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Village Character Statement
Cold Spring N.Y.

The Village of Cold Spring's unique character is largely defined by its historical significance and location in one of the most scenic sections of the Hudson Highlands. Surrounded by internationally renowned areas of protected natural beauty, its roots reach back to the colonial era from which it grew to play pivotal roles in the American Revolution, the American Industrial Revolution and the Civil War.

In the early 19th century, Gouverneur Kemble and The West Point Foundry Association carefully planned this community to service their foundry. The walkable neighborhoods, diversity of religious practices and spirit of community and volunteerism that he and his associates established, are all still present today.

The village remains a one square mile self-contained municipality that allows residents to obtain many essential services and amenities within its boundaries. This greatly enhances social interaction and our sense of community.

Our nationally recognized historic districts and structures, including Main Street, the riverfront with its parks and bandstand, access to the river, and surrounding hiking trails and state parks with their scenic views, all provide a unique quality of life for village residents.

All these elements contribute to our village's unique character, making it an increasingly popular place for people of all backgrounds, ages, and interests to live, and for visitors from all over the world to visit.