

Regional Engagement Wyoming County Webinar



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Webinar



- Background of the Regional Engagement Project
- Overview of October 21st Sub-Regional Forum
 - Process
 - Feedback
- Discussion of Priority Areas of Focus
 - Goals
 - Projects
- Next Steps
 - Draft Document
 - Stakeholder Input
 - County Meeting



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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Regional Planning Council

Sub-Regional Forum



- October 21st, 2015
- Genesee, Orleans, & Wyoming 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 15 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)
 - Village of Perry 7.9
 - Town of Perry 6.4



Economic Development/Distress



Goals/Objectives

- Advance CEDS priority projects:
 - Wyoming County Agriculture and Business Center
 - Wyoming County Rural Arts Initiative
 - Redevelopment of A&A Facility
 - Perry Commerce Center
 - Steele Ave, Arcade Spec Building
 - Agri-Business Incubator
- Leverage CFA Awards
 - Steel & O'Briend Manufacturing New Facility Expansion and Renovation
 - American Heritage Homes New Manufacturing Plant
 - Open Space Institute Letchworth Nature Center



Economic Development/Distress



Goals/Objectives

- Support Marquart Brothers Potato Chip Plant & Starch Recovery System project
- Continue business development efforts
- Improve Infrastructure
- Advance Rural Arts Initiative
- Improve hotel/lodging opportunities within Wyoming County



Downtowns



Goals/Objectives

- Continue support for the New York Main Street Program
- Leverage Ongoing efforts of downtown organizations
- Downtown Revitalization
 - Village of Perry- Emphasis on Housing opportunities
 - Village of Arcade- improved walkability and lowered vacancy rates



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
- Improve funding for Snowmobile Trail maintenance
- Continue to Advance Rural Arts Initiative
- Leverage existing resources and attractions for visitors
 - Letchworth State Park
 - Hidden Valley Animal Adventure
 - Fishing
 - Charcoal Corral
 - Farm Markets



Waterfronts



Goals/Objectives

- Implementation of the Watershed Management Plan Update for Silver Lake
 - Dredge North End of Lake
 - Dredge Outlet
 - Raise Walker Road Bridge to allow navigation to Federal Street Dam



Environmental/Water Resources



Goals/Objectives

- Continue efforts to remediate eroded streambanks and educate property owners on methods for resiliency
- Address flooding concerns with Cattaraugus Creek
- Update of FEMA Maps
- Implement Black Creek Watershed Management Plan
- Implement Oatka Creek Watershed Management Plan



Natural Resources/Energy



Goals/Objectives

- Minimize costs of electric energy
 - Municipal solar
 - Alternative Energy
 - Review Town Energy policies
- Work with utility companies to develop methods of returning renewable energy to the grid from rural farms
- Preserve Natural Resources including Siler Lake, Carlton Hill State Forest; other state and local parks and natural resources



Land Use



Goals/Objectives

- Strengthen Farmland Protection Measures
- Utilize Purchase of Development Rights program
- Leverage Growing the Agriculture Industry Now! RLF Fund to help grow the agriculture industry
- Advance ongoing land use projects
 - Town and Village comprehensive Plans



Buildings/Housing



Goals/Objectives

- Improve quality of housing stock with a variety of housing types including:
 - Senior
 - Multi-Family
 - Townhomes
 - Single-Family
- Assisted living is a need
- Affordable senior housing is a need
- Prioritize in-fill development
- Address vacant buildings



Infrastructure



Goals/Objectives

- Implement active infrastructure projects
 - Town of Castile Water Improvements
 - Village of Arcade Wastewater Treatment Plan
 - County Rural Broadband Initiative
 - Bridge improvements
 - Wyoming County Multimodal Rail initiative- Town of Gainesville
- Infrastructure inventory and capacity analysis



Preservation/Cultural



Goals/Objectives

- 24 Sites within the County listed on the National Register of Historic Places including 7 historic districts:
 - Exchange Street, Attica Historic District
 - Attica Market and Main Historic District
 - Perry Downtown Historic District
 - Silver Lake Institute Historic District
 - Monument Circle Warsaw Historic District
 - Warsaw Downtown Historic District
 - Wyoming Village Historic District
- Continue efforts to preserve the “sense of place” of buildings, districts, and municipalities within the County



Other Plans



Goals/Objectives

- Implement Wyoming County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- County wide GIS system is a need
- County in need of bus storage facility
- Farm equipment impact on road infrastructure



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



- Finalization of Draft County Strategies
- Stakeholder Input
 - E-Mail
 - Survey
- Priority project identification
- Individual County Forums- Presentation of Draft Strategy and Stakeholder Feedback
 - January/February 2016
- Final County Strategies
 - March 2016

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