

STEPS Meeting Log

Agenda Items, Decisions, and Action Required

Improving the Physical Environment (IPE) Work Group Log
1/28/19, Standing meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, STEPS Office, Ovid.

Attendees: Karel Titus, Brigid Heenan, Harold Bush, Janet Lynch, Bill Sebring, Theresa Lahr

Time	Discussion Item	Person Responsible	Decisions Required	Decisions Made	Actions Required	Person Responsible Completion Date
6:30 pm	Welcome and introductions; Consent Agenda: Planning for Action! IPE strategies & activities 2019 and beyond based on data collected at community meeting 1/23/19	Karel	Confirm strategies and activities	See below	Decide which activities and strategies we have the capacity to work on. Incorporate those into IPE community health improvement plan for 2019 and beyond.	all
6:35 –6: 50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hard copies of Jan 23 Risers minutes distributed. Group reviewed resident feedback from the sustainability workshop and considered data. Minutes are also posted to STEPS website on the Risers and IPE tabs ✓ Discussion about the importance of doing the work needed to build sustainable neighborhoods and lives. ✓ Approach sustainability in as many ways as we can; both small and large efforts matter, many people are doing great things in and around their homes- share that knowledge with each other is a way Weaving in 20420 sustainability activities into our plans. ✓ Ideas for community engagement are in the <i>Kitchen Table Sustainability book</i> 	Karel & Theresa	All reviewed minutes. Considered emerging themes: Improving waste management, emergency & extreme weather preparedness.	<p>Residents cherish and want to protect soil, water & air quality</p> <p>Decisions made align with residents' desire to improve and protect the environment, engage youth in Green Teams & art activities and gardening to create environmental stewards</p> <p>Handbook <i>Practical Recipes for Community Engagement with Sustainability</i> excerpts shared at 1/23 Risers Book contains suggestions for engagement for targeted populations</p>	<p>Update IPE area plans for Phase 4 funding with feedback from this meeting. Seek group consensus decide what will be added & removed from plan; Strategies in bold</p> <p>Beautify the STEPS Neighborhood –add walkable communities & safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Main St. Beauty & Safety • Community Art <p>Promote Healthy Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Home Awareness : in or around home • Reduce Waste • Education on soil, air & water quality, extreme weather & preparedness for such. <p>Promote increased use of green space, gardens & waterfront.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand use community space • Implement activities at waterfronts 	<p>See RISERS notes at www.senecasteps.org</p> <p>Activity plan to be presented at 2/25 IPE mtg.</p> <p>Theresa ordered(1/24) Five Kitchen Table Sustainability handbooks- author Wendy Sarkissian to donate a copy to each of our 3 libraries and keep two for lending at the STEPS office</p>

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6:50- 7:05	<p>Waste Management activities : Theresa met with Maggie Passmore earlier this day regarding partnerships she is researching for the Green Team formation. One is the <i>Pollution Prevention Institute</i> (P2I) at RIT- https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/ P2I can potentially provide some free assistance. They will offer community grants in the spring for schools to apply to hire consultants to design and implement waste reduction. The other possible collaboration is with a Rochester area for profit: <i>Impact Earth</i>- who works on sustainable living practices and zero waste. Maggie also phone conferenced wit <i>Natural Upcycling</i> re food waste collection.</p>	Maggie Passmore	Natural Upcycling collects food waste in southern Seneca County and delivers to Cayuga Compost or one of two nearby vermicomposts centers	Waste management & reduction plans: Form Green Team-start with food waste management at SS school. Then add product substitution & general waste reduction activities	Set initial meeting for Green Team ,a project that would likely require school board sign off Upon receipt review summarized notes form Maggie Objective ultimately is to try to understand the whole waste stream and why decisions get made by different parties. First Step is to move toward zero food waste	Tony Del Plato & Tim Housenekct will set up a Green team planning meeting,, will want to include community ,school faculty and staff, cafeteria folks and students to effectively green the school ; Maggie to compile notes of her research and send to Tim for distribution.
7:05- 7:15	<p>Air Quality : Discussed proposed STEPS Tobacco & Vape use for Policy for STEPS sponsored events. The vape shop opened in Ovid last spring has many residents concerned Brigid talked about the concept of using licensing to limit the addition of new tobacco retailers and vape shops in our towns.</p> <p>Brigid reports a licensing law could be used to require vape shops and tobacco retailers to obtain a license to open, and then it can be used to limit the number of licenses available to the number of retailers that are currently open.</p> <p>Karel stated there several economic development opportunities such as Biochar to address carbon sequestration to turn something positive at the army depot instead of proposed incinerator project. Could be a really great business idea for someone to launch at the depot. Geneva Councilman proposes a regional commercial compost facility at the depot.</p>	Brigid Heenan and Theresa	Two resident said open burn and smoke air quality in the village exuberate his asthma – who enforces a no burn order in the village	Water air quality Air Quality- Tobacco Free STEPS events The use of electronic cigarettes or “vaping” among youth is a nationally recognized public health concern and considered an epidemic	Send Tobacco policy draft to network for feedback Brigid to track down more info on licensing for tobacco retailers group can decide if further conversation and action is merited. Conifer Village is Interlaken is going tobacco free in the near future. Continue efforts provide resource and support to Spring Meadows apartments in Romulus in hopes of them becoming tobacco free.	2/1 -Theresa finalize, sign send to staff to share at February workgroups to get word out of its implementation. Brigid to track down more info on licensing for tobacco retailers pick up discussion at IPE meeting 2/25 Check out articles about climate farming, wine growing and ecology in our area Ithaka Journal: http://www.ithaka-journal.net/?lang=en
		Karel			Kathleen Draper from Ithaka institute will speak at the Seneca Co Beef Producers meeting this spring. Consider inviting her to south Seneca county to educate us on practices for biochar in agriculture : https://www.biochar-journal.org/en	

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<p>7:15- 7:35</p>	<p>Karel reviewed possible kitchen table topics – (see decisions required) Kitchen table conversations could be held at Lodi Point/Sheldrake Points. People could come share their story re extreme weather impact (flood) and discuss emergency preparedness. Invite EMS manager to be there. Kitchen tables could also be set up at highway barns, firehouses, libraries and green spaces in warmer months throughout STEPS geography.</p> <p>Kitchen tables facilitate getting to know your neighbors and present opportunities to identify mentoring opportunities as way of encouraging youth. Several STEPS participants have an affinity for mentoring. Weave 20420 initiatives into practice with simple things such as taking containers with you to dinners out to bring home leftovers – instead of styrofoam containers</p> <p>Harold talked about the Ovid Community Gardens plans to build an information Kiosk with shelving to place free produce</p> <p>Other garden discussion:</p> <p>Gardening is about how investing in the next generation (mentoring youth) we want to show our commitment to help grow the next environmental stewards. Plans for Interlaken Garden Patch 2019 are in place. No update report on Lodi Garden,</p> <p>Art :Paint a folding Sustainability Kitchen table and set up at various locations throughout the community, Art created by youth will have text and illustrations relating to sustainability .Other art activities included is a mural in Interlaken on Seneca Fitness building wall in front of the Interlaken Garden Patch.</p>	<p>“ “</p> <p>Harold Bush</p> <p>Garden leaders & members</p>	<p>Kitchen table topics:</p> <p>Packaging of purchases – Where does the material go? What are examples of “eco-friendly” packaging?</p> <p>What can you do to slow the water traversing your property? Do you know the source of that water? where it ends up?</p> <p>How does your garden grow? On a bale of straw/, in a “window box”, porch pot, at a community plot?</p> <p>What is a water garden and why would I want to plant one? What can I plant to attract butterflies/hummingbirds?</p>	<p>Most continue opposition to incinerator project at the former Army Depot</p> <p>Support eco - friendly uses of the land</p> <p>Build on the success of our community gardens & support Woodside flower project at Conifer.</p> <p>Leverage Art Hive activities as a way to increase environmental stewardship among youth</p>	<p>Use Resident Health Promotion Projects to promote engagement. Have at Kitchen Table events, assist residents in completing mini –grant app and fleshing out their ideas for health improvement.</p> <p>Youth art club meeting early February, Residents Lynn Porter Laura Rowley and Mary Lois Schott will present designing & painting of the “Kitchen Table to an art student who expressed interest</p> <p>Find out if Creating Healthy Places</p>	<p>All Climate Change table on the social determinants of health that was included in presentation and on the “STEPS Ahead Resource List posted on STEPS website</p> <p>Maggie to send Harold plans for the information board with shelf with shelving. He will present the project to the Lions 2/6 and ask members to help with the build.</p> <p>2/15/19 – Interlaken Garden Patch planners meeting Donna Levy, Meg Jastran and Judy Kugglemas .OCG 2019 planning TBD</p>
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7:35-7:50	<p>New: In addition to streetscape enhancement and improvement along Main St. Ovid, Janet would like to work on safety issues, As an avid walker there is concern among residents that there are no cross walks except to the south of main street Ovid - outside the commercial district .Especially concerned about no sidewalk or safe crossing for the many folks that ride a scooter or walk to the Dollar General crossing 96. By the car dealership and there is no sidewalk leading to the VFW. Significant increase in truck traffic noticed in the village over the past few years and their speed is excessive. No flashing light at the corner intersection Co Rd 139 & Main St. are also a safety concern.</p> <p>Theresa Spoke with Mike Huff from Lodi today. The village is working on sewer studies seeking funding opportunities to replace street lights with LED to conserve energy and improve safety in the village. Also working on street sign upgrades and the water project.</p>	Janet Lynch	Add main st safety –	<p>Draw a map may of area of concerns and resume more in depth discussion with elected officials when presenting the map.</p> <p>Village of Ovid has had some major sidewalk and handicapped curb work completed over the past couple of years and the frequent walkers are appreciative of that. Still there is more to do to create a safe and walkable community.</p>	<p>mini -grants (like Lodi businessman received for cross walk & signage) is still available through Genesee Valley BOCES who is now the grantor.</p>	<p>Map to be shared at next IPE meeting, 2/25/19 6:30 at STEPS office.</p> <p>Janet to speak to Ovid Mayor Village & Town Clerk. Start collecting data. Mayor Kelley has gathered some</p> <p>Support the village Lodi. Reach out to trustee- Kyle Barnhardt trustee who is developing a time line for safety upgrades- pass along grant funding opportunities to Kyle as we become aware of them.</p>
7:50 -7:55	<p>Water group; Karel attended Seneca Co. Water Quality Cmte meeting today. Finger Lakes Watershed HUB gave a HABs update as did several other agencies that talked about winter manure spreading and sewer projects</p>	Karel	<p>Agenda items align well with conversations at our Risers event which Soil & Water district manager (DM) attended & invited STEPS community to this mtg.</p>	<p>Share grants and projects happening at Soil & Water & invite</p>	<p>Request minutes from Erin Peruzzi, DM for Seneca Soil & Water</p>	<p>Theresa to send 1/28 Soil & Water mtg. minutes with group.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm Next mtg, 2/25- 6:30 pm at the STEPS Office</p>