provide additional definition while addressing the particular needs and requirements laid out in the Blueprint for the Bayfront.

Together

Create the roadmap for Blueprint development and review.

Planning Principles

Prioritize a community-driven approach, build on prior plans to create a cohesive vision, and focus on implementable outcomes.

Draft Vision Statement

The Opportunity

Erie's waterfront is **a year-round world-class waterfront** that attracts residents, businesses and visitors to the Bay. It reflects Erie's maritime heritage, celebrates the region's diversity, protects the environmental assets of Presque Isle Bay, and is shaped through **a dynamic relationship with the community**. Connecting generational experience and legacy, Erie's waterfront creates a high-quality Bayfront experience for generations to come.

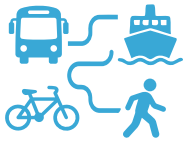
The Approach

New and strengthened physical, social and cultural connections create a seamless experience between Lake Erie and the people who love it. These connections provide comfortable, well-designed places for people to gather, spend time, and enjoy the Bayfront setting, while also maintaining accessibility. Views of the Bay, the city, and other destinations are preserved, **creating memorable and inviting public spaces, while equitable economic opportunities are embraced**. Together, these improvements support a mix of recreation, cultural, institutional, and maritime uses.

The Result

The result is **a vibrant, accessible and welcoming Bayfront** that provides public space for people to engage, links neighborhoods, enhances the natural landscape, creates new economic vitality, and defines how Erie presents itself to the world.

Goals



Access and Connectivity

Provide direct, safe, and seamless connections to, from and around the Bayfront – whether on foot, bike, car, or on the water – allowing people to move easily between downtown, neighborhoods, and the Bay.



Environment

Protect and strengthen the Bayfront's natural setting while adapting to a changing climate, so the shoreline remains resilient, accessible, and part of everyday life for future generations.



Economic Sustainability

Create a Bayfront that supports and enhances Erie's economy by creating jobs, attracting new businesses and generating tax revenue, while building something people want to use and continue to invest in over time.



Variety and Opportunity

Offer a mix of experiences and activities that attract visitors and Erieites to the Bayfront on a year-round basis – on land and on the water, for people of all ages and interests.



Uniquely Erie

Build on what makes Erie special – its history, people, culture and its Bayfront – to create a place that feels unique, authentic and welcoming to locals and visitors alike.



Beautiful and Thoughtful Design

Shape a Bayfront that is attractive, durable, and a pleasure to use— where views of the Bay are protected, buildings and nature work together, and public spaces are welcoming, and improved over time.

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Photo of Cycle Fest 2025 from City of Erie

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DonJon Shipbuilding and Repair from Port Authority

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Next Steps

- Analyze all the feedback received
- Revise Vision and Goals accordingly
- Follow project website for updates
- Meet us at the next event!

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THANK YOU!

