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## **Waterfront Holland to hold Facilitated Visioning Event, Dec. 13**

Holland, Mich., 12/03/18 - Following the collection of hundreds of ideas and surveys from Waterfront Holland events, the community engagement initiative is holding a Facilitated Visioning Event to establish a framework of principles and a vision that will guide next steps in the process. The event will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13 at Holland Civic Center Place.

This is the final event for 2018, following two James DeYoung (JDY) power plant tours, several workshops and a series of public open houses. The event will include a presentation of public feedback to date and will engage attendees in a Dotmocracy voting exercise to build consensus around the qualities and characteristics that will form the vision and principles for Waterfront Holland.

“The facilitated visioning event is a crucial step forward for the Waterfront Holland initiative,” said Mark Vanderploeg, community and neighborhood services director for the city of Holland. “We welcome all members of the community to this event so we can move ahead in a direction that everyone in the community can be proud of.”

Dotmocracy exercises are a common voting method using dot stickers or marks with a marker to prioritize a long list of options. The results of the Dotmocracy exercise will shape the vision development phase expected to occur early next year.

Waterfront Holland will continue to collect public input at the Waterfront Holland website. The community can also visit the site to see videos of the interior and exterior of the JDY power plant and for information about past workshops and focus groups.

The visioning event is free to the public and guests can RSVP at [waterfrontholland.org](http://waterfrontholland.org).

### **About Waterfront Holland**

With the retirement of the James De Young (JDY) power plant in 2017, the city of Holland received a unique opportunity - to shape the future of Holland’s downtown waterfront. With no specific plan or timeline in place for the JDY site, Waterfront Holland is a series of public events to engage the local community in a positive, collaborative relationship to develop a shared vision for the future waterfront. With a series of community engagement workshops, Waterfront Holland gives the people of Holland the opportunity to shape the waterfront both in the short term and for decades to come as additional opportunities arise. <https://waterfrontholland.org/>