

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Wayne County CLEAR Steering Committee Meeting #1

May 27, 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
- David Klein, Senior Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy
- Phillip Eygnor, Supervisor, Town of Huron
- Frank Robusto, Supervisor, Town of Ontario
- Lindsey Gerstenslager, District Manager, Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Amanda Krenning-Muoio, Sr. Field Advisor, NY Farm Bureau, Region 2
- David McDowell, Mayor, Village of Sodus Point

##### State Partners

- Chris Bauer, DOS
- Nancy Martel, DOS
- Karen Catcher, DOS
- Tom Haley, DEC
- Brienna Wirley, DEC

##### Consultant Team

- Julie Conroy, Ramboll
- Paul Romano, Ramboll
- Shaun Gannon, Ramboll
- Lisa Nagle, Elan
- Laura Lourenco, Elan
- Chris Kimmerly, Elan

#### Meeting Materials:

- Agenda
- Asset Inventory/List
- Public Event #1

#### Meeting Minutes (summary):

##### Introduction

- Updated asset List has been provided
- Discuss public engagement

##### Asset Inventory

- Have a current/initial list of assets that needs additional feedback
- To understand risk assessment, what are the issues at hand w/ flooding?
  - Variability in lake levels, coastal erosion/flooding, ecological changes, record highs and lows, high intensity rainfall graphic (71% increase in north east)
- Assets mapped are based on these high-risk areas
  - REDI and State has data supporting the extreme/high/moderate risk areas along the study area. Surface waters are the primary risk locations.

- Shoreline erosion: erosion is considered throughout the shorelines and areas with higher erosion rates. Also factoring in areas that gain erosion material in our analysis.
- Precipitation and drought patterns have become more variable. Frequency and intensity of rainfall since 1950 has increased, frequency of drought has increased.
- Green squares on map are previously mapped assets in REDI but current 'still at-risk assets', feedback from previous meeting has been included with these mapping graphics.
- Revised asset list has been shared for additional feedback: includes additional tourism, recreation, community sites, etc.
- Next portion of work: taking these risk inventories and then ranking them as what are priority sites, process conducted w/ support and feedback
  - There is a method to qualitatively rank and list these at-risk and shoreline prone areas.

### Q & A

- *What's the best method for adding assets, is there a pin method, or should we share locations?*
  - *Send notes in an email, OR add notes in red in excel document and save a copy with your initials to email to the team*
  - *Give best location as possible, we can confirm and map it for you.*
- **Deadline for input: End of next week (June 4) before public meeting**
- *List of assets as is seems pretty substantial, looks good.*

### **Public Engagement**

Previous survey: we will be incorporating the information from the initial committee survey into the Public Engagement Plan as a starting point to how to approach future public engagement

- 1<sup>st</sup> step: public engagement opportunity June 10<sup>th</sup>, concerns with virtual/online survey format and mapping, thus will have an offline option as well.
- Open for a month, providing options and alternatives to get best input.
- Committee Poll 1:
  - Q1 Internet Access – *There is a concern, a little over half*
  - Q2 Cell reception – *Is a concern, about half*
  - Q3 General community access – *majority unsure*
  - Q4: Organize in-person outreach – *opportunity yes/unsure split*
  - Q5: Could print distribute materials – *mix of unsure/agree/disagree*
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Zoom Webinar
  - Presentation
  - Community Engagement
  - Q&A
  - Launch virtual open house (survey monkey)

- More information provided on websites, signups and more information available this Friday

#### Q & A:

- *Since most of the world has done digital distribution for last year, instead of printing could e-distribute be effective?*
  - *Yes, absolutely that is an option. We will be emailing the materials that people can either print or forward to email groups.*

#### Comments/Suggestions:

- *This step is crucial need to get the word out, need assistance on informing public*
- *As an FYI, there is a project in Syracuse, NOAA project w/ University, assess shoreline flooding in Wayne County, GFL is involved in both, Wayne County is as well. Concerns for on-ground confusion with projects overlapping around the same time, may lead to public confusion. Mary Ostermann or Jason as contact on this issue.*
  - *DOS – Working with project contact to avoid overlap or collaborate to schedule things more appropriately between projects.*
- *Underserved information poster, could be in parks, public restrooms (toilet talk), reach out to regular residents and people that frequent these communities or areas, high visibility, fishing access bulletin boards, marinas (11x17) etc. Some committee members would be able to print them and distribute to these areas*
  - *Ideas for public outreach: Marinas, Parks, Restaurants, Box (Write-Ins), Chamber email list, Placemats/Bulletin Boards, etc. will all be explored options*
  - *This outreach will happen before our next committee meeting, will get information before June 10<sup>th</sup>*
- *Is goal of public event to add to the assets lists?*
  - *Goal is to introduce CLEAR and get input on people/places/assets at-risk including additional details on hazard impacts (e.g., observed erosion or flood sites, impacts)*
    - *Will inform both our asset list and the risk assessment (next step starting in June)*
- *Expect to have comments on Low-water conditions as well*

#### Next Steps:

- Beginning to collect thoughts on risk assessment, needs public input
  - Launch public engagement Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
    - Publicize and collect input June 10<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Next steering committee meeting Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00am
    - Will share risk assessment approach