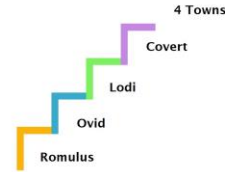


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STEPS E3 Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom

Date: August 22, 2022

Time: 6:30- 8:00 pm

Workgroup Co-Leaders: Karel Titus (IPE), Ave Bauder (E&E)

Attendees: Hilary Lambert ,Tony DelPlato, Maggie Passmore ,Tom Bouchard, Karel Titus, Ave Bauder, Janet Lynch, Theresa Lahr

Minutes Issued By: Theresa Lahr

Welcome and Introductions followed by discussion items

- Hilary talked briefly about her volunteer research project; she is trying to determine how people are affected by Climate Change in our region. Ave spoke to the Cornell Climate Steward program(Seneca, Schuyler, and Cayuga county collaborative) to be offered in January 2023. Hilary is arranging a Zoom call for 8/26 w/ STEPS team and others from LHD to her volunteer research project discuss further.
- Karel talked about the Lodi Flood Water Survey conducted this summer to help understand how flooding has affected Town of Lodi. Data will be used to apply for grants to assist Town of Lodi property owners. Local FEMA awards discussed for Lodi and Interlaken .Tony reports funds support with Phase 2 water project in Interlaken.

General information (Ave)

Creating Healthy School & Communities : Stakeholder meeting to be held tomorrow (8/23)

- Lodi Food 4 All Pantry wayfinding signage falls under Connecting Routes to Destination initiative component of the CHSC grant. Karel announced temporarily pantry home will be the Rod & Gun while Lodi Town Hall undergoes renovation (October through May 2023)

- Lodi Food 4 All Food Pantry is a finalist for a \$2,000 grant from the Weitsman companies Please vote every day from through Thursday August 25, use this link to vote: www.CNYtuesdays.com. Move the storage shed to Rod & Gun

Leon Kelly reached out to Karel to see if the pantry could use a donation of a large cooler, although they cannot she commented on the great collaborative efforts in the community and how we are connecting the dots ! Plan include move the storage shed to Rod & Gun.

Willard DTC : Summary of WDTC tour w/ state

- Recap of 8/16 Tour commission by governor’s office provided by Ave, with contribution from Janet and Tom .One Seneca group serving as “Willard task force” DOCCS and Empire State Development get a sense of the property .When an RFP is developed an important part of the proposal will include community input. Ave will contact County Manager ,IDA, COC leads re next steps/opportunity for the community to get involved in the planning. The concern is that campus buildings left unheated this winter will deteriorate even further. The state has made no commitment infrastructure needs .
- Tom report Town Romulus is updating its Comprehensive Plan. Tonys reports Interlaken updated their codes this past year.

Sustainability (Karel)

Clean Energy Communities/Climate Smart Communities

- Four EV charging stations to be installed in Lodi : two at the new Lodi Town Hall, two at the library

Composting (Theresa)

- July 23rd Composting Workshop speakers were excellent .At least four participants did not compost and were interested in learning more. Many participants wanted to both learn “how to” and about how to bring composting to the community level. The South Seneca Composting Task Force plans to offer another workshop in October. Details TBD.
- Pilot composting program, Johnny’s Kitchen is participating as well as individuals .
- August Kitchen Table (Ovid)was led by Maura Tool. The discussion was about water and its conservation, HABS, the Nine Element Plan ,Seneca Co. resources and environmentally friendly lawn care .The discussion was engaging and well attended .Take away message is what we can do to combat CC is compost and engage in/learn more about lake friendly living.
- September Kitchen Table topic is compost to be held at Lodi library and led by Marti Macinski.
- Tony spoke with Joe Borst in the recent past about the possibility of joining Five Points (who has an on-site digester) to increase composting capacity. He intends to pick up the conversation with Supervisor Borst .

Interlaken Park for all Ages (Tony) A letter of intent was submitted for NY Forward /DRI grant from Mayor Richardson and Tony to support not only the Park for All Age ,but potentially Phase 2 of the villages water project (in process) three oak and one maple trees planted and consideration is given to a retention pond on site.

CCE Natural Resources Environmental Educator - 14 candidates per Ave.

Loans/Grants/RHPPs (Ave)

- One primary loan/grant awarded and another in process, Microenterprise panel event at Ovid Library on 9/28 Workgroup leaders recommend inviting Bob Griffin from the Small Business Development Center to participate .Consensus was to add a small business consult with Bob or an advisor from the Onondaga Small Business Center (terrific new resource serving Seneca County) as a prerequisite to applying for a STEPS Microenterprise opportunity going forward
- No RHPP submitted.

Discussion Topic

Community Calendar - Interlaken public library maintains the community calendar ;At the moment it is Interlaken centric. It is meant for all

Day of Service

Ave and Jan Quarles co-chair this year's 10/15 event. A DOS committee has been formed to include Linda Pacelli Dixon, Karen Burcroff, Donna Anderson, and Phyllis Motill. Letters to to Community Organizations and volunteer recruitment will start asap.

Miscellaneous:

Upcoming Events:

Sept 13 Kitchen Table Discussion on Composting

Sept 28 Micro- enterprise event at Ovid library (Connie Carmona, Guy Lister on panel)

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation(Grantor) and Board visited the community gardens, a micro- loan awardee small business, and Food for All Pantry last week. Funder and Board were impressed and pleased to see firsthand all the resident and community accomplishments ! Pivotal Public Health Partnership(STEPS sponsor/employer) is tentatively set for a field trip to STEPS geography on September 16.

Excellent meeting, terrific engagement. Thank you ! Next Improving the Physical Environment Increasing Economic and Educational Opportunities (E3) meeting September 26,6: 30 pm via Zoom

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
[Contact County Manager IDA & COC leads re Willard next steps]	[Ave Bauder]	Sept 8	In progress
[Invite Bob Griffin to Micro-Enterprise panel event]	[Theresa]	Sept 1	In process