

MEETING SUMMARY

Wayne CLEAR Steering Committee Meeting #7

December 16, 2021 10:00-11:30



Attendees:

SC Members

- Richard Sutherland & Emily Royce, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Brian Pincelli, Director, Wayne County Planning Department
- David McDowell, Mayor, Village of Sodus Point
- David Klein, Senior Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy

State Partners

- Chris Bauer, DOS
- Nancy Martel, DOS
- Karen Catcher, DOS
- Brienna Wirley, DEC
- Tim Walsh, DEC
- Beth Geldard, NYS Parks

Consultant Team

- Jennifer Olivo, Ramboll
- Paul Romano, Ramboll
- Sophia Ertel, Ramboll
- Laura Lourenco, Elan

Observer

- Rewa Phansalkar, Cornell
- Ryan, Cornell

Meeting Summary (see accompanying slides)

Welcome

- Chris Bauer welcomes attendees to final steering committee meeting.

CLEAR Action Table

- Previous steering committee meetings and assignments developed needs, opportunities, scenarios, and strategies for the region.
- (25) CLEAR Actions were identified for Wayne County from previous discussion; a few additional actions identified by the consultant team.
- See attached Wayne Region Priority Action Matrix

Steering Committee Feedback

Open Space Plan Action

- Open Space Preservation is also a great opportunity to earn points through the NFIP CRS program. The Town of Greece in Monroe County participates in CRS and earns most of its points through open space preservation.
- Statewide Open Space Plan is currently going through a review.

Establish Resilience Fund Action

- Establish Resilience Funds action should also incorporate taking advantage of the NYS Storm Act.

Shoreline Study Action

- Resource guidebooks on shorelines and living shorelines, Roy Widrig and NY Sea Grants are a great resource.
[Home Owner's Guide Book \(waynecountynysoilandwater.org\)](http://waynecountynysoilandwater.org)

Regional Resilience Coordinator Role, Regional Resilience Task Force & Regional Resilience Committee Actions

- Resilience Task Force should be closely tied to Resilience Coordinator position and upgraded to high priority. This Task Force (either at regional or county level) could be the key to maintaining momentum and progressing these plans in the future.
- Wayne county struggles to get committees participation. While Regional Resilience Committees are effective in larger metropolitan areas, it is difficult to get local municipalities to participate in this way and coordinate roles and responsibilities. Condensing committees is more straightforward & effective. Individual Resilience Coordinator should work directly with Planning Committee and eliminate the need for the Regional Resilience Committee.
- Combine the Task Force and Regional Resilience Committee. More committees make participation more difficult and less effective.

Feasibility Study on tributary outflows into Lake Ontario Action

- This study should also include investigation of water quality, erosion, wetland filtration, and upland sediment contributions.

Adopt FEMA ICC Definition Action

- No one in Wayne County is currently managing NFIP, personnel to do so has been added to the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a 5-year goal.
- This could be a function of the Regional Coordinator role.

Enroll in FEMA Community Rating System Action

- Monroe County CRS pilot program (funded through CSC Grant).
- Capacity Building for municipalities is an additional anticipated benefit of this action.
- Regional Resilience Coordinator role should be expanded to manage partnerships with these programs and actively seek funding opportunities.

Blue Green Infrastructure Action

- Would benefit from more sample projects functional for Lake Ontario.
- Riparian Buffers Resources include the State SWOT Buffer program through NYSDAM.
- Important to include these BGI line items in the planning process as it serves later state level funding applications.

Demonstration Profiles

- Consultant team shared an overview of each of the demonstration profile projects.

Natural and Nature-Based Project Profiles

- Comprehensive Shoreline Study across Wayne County shoreline and strategic plan for bluffs. Identify incentives for landowners as part of the managed retreat process.

Planning Project Profiles

- Coastal Erosion Hazard Area Cookbook: similar to SEQR, high-level capacity building process to help promote understanding of CEHA. Intent should not be for communities to take over CEHA locally as this is a very complicated process that most towns do not have the staff or capacity for. Encourage local ownership and engagement, but not that municipalities adopt their own CEHA law. New and improved CEHA mapping is a priority need.
- Regional Resiliency Coordinator position to support coordination of these actions including grant writing, securing funding, finance mechanisms, developing resources, administering resilience ordinances, and organizing workshops.

CLEAR Draft Plans

- Intended as a guidebook of suggested ideas for your use moving forward and seeking funding.
- Suggestion to set up recurring meetings after the completion of this project to ensure Plans are being utilized and implemented.

Next Steps

- Comments of Draft Plan due 12/17/21
- Email Llourenco@elanpd.com, call as needed
- Final Plan to DOS due 12/23/21
- NiagaraOrleansClear.com will remain live for additional information on the region and on the CLEAR initiative.