

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Wayne County CLEAR Steering Committee Meeting #5

October 21, 2021 10:00-11:30



#### Attendees:

##### SC Members

- Brian Pincelli, Director, Wayne County Planning Department
- David McDowell, Mayor, Village of Sodus Point
- Lynn Chatfield, Supervisor, Town of Wolcott
- Lindsey Gerstenslager, District Manager, Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District
- David Klein, Senior Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy

##### State Partners

- Chris Bauer, DOS
- Nancy Martel, DOS
- Karen Catcher, DOS

##### Consultant Team

- Julie Conroy, Ramboll
- Paul Romano, Ramboll
- Shaun Gannon, Ramboll
- Kadir Goz, Ramboll
- Marie Harris, Ramboll
- Laura Lourenco, Elan
- Lisa Nagle, Elan

#### Meeting Summary (see accompanying slides)

##### Scenario Planning

- Resilience Scenarios – based on needs, opportunities, vision. Potential solutions / responses to expected impacts.
- Impact Scenarios – what is expected to occur (based on historic impacts)
  - o Flood Risk zone map shows flood impact scenarios. Includes FEMA floodplain data: base flood elevation (high risk), base flood elevation + 2 feet (moderate risk). Also Lake level data at 247 feet - the average level plus 2 feet (extreme risk). Note: Levels hit 249 feet in recent high water years.

##### Resilience Scenarios

- Will discuss top 3 today. Plan will include other scenarios as well. These 3 were the ones that rose to the top in our previous discussion.
- Regional coordination came through as highly important. Also engaging stakeholders.

Resilience Scenario #1: Include Climate Resilience in all regional and local planning efforts

- Q: We are updating our LWRP now. What can we get to share with that committee and consultant so this work gets included? Also updating county hazard mitigation plan.

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- CLEAR Plan ready by end of the year, can be used then to incorporate into other plans.
- Likewise, let us know about other plans and we can look for ways to advise or incorporate into CLEAR plan
- Q: A lot of strategies seem easier for less developed areas. Also looking for strategies for densely developed, built areas.
  - Good feedback for us to revisit potential strategies. Some of these strategies are also intended for retrofits. E.g. Strategy 1 would apply to retrofits. Strategy 3 looks forward to future development, so wouldn't change overnight, but would start to change development patterns over time in developed areas.

#### Resilience Scenario #2: Coordinate Resilience Efforts across Municipal Boundaries

- ideas to improve regional coordination for design, funding, implementation
- e.g. Regional resilience body – esp. common in other areas of country. Coming to NYS
- Funding mechanisms - E.g. Ithaca raising fees on impervious areas- using funds for some resiliency work including green infrastructure for stormwater regulation.
- Q: Will we have a breakdown of these actions so they can be explained to rest of the community? Having some standardized templates for explanation that can be incorporated into other plans would be very helpful.
  - yes. format of plan / matrix of actions can be optimized for this purpose

#### Resilience Scenario #3 – Educate residents and visitors about resilience responsibilities

- include outreach to different groups, esp. more vulnerable or hard to reach populations
- Q: How do we see this being rolled out in Wayne County?
  - Use as best practices guide
    - Would be useful. Do already have resiliency strategies handout available through County Soil & Water office that was broadly distributed.
  - Can discuss what to recommend in terms of implementation structure at next meeting
    - Soil & Water office could lead a SWOT analysis of gaps in advance, discuss potential ways to roll out the CLEAR plan, maybe suggest establishing a regional focal point (e.g. "Shoreline Specialist) in this office to be a champion for implementation.

#### **Vision Discussion**

- Like the vision.
- Add in "and supporting entities;"
- does this communicate working in consultation with other regions beyond Wayne region?

#### **Guiding Principles**

- Q: currently looking at best engineering practices – need some standards and examples that we can draw from – see if we can add into the guiding principles
  - e.g. "Develop and demonstrate defined best management practices for resiliency measures using an assessed and balanced nature-based solutions where appropriate to accelerate uptake and approval of climate resilient actions."

There needs to be some flexible due to current regulations

## **Next Steps**

1. Will share updated vision for final comments.
2. Next SC meeting November 10ths 10:00 – shifted to Wednesday as Thursday is Veterans Day.
3. Next Public meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> – registration opens in early November. Please help us distribute the announcement to your networks at that time.