

# Regional Engagement Livingston County Webinar



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# Webinar



- Background of the Regional Engagement Project
- Overview of March 11<sup>th</sup> Sub-Regional Forum
  - Process
  - Feedback
- Discussion of Priority Areas of Focus
  - Goals
  - Projects
- Next Steps
  - Draft Document
  - Stakeholder Input
  - County Meeting



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# Project Background



- Regional approach to advance economic and community development planning
- Assessment and profile of existing conditions
- Identify opportunities to advance economic development
- Prioritize future revitalization efforts within the Region
- Final strategy identifies priorities, projects, and action items



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# Sub-Regional Forum



- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Livingston & Ontario Counties
- Project overview
- Individual County breakout sessions
  - Existing Plan Profiles
  - Discussion/Feedback



# Priority Areas of Focus



- Brownfields
- Economic Development/Economic Distress
- Downtowns
- Tourism and Recreation
- Waterfronts
- Environmental/Water Resources
- Natural Resources/Energy
- Land use
- Building/Housing
- Infrastructure
- Preservation/Cultural



# Brownfields



- Total of 28 sites are being addressed (or have been addressed) under the NYS DEC Environmental Remediation Programs, which include:
  - New York State Superfund Program
  - Resource Conservation and Recovery Program
  - Brownfield Cleanup Program
  - Environmental Restoration Program
  - Voluntary Cleanup Program
- Goal to remediate sites and return them to active and productive use
- Connect projects with funding opportunities
  - NYS DEC
  - EPA
  - Others



# Economic Development/Distress



- Economic Distress Index
  - Income
  - Employment
  - Poverty
  - Education
  - Population Change
- Each category standardized within the Region with 0 set as the average
- Scores ranged in Region from (-12.9 to 9.6)
  - Town of Mt. Morris 6.0
  - Village of Mt. Morris 5.3
  - Village of Geneseo 4.6\*
  - Town of North Dansville 4.1



# Economic Development/Distress



## Goals/Objectives

- Advance CEDS priority projects:
  - Dansville Industrial Park
  - Avon Crossroads Commerce Park
  - Water & Sewer Infrastructure in Dansville
  - Rail line to Dansville
- Advance SUNY Geneseo Economic Development efforts
  - START-UP NY
  - Business Incubator/Video Conference (HTR)
  - SUNY Geneseo SBDC Entrepreneurship program
- Leverage CFA Awards
  - Livonia Gateway Road Project
  - Livingston County Strategic Plan for Economic Development
  - Gray Metal Products Facility Expansion, Avon



# Downtowns



## Goals/Objectives

- Downtown Revitalization
  - Hamlet of Springwater
  - Consider Downtown Coordinator to help revitalize the villages and downtown core
  - Leverage ongoing revitalization efforts
    - Village of Caledonia Downtown Feasibility Study
    - Village of Nunda Downtown Revitalization Program
    - Livingston County Sign & Façade Improvement Program



# Tourism/Recreation



## Goals/Objectives

- Create a network of advocates for the Finger Lakes Region lifestyle
- Invest in the development, promotion and preservation of the cultural, artistic and historic assets of the Region
- Promote the Region's growing wine, culinary, and agricultural enterprises
- Strengthen and support Region's diverse water resources and recreational tourism opportunities
- Leverage existing resources and attractions for visitors
  - Mt. Morris Dam and Recreational Area
  - Letchworth State Park
  - Conesus & Hemlock Lakes
  - National Warplane Museum
  - Finger Lakes Opera
  - Local trails for geocaching/photography



# Waterfronts



## Goals/Objectives

- Continue implementation of the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan
  - Address water quality concerns
  - Restore and stabilize streambanks within the watershed
  - Implement practices that will reduce nonpoint source pollution from farms
  - Address invasive species including:
    - Eurasian water milfoil
    - Water chestnut
    - Quagga mussels



# Environmental/Water Resources



## Goals/Objectives

- Address invasive species both in-lake and in the watershed
- Continue efforts to remediate eroded streambanks and educate property owners on methods for resiliency
- Implement efforts of the Livingston County Environmental Management Council including:
  - Sustainability and Land-use planning education
  - Promotion of regional environmental resources
  - Assemble and report information on the status of regulatory permitting and redevelopment programs that may have an impact on local communities.



# Natural Resources/Energy



## Goals/Objectives

- Reduce utility costs to help attract manufacturers
- Work with utility companies to develop methods of returning renewable energy to the grid from rural farms
- Advance existing energy projects
  - Village of Geneseo (SUNY) Microgrid Feasibility Study
  - Avon Central School District Solar Project
  - Town of Mt. Morris energy efficiency/sustainability initiatives (comprehensive plan)
- Preserve Natural Resources including Conesus Lake, Hemlock Lake and the Genesee River Valley
- Utilize Livingston County Natural Resource Inventory to guide development in sensitive or unique areas



# Land Use



## Goals/Objectives

- Continue support for Purchase of Development Rights programs
- Improve food systems to provide access to affordable and healthy food within Mt. Morris, Dansville, and Geneseo
- Leverage Growing the Agriculture Industry Now! RLF Fund to help grow the agriculture industry
- Pursue development opportunities on county owned property in Dansville
- Advance ongoing land use projects
  - Town of Springwater comprehensive plan
  - Village of Caledonia comprehensive plan
  - Community Initiatives Council Community Needs Assessment
  - Shared kitchen study



# Buildings/Housing



## Goals/Objectives

- Improve quality of housing stock with a variety of housing types including:
  - Senior
  - Multi-Family
  - Townhomes
  - Single-Family
- Leverage improved housing stock to help attract new employees/workforce
- Prioritize in-fill development
- Address vacant buildings
- Large scale single-family/multi-family development



# Infrastructure



## Goals/Objectives

- Implement active infrastructure projects
  - Livonia Gateway Road project
  - Avon Crossroads Commerce Park
  - Genesee & Wyoming Railroad improvements
  - Dansville Airport Runway extension
- Address limitations in capacity of transmission lines to support sale of power back to the grid from farm anaerobic digesters
- Infrastructure inventory and capacity analysis



# Preservation/Cultural



## Goals/Objectives

- 89 Sites within the County listed on the National Register of Historic Places including 7 historic districts:
  - Lima Village Historic District
  - Main Street Historic District, Geneseo
  - Linwood Historic District, York
  - Murray Street Historic District, Mt. Morris
  - South Main Street Historic District, Mt. Morris
  - State and Eagle Streets Historic District, Mt. Morris
  - Dansville Downtown Historic District, Dansville
- Long-term goal of preserving and revitalizing the Dansville Spa, also known as the “Castle on the Hill”
- Continue efforts to preserve the “sense of place” of buildings, districts, and municipalities within the County



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# Other Plans



## Goals/Objectives

- Improve government efficiency
  - Shared services/coordination with existing efforts
  - Grant readiness matrix
  - Improve community engagement (SUNY Geneseo program)
- Advance Public Safety efforts
  - Emergency communications upgrades
  - Next generation 911 system



# Leverage Existing Efforts



- Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan
  - Submitted CFA applications
  - Upcoming CFA Applications
- Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan
  - Appendix 3- Recommended Strategies and Projects



# Next Steps



- Development of Draft County Strategies
- Stakeholder Input
  - E-Mail
  - Survey
- Priority project identification
- Individual County Forums- Presentation of Draft Strategy and Stakeholder Feedback
  - Fall 2015
- Final Draft County Strategies
  - Winter 2015

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