

MEETING SUMMARY

Niagara Orleans CLEAR Meeting Summary Look & Listen Tour

May 18, 2021 10:00-11:00



Attendees:

SC Members

- Bruce Newell, Town Board, Town of Kendall
- James Bensley, Director, Orleans County Planning Dep
- Jason Haremza, Senior Planner, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Michael Casale, Commissioner, Niagara County Center for Economic Development
 - with Ben Bidell, Niagara County Center for Economic Development
- Kerrie Gallo, Deputy Executive Director, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
- Steve Broderick, Supervisor, Town of Lewiston
- James Bragg, Planner II/Historic Preservation Specialist, City of Niagara Falls
- Jerome Nagy, Chief Executive Officer, Neighbor Works Community Partners Niagara Falls
- Duffy Johnson, Supervisor, Town of Porter
- Mark Seider, District Engineer, Niagara County Soil and Water
- Timothy Horanburg, Town Supervisor, Town of Newfane

State Partners

- Chris Bauer, DOS
- Nancy Martel, DOS
- Karen Catcher, DOS
- Bernette Shilling, DEC
- Karis Manning, DEC
- Beth Geldard, DEC
- Art Briley, NYS Parks

Consultant Team

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

Introduction:

- Welcome Duffy Johnson to the Steering Committee and Art Briley as a state partner from NYS parks
- This Look & Listen tour is a first opportunity to share assets, we'll move along west to east. Anything we don't cover here we'll be able to capture at a later time.

Asset Identification (additions to current list)

NIAGARA FALLS CITY & NIAGARA TOWN

- Niagara Falls State Park
 - incl cave of the winds etc
 - area consisting of Olmsted's original footprint for the Niagara Falls Reserve
- Rivershore Trail
- Niagara Gorge & gorge trails

- Maid of the Mist visitors dock
- Gill Creek
- Cayuga Creek / Little Niagara River
- Reservoir State Park (Niagara Town)
- Town of Niagara Town Park

Input via email:

Economic

- *Niagara Riverside Resort*
- *LaSalle Yacht Club/marina*

Housing

- *Cayuga Island - a residential neighborhood in the floodplain*

Infrastructure Systems

- *NYPA water intakes - scenic area/former site of Fort Schlosser (Little Fort Niagara)*
- *Niagara Falls Water Board Water Treatment Plant*
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- *NYPA ice breaker docks/Old Stone Chimney/Former hydraulic canal*
- *Maid of the Mist- Schoelkopf maintenance yard/storage docks.*
- *Rainbow International Bridge*
- *Whirlpool Rapids Bridge*
- *Goat Island Bridge(s)*
- *First Street Bridge*
- *S 86th Street Bridge*

Natural & Cultural Resources

- *Whirlpool State Park/Devil's Hole State Park/Niagara Gorge Hiking Trails*
- *Niagara Discovery Centre/Schoelkopf Power Plant ruins*
- *Upper River - Riverwalk*
- *53rd Street Fisherman's Park (aka Hooker Docks)*
- *Griffon Park/Griffon boat launch/kayak launch*
- *LaSalle Waterfront Park*
- *Jayne Park*

LEWISTON TOWN & VILLAGE

- Reservoir itself (toward Lewiston)
- Powerplant
- NYPA fishing platform
- Art Park fishing platform and trail ('lower trail' and rivers edge trail) – v popular fishing site
- Stella Niagara Preserve
- Joe Davis State Park
- Whirlpool jet boat tours
- Niagara Jet adventures
- lower river road park (just north of stella park)
- Tennessee gas pipeline – (Steve has a contact info)
- 70-80 ft natural buffer on shoreline here, but some residential properties

- village has homes on water street
 - o did undertake some mitigation measures in landing

YOUNGSTOWN

- Youngstown Yacht club
- REDI - Village docks (yacht club and village docks + waterfront park)
- add marinas? has been significant state investment in these businesses

PORTER

- 4 mile creek state park
- Porter on the Lake – Town of Porter park (30 acres) trails etc
- Willow Beach RV Park – frequently flooded, v close on the shore – staple of the area

WILSON

- Daisy Barn campground (Waterfront campground)
- Marinas in Wilson Harbor (in addition to Yacht club)
- Wilson Boat House & shops
- Tuscarora yacht club (on an island)
- Sunset island
 - o land bridge connects sunset island to western federal pier – this was breached, some discussion on how to manage
- Shoreline
 - o in residential areas – 10-15 yards shoreline lost in some areas in front of houses

NEWFANE

- (REDI) pump station # 6
- Olcott beach – one on east and one on west
- Shoreline
 - o breakwall to be added in soon
 - o west pier 75 ft extn east 100 feet, wrapped in rip rap or overmound
- Krull Park (some erosion)
 - o see FEMA project from 2017, 2019. \$5 or 6 mill proposal for along county property to protect against erosion, unsure of status
- Burt dam
- Fishermans park (upstream)
- Hopkins Creek (east of Olcott) and Keg Creek (west) – popular for fishing
- Marinas to be added
 - o McDunna Marina
 - o Hedley boat Co
 - o
- Lakeview Village Fair and boardwalk area with shops
- Olcott beach lighthouse
- WWTP
- Niagara Shores Campground (border of somerset)

SOMERSET

- west parcel of powerplant – considering for development as an agropark
- Many orchards and vineyards along the shoreline
- Somerset Operating Company
- Town of Somerset Multiple Use site - historic home on this parcel as well
- Rail infrastructure in this area
- Economic development: Powerplant potential site as NYS data hub, solar may be added (coal ash storage area), ongoing reuse discussion with NYSERDA

YATES

- Shadigee: Lyndonville pumping station for their water plant
- Yates Town Park

CARLTON

- Oak Orchard River marinas:
 - o Captain's Cove motel and marina
 - o Leonard's landing
 - o Orleans County marine Park
 - o Oak Orchard Yacht Club
 - o Wiley's riverside marina
 - o Oak orchard state marina with boat launch (redi replacing)
- Waterport Dam (brook field power, fishing spot)

KENDALL

- Correction: on current list the residential waterfront properties categorized as "Carlton-Kendal-Yates" – actually all of these roads listed are in Kendall
- Q: do we refer to NYS coastal erosion hazard maps – yes – can also see composite map of this in K-C-Y LWRP

Q: Can we get a list of projects including addresses and locations? e.g. marinas. have a list of applicants/sponsors A: will review fuller list in next meeting, with maps

Next Steps:

- Steering Committee meeting #1 May 25th 10:00pm
 - o Review draft asset list, community profile (regional inventory)
- Public Meeting scheduled for June 9th 5:00pm
- Steering Committee #2 – tentatively June 29th – looking at asset risk assessment