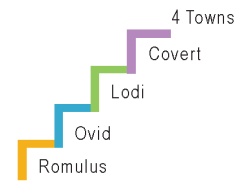




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STEPS E3 Meeting Minutes

Monday, 5/22/23 (6:30-7:30 pm) by Zoom

Attendees: Ave Bauder, Karel Titus, Tom Bouchard, Tony Del Plato, AJ VanCuren, Natalia Nelson, Theresa Lahr, Judy Mellgard, Jan Quarles.

Discussion Items

1. (Ave) CHSC grant is beginning Year 3 of 5 on July 1. Sarah Flack (Dir) & Mo Tidball (CCE) are working together to schedule CCE's "Blender Bike" in the schools. Kids will pedal to make smoothies!
2. (Ave) Willard Task Force: Highest and Best Use Study funded by the IDA and the County is in process. Jeff Shipley from the Chamber is coordinating publicity and has suggested a website & social media presence for outreach to the community. its development. Immigrants likely to be housed at SUNY/CUNY sites but not likely at Willard.
3. (Ave) NYS Parks is buying Camp Babcock-Hovey in Ovid on Seneca Lake. SC Bd of Supervisors will confirm at mtg tomorrow: Seneca County will manage it.
4. (Karel) Sustainability
 - Four of Lodi's Climate Smart Communities/Clean Energy Task Force are trained Climate Stewards; mapping damaged areas from 2018 flooding. Community Solar is hooking up with Ampion's solar array in Marathon. EV charging stations on the horizon.
 - The Composting Task Force meets monthly, developing a public survey. At all 3 June Festivals, composting will be highlighted in the 3 community gardens. Ryan Staychock will operate CCE's Zero Waste pop-up tent at Lodi Fest and it will be available for others to staff at Olde Home Days and the Strawberry Festival. Frank Sinicropi (SCHD) is developing a county-wide waste plan.

- The lack of zoning has made our area vulnerable to exploitation, and increased the plethora of Air B&Bs, which has in turn reduced the availability of rentals. Good land use planning is possible without zoning.
- A community garden is starting up in Seneca Falls.
- (Tony) Interlaken “Park for All Ages” Development plans continue for this 1-acre site. Besides recreation, a retention pond is being considered to prepare for the flooding of Lively Run Creek. Budget TBA soon.
- (AJ) SC Health Dept is working on a Community Health Improvement Plan with special attention on mental health. Pivotal’s survey showed a 61% increase in food insecurity across 9 counties in NYS including Seneca.

5. (Theresa) STEPS Reports

- Micro-E Loan: Patricia Bee of Ovid is developing her “Camp by the Willows.”
- RHPPs
 - “Yoga in the Parks” with Roxanne Gupta of Ovid. 6/13-8/8 (8:30-9:30 am; no class 7/4): Tuesdays at Sampson State Park; Thursdays at Lodi Point State Park.
 - Girl Scouts’ Community Garden: A new vegetable garden in OFC churchyard; produce to go to Food Pantry. Tammy Slougher of Ovid is taking the lead.

6. Our next E3 Meeting will be on Monday, June 26 (6:30 pm).

Action Items & Upcoming Events

Sat, 6/3 Lodi Festival

Sat, 6/10 Olde Home Days, Interlaken

Sun, 6/11, 2 pm: Acapella concert by “So Noted,” Christ Episcopal Church, Willard.

Fri, 6/16, 3pm-7pm: Opening Night at Ovid Farmers Market. “The Yardvaarks” (British Invasion band) will play in the gazebo of 3 Bears Park.

Sat, 6/17 Ovid Strawberry Festival

Weds, 6/21: STEPS tour w/SOAR in development; 15 ppl max. Contact Theresa

Minutes by Jan Quarles, STEPS