

Ontario County Sub-Regional Forum

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Victor Town Hall, 9am - 12pm

Moderator: Dave Zorn, Executive Director, G/FLRPC

Notetaker: Tom Kicior, Senior Planner, G/FLRPC

Attendees:

John Sheppard, Ontario County Board of Supervisors

Todd Campbell, West Bloomfield

Mike Manikowski, Ontario County IDA

Suzanne Vary, Ontario County IDA

Thomas Lyon, Canandaigua Chamber

Doug Finch, Town of Canandaigua

Dawn Santiago Marullo, Victor Central School Districts

Mitch Donovan, Victor Chamber of Commerce

Barbara Walsh, Town of South Bristol

Tim Jensen, Ontario County Planning

Spencer Shumway, Town of Richmond

Gordie DeCillis, Richmond Planning Chair

Sarah Hamilton, Phelps Business Development and Tourism

Jack Marren, Town of Victor Supervisor

WM McAvo, Town of Geneva

Brownfields

- Need to review DEC list for inaccuracies; list was compiled from DEC Database which contains records of the sites which have been remediated or are being managed under one of environmental remediation programs (i.e. State Superfund, Brownfield Cleanup, etc.). All sites listed on the "Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites in New York State" are included in the database. The Database also includes the "Registry of Institutional and Engineering Controls in New York State".
- Review Pactiv site to determine why it is on the DEC list
- Review Tenneco Packaging site to determine why it is on the DEC list
- Research Elderlee, Inc. site to determine what exactly the property is and why it is on the DEC list
- Oak Creek in Manchester can be added to list, it may not be an official brownfield, but it is located near Lehigh Valley Road. There is some interest in development and remediation work needs to be completed. It was an old concrete plant. A phase I assessment has been completed.
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- Some additional old landfills may need to be added to the list
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- Finks Gas Station in Geneva is a priority site with DEC Region 8 actively involved in remediation.
- Victor Town Hall site is not a brownfield, some cleanup was completed when the new building was created, but the brownfield issue was with the site next door.
- Potential site in Farmington on Route 96 before . (Griffin tech), its being remediated now
- Other priority sites include
 - Labelon in Canandaigua;
 - Modock Rd Springs, which has received some funding for legal work related to issues with property values.
 - Voplex plant 11 North Street Canandaigua targeted for redevelopment and is a priority site. There is an issue with liability for the site. The old company is bankrupt. The liability issues is related to different parts of the site, a company wants to redevelop and will take liability for part of the site so they are trying to subdivide it. There are issues with asbestos etc. as well as flooding
 - 10 Chapin, former Labelon Site, is a priority with cleanup needing to be finished.

Economic Development

- Make sure to review the 2010 Tech Lead Economic Development Plan (countywide plan), which is an important plan that has not been profiled yet.
- The Fiber ring is a major priority
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 - Fiber is available in some parts of Naples residentially
 - A trunk line goes through Canadice, Richmond Bristol, West Bloomfield
 - A major need is to get funding and/or a 3rd party provider to tie into the big lines etc.)
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 - Better broadband access can improve quality of life for residents, and help attract businesses and employees, they could entice high tech companies better
 - Covers Route 96
- STC is working on an application for economic development project with EDA in partnership with SUNY Polytechnic and has preliminary commitments for state funding
- Fishers Ridge in Town of Victor, large project; they submitted the EIS, concerned about traffic. They have gathered a large amount of land as big as the mall. Sewer treatment could be an issue; looking at alternative methods-
They need to increase pumps; it s not an issue of capacity it s an issue with the lines and pump stations. The area is hilly and need to pump sewage up and down; road extension of 251 also part of the project. Need to sync signals for traffic in the area.

- Sonnenberg project it is in the works, they have received money; working with the state they want to move their administration/office out of the mansion; there are multiple phases of the project and future phases will continue to be a priority; they have further improvements to make with the building and grounds; pool building is an example which has been closed to the public for some time now.
- Canandaigua Airport is a priority; they had 600k in improvements completed and got 100k from the CFA; it is in good shape for 2015; working with county and town to avoid extra lift/pump station
- Airport still needs an apron improvement
- Airport Comp Plan should be reviewed
- Victor comp plan is in process some info online
- Town of Geneva is also fast tracking their comp plan, should be done mid 2015
- Route 5&20 and county route 6 high traffic areas are targeted for redevelopment they have vacant big box there currently
- South Bristol needs to update their comp plan, need to find funding, want it to include a portion on economic development and how to develop, old plan is mostly focused on retaining the rural setting but this is not completely relevant for the entire town. Zoning on the other hand allows planned development districts throughout
- Geneva Economic Distress concerns, for more details we can talk with Sage Gerling
- The landfill in Seneca should be included under economic development/ distress
 - In 13 years it will be close to capacity and funding from landfill will be gone
 - There are opportunity costs of not changing methods of solid waste generation
 - Currently the town of Seneca has no town tax, in 13 years that will go up to 6%, the county also receives significant funds from the landfill
 - The County has a site master plan for the site; they are trying to get an expansion permit currently, the county owns land around it
 - Expansion could help maintain revenue
 - Need better solid waste management region wide compositing, region wide digester, more landfill gas energy, reduction of solid waste (60% is organic)
 - Seneca town has 5k cows, manure digester could be beneficial
- South Bristol wants to have a development strategy
- DEC took developable land through eminent domain from the Woodville boat launch areas to the county line on Route 21. DEC is not using the land and the town is try to determine how to get it back in order to develop it

Downtowns

- Phelps downtown is a priority; they have received NY main street funding for a number of years, 2009-2013, but did not receive it last year; they will reapply this year; money went mostly to façade work and fixing boarded up windows, paint, etc; still a lot of work to be done

- Victor comp plan includes a lot related to downtowns Cathy, can provide additional details on their top priorities

Tourism

- Ganondagan is a priority tourist site
- Pinnacle athletic campus is a priority and is being built indoor/outdoor fields; youth and community groups will use it
- South Bristol, existing ski resort will be reopening (ski valley); an inn and spa is opening; and Bristol Mountain is looking to expand
- Some towns have breweries and wineries that need assistance with signage, marketing, and getting involved with wine/beer trails

Waterfronts

- Seneca Lake watershed management plan is a key plan where top goals/projects can be incorporated into the Regional Engagement project
- Regional blueways project has blue way access priorities, should be reviewed and included
- Flint Creek, in Phelps, they have access to the creek, they would like to get the word out about it with marketing, and potentially look into how it could spur development

Environmental/Water Resources

- Canandaigua Lake invasive species are a priority doing some work, could do more, top priorities include invasive species: information/education programs, watercraft stewards and boat washing stations
- Recently water craft stewards program was conducted-volunteers inspected boats and removed organisms, was very successful, but funding, initial results and program summary available online at http://www.canandaigualakeassoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/CLWA-Newsletter--October_2014_Final-Final.pdf
- Kevin Olvany, Watershed Manager, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Management Council can provide additional priorities
- Honeoye Lake issues and priorities discussed in Honeoye lake Watershed Management Plan, erosion prevention is a priority
- Sucker Brook Finger Lakes Institute is designating new flood zones, should review for additional information
- Intermodal transportation plan should be reviewed Kevin Olvany is leading the project
- G/FLRPC can help identify an prioritize top stormwater management goals and projects for each of the counties we are involved with

Natural Resources

- Solid waste plan is very important and a priority and should be reviewed

- Solar Development project in Geneva two solar farms. One will be market rate; one will be used for Hobart and William Smith College
- County landfill Town of Seneca, region-wide composting a possibility
- Development of solar farm for county in Geneva

Land Use

- Parks and Rec money is sometimes available for Park Master Plans and bricks and mortar projects
- Pinnacle Athletic Center is a priority
- Town of Canandaigua has a trail master plan connect the Auburn trail and Town parks
- Town of Canandaigua Agriculture and Farm Enhancement plan will be completed soon, which will serve in a way as an update to the farmland and open space plan
- Auburn Trail connection study is very important

Infrastructure

- Town of Canandaigua is starting a Townwide sewer master plan
- Seneca (related to the landfill) problem. They had a plan for it. The leachate is being trucked away. Could have an opportunity to treat it and coordinate with sewage treatment.
- Review 2006 regional transportation plan for Canandaigua, is still a priority.
- CATS (County Area Transit System) is moving to RGRTA
- Geneva would like a better bus system; students take the bus in to FLCC from Wayne County, etc.
- Town of Richmond trying to get public water on East Lake Rd; They are going to court to potentially use eminent domain for a right of way. Property owner(s) do not want to allow the right of way through their property
- Town of Geneva submitted CFA application, was not funded Firefighters cannot hook up to certain fire hydrants in district 6! If so they would blow out the lines. This is an important public safety issue. Need funding to replace the water line. Follow up with Bill Macadoo for more information.
- Culvert issues Town of Richmond has had issues this year
- Town of South Bristol lost a road last year issues with Drainage on Bulic Rd culverts; maybe FEMA funding could work for this.

Housing

- Housing values in parts of Geneva are very bad, some areas need large areas to be demolished

- Sage Gerling is a good resource to reach out to in Geneva for housing related and to get the Historic District study
- Multi-family development is coming into town of Farmington and Canandaigua, lots of building, need to know if infrastructure is adequate or is it reaching capacity?

Preservation Cultural

- City of Canandaigua has a historic district Thomas Lyon will look to see if there is a plan
- City of Geneva has a historic district contact Sage Gerling
- Phelps have an old historic church that is being used as an arts center that they want to improve/rehab. They have had trouble trying to receive funding
- Victor has a historic area

Education

- Issues with the 96 corridor and traffic, problems picking up and dropping students off on time because of congestion
- FLCC is a huge asset that is underutilized/unrealized
 - Serves the immediate region (Ontario county, but also 60% of students are from outside of county)
 - Have had successful viticulture program and macrotronics program
 - PTECH program is successful middle skills tech training, starts in 9th grade, partner with BOCES
 - Review FLCC strategic plan
 - Gemini program is also important with regards to tuition

Other

- They have an issues and challenges with the aging population
 - Need more support for aging in place
 - They have supported the meals on wheels program to help
 - Public transportation is important - Wegmans funds a few routes to pick up seniors, Tops may be interested in doing something similar