

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Wayne County CLEAR Virtual Look and Listen Tour

May 20, 2021 10:00-11:00



#### Attendees

##### SC members

- Jason Haremza, Senior Planner, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Brian Pincelli, Director, Wayne County Planning Department
- Lynn Chatfield, Supervisor, Town of Wolcott
- Tom Hart, Eastern Lake Ontario Dunes Coalition
- David Klein, Senior Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy
- Phillip Eygnor, Supervisor, Town of Huron
- Frank Robusto, Supervisor, Town of Ontario
- Kristy Fowler, Manager, Pier 53 Fowler Marinas and restaurant

##### State Partners

- Chris Bauer, DOS
- Nancy Martel, DOS
- Karen Catcher, DOS
- Bernette Shilling, DEC
- Karis Manning, DEC
- Tim Walsh, DEC
- Tom Haley, DEC

##### Consultant Team

- Julie Conroy, Ramboll
- Paul Romano, Ramboll
- Kadir Goz, Ramboll
- Tony Eallonardo, Ramboll
- Lisa Nagle, Elan
- Laura Lourenco, Elan

#### Asset Identification – Assets to add to existing list:

##### REGIONAL

- Drumlins and Eroding bluffs
  - o throughout the county shoreline, some in public wildlife areas, some off private land. These supply longshore flow of sediment west to east – raw materials for beaches, protective features – Camp Beechwood is one example
  - o drumlin structures (visible on topo map)– water courses go in-between these, intersection of drumlins with lake create sentiment
  - o balance of sediment has been changed, concern the balance has shifted toward erosion in some places like in Wolcott
  - o natural processes: over long period of time, Great Lakes are net erosive (i.e. lakes are expanding) – due to the type of waves the lake has which eat away at the shoreline. Will be important to understand that dynamic and what it means in the long term for the shoreline. Have seen this erosion in action during our lifetimes (e.g. Wolcott examples)
- Land Trusts and Conservation areas

- NYS marshes and wildlife management areas
  - Holdings by Genesee Land Conservancy (with public usage)
    - – sites listed online <https://www.geneseeandtrust.org>
    - [Genesee Land Trust conservation easements — Genesee Land Trust](#)
  - SC members can share maps. have one near lakeview cemetery
  - Shoreline Wildlife areas including creeks
- State and local Parks
  - Barrier Bars
    - Technical note: basemap on screen is from 2016, but have NYS orthoimagery with 2018 base map, more recent with breaches and erosion, also have inventory of 2019 damage
  - Technical resources –
    - full aerial survey from Braddock's Bay to Stony Point at high water in 2017  
<https://arcg.is/OmfCii>
    - can also refer to coastal erosion maps

#### TOWN OF ONTARIO

- Be sure to include parks

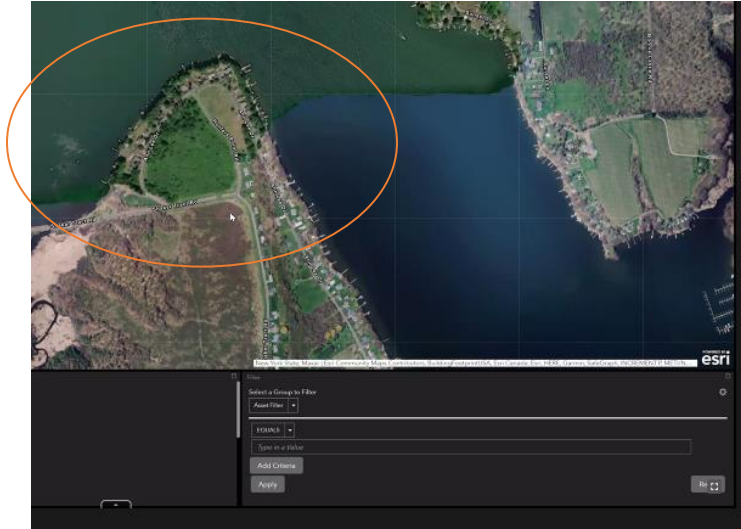
#### TOWN OF WILLIAMSON

- Salmon Creek – e.g. fishing (limited public access)
- Pultneyville Yacht Club
- Businesses in Pultneyville marina

#### TOWN OF SODUS and VILLAGE OF SODUS POINT

- Camp Beechwood incl. nearby fishing access points
- Barrier bars (noting recent breaches)
- High water but also low water considerations for lake access, businesses
- Sodus Point Beach
  - well-restored now with new dunes, will be staffed, expecting increased public use, shoreline 20 feet further into the lake now than this year last time (when lake at comparable water level)
  - all land east of lighthouse in Sodus Point did not exist before 1850 – Wickham Blvd to Greig St (and Sodus Point beach) all “new” accumulation, 1834-1900 formed (old breakwater under wickham Blvd)
  - more information on the formation of sodus point and the restoration project:  
<https://arcg.is/11mvOn>
- land trust property NW of route 14 north of Sentinel road (west of Sodus Point beach)
- Charter Boats
- boat launches
  - sportfishing but also duck hunting spot (winter)

- southern portion of the bay- Shaker Heights– Alasa Farms has an easement on it:



Maxwell Bay has a salmon Run – public access drive on both sides of lake drive. long gray road is an access point, Can see parking lots which also give access to creeks and trails, also interpretation markers  
RE: cobblestone houses



- Public fishing sites
  - o in Maxwell, there's concentrated areas of stream bank degradation at the best spots. Perhaps an opportunity to evaluate improved access in some areas some repeatedly inundated properties.
- Lighthouse (end of pier)
- Sodus Lighthouse (mainland)
  - o steep bluff near lighthouse (may need shoring up? e.g. adding sand) about 20 feet down to water from that bluff (not really public access)
- Businesses / Marinas / Restaurants on Sodus bay (Sodus side)

## TOWN OF HURON

- Chimney Bluffs State Park – likewise important for sediment and beach material
- array of drumlins in Huron, point sediment sources
- East Bay (old image but still) – dilapidated metal cellular structure next to channel:



- East Bay Barrier Bar
  - o Eastern reach of this barrier bar was overtopped. Some interest from bay association in using nature-based approaches to shoring up resiliency of this barrier bar
  - o dredged regularly to open seasonal access to lake and manage vegetation (Bay association has an annual contract)
- Businesses, Marinas, restaurants on Sodus Bay (Huron side), e.g.:
  - o LeRoy Island – businesses affected
  - o Fowlers Pier 53 Marina (flooded out)south of LeRoy Island.
  - o Pier 53 restaurant - just south of LeRoy island on mainland (docks here are for patrons)
  - o Island View marina
    - about 100 fixed docks (not resilient to fluctuating water levels) for rent – high cost to pull out docks with DEC permit and replace with floating docks

- Eagle Island Association
- Skippers marina
- Oak Park Marina down by SE corner
- Davenport and Bay bridge
- Henner's (west side of ridge road bridge)
- Docks
  - note: maritime heritage of docks on Sodus Bay – graineries, coal etc
- Apple Orchards
  - depend on microclimate created by Lake Ontario along this shoreline ridge. Would be vulnerable to climatic changes
- Seasonal workers in shoreline area?
  - Marina industry has seasonal workers
  - also Apple orchards

#### WOLCOTT

- Port Bay barrier bar (REDI)
  - ongoing nature-based project to replenish the barrier bar
- unique natural resources and habitats in these areas
- Shoreline erosion
  - Concern in Wolcott that they are losing sediment, and it is not being replenished, e.g. Many examples of land loss and erosion in past decades
- (REDI) public sewer lines on Blind Sodus Bay and property in this area
- Charter boats
- Port Bay lake access
  - now can't get into the lake from Port Bay due to low water level – lost a charter captain to Sodus Bay due to this

#### **Next Steps**

- Steering Committee Meeting #1 May 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 - materials to be sent in advance
- Public event #1 – second week of June