

Village of Williamsville Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Williamsville Village Hall

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Roth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wes Stone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Winship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sheryl Davies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ben Vilonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Judy Kindron
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peter Warn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Boyle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keaton DePriest	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Rogers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Vohwinkel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Salvati, WWS Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marisa Riggi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joel Bernosky, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noel Bartlo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emma Phillips, C&S

Review of revised Draft Section II – Inventory and Analysis

Wendy Salvati went through the draft Inventory and Analysis section; aside from minor typographical errors, the following was noted and discussed:

- The updated maps, with corrections to the depiction of local surface waters, were discussed. The maps, as revised, make it easier to view the information presented.
- Page II-14 – The listed data for Total Housing Units in the report does not make sense. Sheryl Davies looked closer at the data and determined that we should just use the 2000 and 2010 census numbers for housing units.
- Page II-19 – Abandoned uses – it was noted that the Williamsville Mill raceway could be re-watered at the discretion of the existing owner who has water rights in their deed.
- Page II-24 – Map 6 – color the Ellicott Creek corridor within Amherst State Park blue.
- Page II-25 – Island Park – remove mention of a future water feature. Correct the text to indicated that “the Village is considering options for the future refurbishment of the area where the pool was with another water feature, which is supported by the public.
- Page II-25 – delete “in the Pines” at the end of the Island Park discussion.

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- Fish stocking is conducted by the Jolly Boys (a local benevolent organization) in the vicinity of Island Park, above the dam for summer events. The NYSDEC also stocks trout in Ellicott Creek at Glen Park. Keaton DePriest has photographs of this that he will pass along to Wendy Salvati.
- Page II-28 -
- Page II-22 – revise the narrative for Amherst State Park to include the parcel that was added to the WRA boundary; note that Glen Park is owned by the Village and the Town of Amherst.
- Page II-23 – revise the narrative for Island Park to note that the wading pool was removed, and the Village wants to provide a new water feature of some sort to replace it.
- Page II-35 – Revise the sentence about shoreline survey to reflect the fact that the study has been completed for both shorelines of the creek around Island Park.
- II-57 – There is no parking along Oakgrove Drive; no creek access.
- Pages II-58 and 60 – The list of findings, opportunities and issues was discussed and revised. The following was noted:
 - Findings - Ellicott Creek functions as a drain (collection source) for all stormwater generated in the Village.
 - Page 60 – change cyclists to bicyclists.
 - There are three places where sidewalks cross Ellicott Creek (Main Street, Glen Avenue and Wehrle Drive); these locations are not necessarily welcoming for bicyclists – there are no bike lanes. Rebuilding the dam at Island Park to enable access across the creek is not a good idea.
 - Add water quality to the third bullet from the bottom of page 60.
 - The dam at Island Park exacerbate erosion because of water level adjustments.

Introductory Policy discussion

Wendy had previously provided the committee with a copy of the policies to allow the group to become familiar with this section of the LWRP. The policy document was briefly reviewed; the policies will be discussed at our next meeting.

Public Outreach

Wendy provided a draft letter of invitation to be used to inform property owners along the creek (within the WRA) of the public information meeting. She also passed out a flier for the Committee's use and website posting. A draft press release was provided for promotion of the meeting in the Amherst Bee and Buffalo News.

Next Steps/Action Items

Waterfront Advisory Committee members who were in attendance were reminded to record their time for participating in the meeting.

- Prepare and distribute the WAC committee meeting summary.
- Committee members (particularly those who have not read the draft documents) to provide any final comments on the draft Inventory and Analysis to Project Team.
- Follow up on the identification of properties that have formal conservation easements in the vicinity of Island Park and indicate on Existing Land Use Map.

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- Revise the draft Section II Inventory and Analysis to reflect final comments and discussion offered by the Committee. Revised Section II and supporting maps will be placed in the project Drop Box for Committee review and access.
- Commence final preparations for the proposed Public Information meeting.

The next WAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 at Village Hall. At that meeting the committee will discuss the results of the Public Information Meeting, any final tweaks to the inventory and analysis and commence discussion of the policies. If time permits, potential projects will also be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Weber Salvati