Seneca Towns Engaging People for Solutions

STEPS

P.O. Box 621
Ovid, NY 14521
stepscommmunity@pivitalphp.org

4 Towns Covert Lodi Ovid Romulus

STEPS RISERS Meeting Minutes

Program/Area:	STEPS Quarterly RISERS: Community Presentation: Seneca County Housing Strategy. PH &W and E3 Workgroup Area
Meeting Purpose:	To share ideas, report on activities, and make decisions about projects that improve personal well-being ,physical environment and increase economic and educational opportunities in the towns of Covert, Lodi, Ovid, & Romulus.
Meeting Date:	Monday, November 17 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30- 8:15 pm
Meeting Location:	8135 Main St. Interlaken, Interlaken Reformed Church
Presenter & Workgroup Leaders:	Joe Mcgrath ; Karel Titus (E3); Phyllis Motill (PH&W)
Attendees:	Mike Reynolds, Rich Richarson, Sandi Bassette , Patricia Richardson , Deborah Puntenney ,Phyllis Motill, Karel Titus, Jean Currie, Ben Guthrie, Amy Quan, Brian Quan, Frank Becker ,Deb Bush ,Harold Bush, Tom Bouchard, Phil Stannard, Andrea Pisacano, Sarah Stricartz, and Theresa Lahr
Minutes Issued By:	Theresa Lahr

Presentation Activity of Working Groups	**Event on:**	**Reported by:**
Joe McGrath Sen Co, Planning Department presented slides of the strategy .Joe described the long existing conditions that have created a soft market for housing and business investment in Seneca County. He stated the strategy aims broadly to increase local competitiveness for development and investment by strengthening the county's market through the contribution of locally raised dollars to strategic projects.	The final draft of the Housing Strategy can be viewed and downloaded the website (Seneca County Housing Strategy | czbLLC) by selecting "click here" at the top of the page..	Joe McGrath
E3 Environmental Education and Economic workgroup	No December meeting meet on 1/26/26 ,6:30 pm via zoom	Karel Titus

Seneca Towns Engaging People for Solutions

STEPS

P.O. Box 621
Ovid, NY 14521
stepscommmunity@pivitalphp.org

4 Towns Covert Lodi Ovid Romulus

STEPS RISERS Meeting Minutes

Presentation Activity of Working Groups	Event on:	Reported by:
Personal Health and Wellness	Next Meeting 12/1/2025 10:30am at Ovid Library	Phyllis Motill
Theresa reported 2015, 2020, and 2025, the Greater Rochester Health Foundation and the Seneca County Health Department sponsored an Adult Health Survey. STEPS evaluation coach Alys Mann mailed the survey to randomly selected households located in the towns of Ovid, Lodi, Covert, and Romulus. The survey asked residents about their health status and health conditions. Changes in data are measured over time. Theresa shared an infographic of the results .	258 adults took the survey 75 % over the age of 54	Theresa Lahr

Open forum
Phil Stannard shipped 1103 pill bottles, in 9 boxes last month, Since January 2025, the Interlaken Grange collected and shipped 10,072 pill bottles , Since 2022 Interlaken Grange Secretary Phil has led a community-wide effort to collect and clean, empty pill bottles for reuse in underserved areas overseas .He mails to a distribution hub in Ohio, where they are sent on to medical and healthcare mission teams around the world. Everyone was very appreciative of Deb Bush delicious refreshments, and IRC for hosting. The next RISERS gathering will be Q1 2026 in February or March on the standing time (and in lieu of)of the monthly E3 meetings(4th Monday,6:30-8:00 pm). Details forthcoming in January. All are welcome!