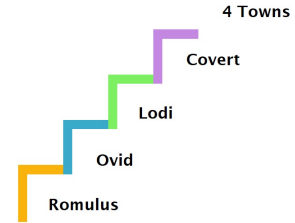


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STEPS RISERS “What’s Next” Summary

Program/Area:	STEPS Community: RISERS
Meeting Purpose:	Reflection on STEPS accomplishments & Intro to Phase V funding through the Greater Rochester Health Foundation (GRHF)
Meeting Date:	Monday, August 26, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30-8 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Edith B. Ford Library in outdoor tent. No Zoom participants
Community Gathering	Theresa Lahr facilitated discussion. Everyone introduced themselves and spoke briefly to a community asset or two they valued most. Deborah Puntenney provided an intro/overview to Phase 5 funding opportunity through GRHF. Jean Curie and Kim Pollock jotted residents’ comments on newsprint.
Attendees:	Jean Currie, Deb Bush, Harold Bush, Donna Levy, Janet Lynch, Katie Foley, Luke Hood, Tom Bouchard, Katie Foley, Amber Pasiak, Leon Kelly, Ron Carmona, Connie Carmona, Sherry Schwab, Scott Lawson, Phyllis Motill, Karel Titus, Kristin Parry, Kim Pollack, Deborah Puntenney, Ave Bauder, Theresa Lahr
Minutes Issued By:	Theresa Lahr

Next Steps: (Task, assigned to, Checkpoint Date)	Owner	Due Date
Workgroups (WG) continue with the structure in place to develop and/or enhance our current (Phase 4 -Year 3) Community Health Improvement Plan. In addition, groups will include a <i>visioning for future</i> agenda item at their upcoming WG’s and seek resident input for strategies and activities to be proposed in the GRHF Phase 5 RFP.	Residents	Checkpoint dates- Sept & Oct WG’s
The framework for RFP process to be provided at agenda setting meeting for the September and October Workgroups	Theresa Lahr	“ “

Next Steps: (Task, assigned to, Checkpoint Date)	Owner	Due Date
<p>Phyllis Motill suggests an additional monthly meeting be added to the structure. WG leaders will meet to improve communication re the many activities happening across the project. Ave, Phyllis, and Karel to meet via zoom date TBD.</p> <p>Send work group leaders re-occurring Zoom link</p>	<p>Kristin Parry</p>	<p>9/1</p>

Decisions Made: (What, why, Impacts)
<p>Residents generated a list of reflections and/ or accomplishments they are most proud of. See Discussion Text Box.</p> <p>Our STEPS community has accomplished a great deal since launching the project in 2013, leaving Katie Foley wanting to know more. Katie suggested another community gathering of this type. November Risers meeting will be similar in format.</p> <p>Other decisions made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ave: Sustainability of the project needs to be considered early in Phase 5 .Phase 5 to launch August 1, 2022 2. Phyllis: Workgroup leaders to meet in September via zoom to improve communications re activities 3. Continue grass roots resident -led place-based effort. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Build resident community leadership to impact sustainability

Discussion: (Items/Knowledge Shared)

In a whole group discussion, participants reflected on the accomplishments of the STEPS project. Mentions/Comments:

Basketball hoops and playground expansions

Book Boxes

Lodi Flagpole

Three Community Gardens

Public Art – murals

Climate Change Events

Community film screenings: “Gather” and” Other Side of the Hill”

- Well received, will replicate this model

Increased utilization of green space

Projects are coalescing and cross pollinating. “We are speaking better of ourselves, and south county pride has increased “

Assets:

Water, Amish Community, Small Businesses

Safe area, strong sense of community

Partnership’s libraries, Three Bears

People come together to do things, support each other

Residents – Creative People

It takes a village to raise kids

Area rich in history

Landscape, Geography; Willard Water

Stable weather: no fires, earthquakes, or hurricanes

Neighbors helping each other

Landscape, (lakes) Lodi Point

Schools, CCE, Dept. of Health

Heart of the Finger Lakes: Geography

Agriculture: garlic – interest expressed in garlic festival /event

Most everyone knows each other; Caring Community

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Lodi Food Pantry

Numerous Commercial District & Infrastructure Improvements

Sustainability:

South County Transportation Corp – good example sustainable project – resident designed and implemented now a successful as county wide program

- Lodi -new Town Hall moving forward & will work toward becoming a Climate Smart Community
- Cornell Climate Stewards
- Ovid brand “Home of the Three Bears”

Discussion: (Items/Knowledge Shared)

- South County Community Service Center incorporated as NFP this year

STEPS sponsored upcoming meetings & events.

- Kitchen Table “What your Water Story” Lodi Library August 19th 1:30 pm
- Emergency Preparedness 6:30 pm at Papa Bear (postponed)
- September 27 -6:30 p.m. IPE and E&E combined Workgroup meeting
- Community Composting meeting with 4 Town Supervisor, 9/20 at 1 pm at STEPS Office (confirmed post RISERS mtg)
- Personal Health & Wellness 10/4 at 10 am (No September mtg)
- Day of Service October 23rd

Thank you all for continued commitment, hard work and innovation . And thank you Seneca Coffee House for providing delicious refreshments!

Next Risers November 15th

Miscellaneous Items:

N/A