

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Wayne County CLEAR Steering Committee Meeting #4

September 2, 2021 10:00-11:30



#### Attendees:

##### SC Members

- Lynn Chatfield, Supervisor, Town of Wolcott
- Frank Robusto, Supervisor, Town of Ontario
- 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
- Tom Haley, DEC
- David Spiering, NYS Parks

##### Consultant Team

- Julie Conroy, Ramboll
- Paul Romano, Ramboll
- Shaun Gannon, Ramboll
- Sophia Ertel, Ramboll
- Laura Lourenco, Elan
- Lisa Nagle, Elan

#### Meeting Summary (see accompanying slides)

##### Meeting Goals:

- Risk Assessment outcomes review
- Collect SC needs/goals & opportunities/strategies

##### Risk Assessment

- Completed risk assessment with quantitative and qualitative inputs including those received from Steering Committee members and from the public via survey #1, plus field visit
- Hazard x exposure x vulnerability = Risk level
- Set to risk level of severe events with 1% chance of occurrence each year
- Color ramp shows relative risk facing each asset
  - Red = severe
  - Green = High
  - yellow = moderate
  - Gray = residual
- Sample outcome shown on slides. Full list will be shared with the committee
- Q on slide: check "Leone Landing economic area" asset – leone landing is a specific business, description suggests this is the broader greig st area. To be checked. (Dave McDowell potential resource)
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## Visioning Exercise:

Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use the code 5034 9366

When considering resiliency issues in your region, what word or words come to mind that describe the challenges ahead?

shoreline dynamism  
regulation inconsistency  
climate change  
lamp  
buy in  
funding  
natural processes  
natural shorelines

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## Needs and Opportunities Exercise

- Will inform the project team about the potential for resiliency in the face of changing lake conditions
- Identified needs, and associated opportunities for change, should address one or more of the core community functions / themes
- Need = a goal for resilience in the near-, mid-, and long-term – what changes would you like to see, generally?
- Opportunity = an objective or a measure that will aid in accomplishing an identified need – how do you think needs (goals) can be accomplished?
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### 1) "Fishing" Poll - Select Top 3 needs:

# Needs

Poll ended | 1 question | 6 of 19 (31%) participated

## 1. Select Top 3 Needs (Multiple Choice) \*

6/6 (100%) answered

Include climate resilience in all regional/ local planning initiatives	(3/6) 50%
Coordinate resilience efforts across municipal boundaries	(4/6) 67%
Create a sustainable regional economy built upon climate resilience	(2/6) 33%
Protect and restore ecosystem services	(2/6) 33%
Protect and/or relocate cultural and historic resources	(0/6) 0%
Educate residents and visitors about climate and resilience responsibilities	(4/6) 67%
Empower socially vulnerable to become climate resilient	(1/6) 17%
Enhance existing structures and build new to withstand flooding	(0/6) 0%
Repair protective structures and build new to withstand flooding	(0/6) 0%

### Discussion:

- Not seeing a hybrid approach on shoreline – gray to green scale to build resiliency
- Want to make sure we include range of coastal management options
- A: consider gray to green in the needs statements – e.g. “structures” can be gray or green; will adjust needs statements to reflect umbrella (gray to green) of needs, so clear to all audiences; These will be further developed before entered into the plan

## 2) Opportunities

## Opportunities

Go to [www.menti.com](https://www.menti.com) and use the code 9383 2997

Select top 5 opportunities that you think would best accomplish selected goals.



- Revise local comp plans to include climate resilience needs and opportunities and revise/create associated policies (6 members selected)
- Work with public and private partners to design and secure funding for resilience-focused restoration projects (5)
- Create a resilience fund (via a municipal tax or “betterment fee”) for repair/ relocation and construction of resilient infrastructure (4)
- Incorporate resilient best practices (e.g., blue-green infrastructure) within developed areas (4)
- Create a regional climate resilience working group/ committee via legislation to have decision-making authorities (3)
- Prioritize the repair of degraded infrastructure and proactively relocate key utility and services (e.g., piers, roadways, etc.) (2)
- Protect and/or relocate critical tourism destinations and high revenue economic industries (1)
- Create regulation and/or zoning changes to allow historic relocation and enhanced preservation (1)
- Create and implement educational and assistance programs to empower vulnerable populations (1)

### Others:

- Work with public and private partners to find ways to reduce Carbon emissions that also bolster business
- Improve **storm sewers to eliminate flooding to dwellings and water contamination**

## Discussion

- interested in incorporating reference to GHG emissions reductions so have something to build on, not engaging in this item much at present (not in the county hazard plan)
- storm sewers – only 2 communities are MS4 communities, so may be why not selected, but stormwater mgmt. is relevant, could adjust language with rural mechanisms for flood mgmt – e.g. install channels, more outflow outlets etc
- repair and relocation – very different mechanisms, may be interesting to tease out when relocation is of interest/needed
- team will compile feedback and further refine the language for committee to review again

- have examples of solutions that were selected, such as adaptation fund, that are being implemented elsewhere. Some – like implementation changes - easier to do under specific conditions – like with dedicated climate committee
- in rural communities, have an exodus and aging population, important factor to identify as relevant to social justice and potential solutions – ex. funds that rely on taxes like social betterment tax may be less effective in Wayne, there is a tax cap, large % of population on fixed income

### **Next Steps**

1. Share poll links with SC not in attendance for their input
2. Documents forthcoming (undergoing QA/QC)
  - a. Risk assessment documents – so can review for full list of assets. Inputs from SC and public were included in the assessment
  - b. Public Survey #1 outcomes – summary document to be shared
    - i. 26 respondents
    - ii. Comments on impacts from high and low water, erosion, storms and waves esp as well as input on assets, Community Value, relative Resilience (factored into risk assessment).
3. Public Event #2 - Sept 23st 5:00pm
  - opportunity to share risk assessment outcomes and discuss resilience needs & opportunities with the public.
  - please help us spread the word! Flyers have been shared, also available on the website
4. Steering Committee Meeting #5 - October 21 10:00
  - Agenda: Scenario Planning
  - with understanding of risks, needs/goals and opportunities (from committee and public, next step is to explore future scenarios and solutions