

**Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
Regional Engagement Sub-Regional Forum**

November 5, 2014

Wayne County Breakout Session

Session led by Jayme Breschard Thomann
Notes by C.J. Randall

Attendees:

Ora Rothfuss, Wayne County Economic Development
Peg Churchill, Wayne County Economic Development and Executive Director of IDA
Christopher Zeltmann, Regional Director, Sen. Chuck Schumer's Office, Rochester
Bill Riddell, Town of Ontario, Office of Economic Development
Chris Bauer, NYS Department of State

Brownfields

- According to Peg Churchill, the Lyons MGP Site may have been remediated or mitigated already.
- Village of Macedon draft BOA/LWRP; Chris Bauer from NYSDOS says they are looking to rezoning some areas of the Village; contact is Mayor Marie Cramer
- Ora and Peg concur with Greg that Wayne County needs a brownfield study

Economic Distress

- Ora asked the criteria for this, since the category seems confusing. Peg says that this may be related to USDA poverty level criteria Clyde and Savannah were thought to have met this, but they actually don't. They invited some small businesses from these towns come to a roundtable to talk about education and opportunity, but there was little interest in that.
- Ora said the Regional Economic development plans that cover the county are already represented. CCE is already doing a lot. One of the goals is to leverage human capital.
- Social services is located in the Village of Lyons, upper apartments are subsidized
- Finger Lakes Community College has plans for the county also, check BOCES too

Downtowns

- According to Peg Churchill, the Village of Lyons also has a Downtown Vision Plan
- Savannah and Clyde may be doing a joint Main Street plan
- Main Street program in Lyons and Albion
- Cite GFLRPC Upper Floors study

Tourism and Recreation

- According to Peg Churchill, See also the Randall 2002 report; see the updated Tourism Plan. Jayme said we only have the executive summary for one of those reports (either 2002 or 2007; not sure which)
- Ora said we have two state parks in Wayne County that are not developed: Chimney Bluffs and Beechwood, just west of Sodus Point

Waterfronts

- We'd like to know which LWRPs have been approved, and what problems or issues
- Town of Huron not accepted by NYSDOS; there is some bickering between the Town of Sodus and the Town of Sodus over property in the embayment. An attorney in Albany has done research back 200 years to try to determine where the ownership actually lies. (See map!)
- Town of Sodus is about to undertake LWRP
- Town of Macedon almost done but not done yet
- Town of Lyons may have one; Joan is manager
- According to Peg Churchill, Vicky Dailey may have done an LWRP for the Village of Palmyra

Natural Resources / Energy

- Wayne County has a draft sustainability plan underway
- Wind energy study for the Bay Industrial Park in the Town of Ontario; Peg offered to send her digital copy

Land Use

- Town of Butler has only adopted Ag Protection Plan in the county
- Town of Macedon set specific ag preservation acreage goal

Buildings / Housing

- Town of Wayne Blighted Property Study – CFA, CDBG – may be awarded, waiting on that announcement

Infrastructure

- Dean Parkway/104 Study done by GTC, circa 2005
- Route 104 Trail Study from Webster to Wallington, also done by GTC

- Canal Trail Plans, depends on the township; some were done by municipalities, some were done by Canal Corporation, and then the Parks & Trails studies, impact of canal connectivity and businesses on the economy (circa 2011)
- Also a Southeast Quadrant Water Study, circa 2010
- Telecommunications Data Study, also circa 2010; Peg said that Homeland Security issues made it difficult to put online
- Ora would like to see a County Railway Plan to address multi-modal use
- Marty Aman, Wayne County Water and Sewer is a good contact on those issues; they have a plan for putting sewer around the bays, and they have good maps
- Walworth has a green infrastructure analysis; they also need to fix the flashing light in the hamlet

Preservation / Cultural

- Lyons has individual buildings that are designated, and they have a historic district that has been around since the 1980's

Environmental / Water Resources

- Sodus Bay Plan is actually an LWRP, Ora says "has been under 60-day review for 4 years."
- Combined Dredging Plan, Bret DeRoo has that
- FEMA Risk MAP Plans
- Northern Montezuma Wetlands Plan (25 year old) seeking funding for acreage for fly zone; DEC and Ducks Unlimited are implementing that plan
- Maxine Applebee (from Michigan) in Village of Sodus Point is a good contact for a possible Center for Watershed Protection assessment and possible GIGP implementation
- Resiliency Plan for Sodus Point is in the works, has a relationship with the IJC Plan 2014 but of course there's no funding for carrying out that plan (see further notes below)

Other Plans/Other Thoughts

- Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan
- Ora said, the "Plan 2014" impact on Wayne County shoreline is lacking. There's no funding to carry out the plan. IJC owns this data but for some reason Wayne County cannot get access to it. Peg said this is a serious concern on impact of housing values on the shore, shifting tax rates that impact municipalities and school districts. International Joint Commission is managing lake level with adaptive management, which requires steps to measure how to complete a goal. It's a huge process, with a lack of informational access, to assess how the IJC shoreline levels (they say all they control is the dam) will affect Wayne County. Lakeshore marshes are dying out. Adaptive management is the most critical thing to prepare for and we are lacking in data; there are questions about the data on the embayments. Apparently the

embayments were not included in the analysis. Monroe County had engineers come in to the shoreline and the assessment was \$2M to further adaptive management. For Wayne County this is estimated to be \$2M annually. They need Coastal Resiliency Plan, or an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan or something for the Wayne County shoreline.

- Prison in Butler closed in July 2014 – state has a plan for that prison closing. There may be a company interested in that site.

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