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**CITY OF PEEKSKILL APPROVES
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mayor Testa calls the resolution "an exciting step forward" for the City

(PEEKSKILL, New York)...Last night the City of Peekskill unanimously approved a resolution today designating a well known Westchester developer to develop a waterfront redevelopment and revitalization plan.

The City's Common Council passed a resolution designating Ginsburg Development, L.L.C. (GDC) to develop a comprehensive waterfront redevelopment plan, which will serve as the basis for redeveloping Peekskill's Hudson River waterfront. Ginsburg Development, L.L.C. is based in Hawthorne, N.Y.

"This is an exciting step forward for the City of Peekskill," said Peekskill Mayor John Testa. "For twenty years, the city has been trying to formulate a comprehensive program to maximize the potential of our riverfront. We look forward to entering into a public process where all voices in Peekskill can be heard and we expect to end up with a redevelopment plan that we can implement".

New York State Governor George Pataki first introduced the idea of master planning Peekskill's historic riverfront when he was Peekskill's Mayor. Those efforts led to a 1990 concept plan by Sasaki Associates of Cambridge, MA. and the City's finalizing of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) in 2002.

“Beginning with Governor Pataki’s vision for riverfront revitalization twenty years ago, we have built upon those ideas and believe that this next step will result in an actual redevelopment plan that will allow us to finally see our riverfront revitalized. We expect the revitalized riverfront to be a major catalyst for economic growth and revitalization of our downtown,” said Testa. “River towns all across the Hudson Valley are either exploring, or need to explore, ways to reinvigorate their waterfronts and downtowns by re-connecting to the Hudson River. Peekskill plans to set a standard for this by which other communities will be measured. Peekskill has chosen GDC to come up with a plan as they have demonstrated their expertise in Hudson River waterfront planning in Haverstraw and Sleepy Hollow and have also demonstrated their commitment to Peekskill”.

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