



Warren County 2040
Public Advisory Group Meeting Summary
Project Number: 2231014

Location: Warrensburg Fire House and Virtual

Date: September 10, 2024

Time: 3:30PM

| | Name | Organization/Role |
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| Attendees: | Ethan Gaddy | Warren County Planning |
| | Sarah Brugger | Warren County Planning |
| | Sara Frankenfeld | Warren County Planning |
| | David Nelson | Warren County Planning |
| | Patrick Dowd | City of Glens Falls Community Development Director |
| | Nathan Etu | Town of Queensbury County Supervisor At-Large |
| | Paul Cummings | Town of Queensbury resident |
| | Scott Sopczyk | Glens Falls Transit Transportation Director |
| | Norabelle Greenberger | LaBella Associates |
| | Devin Bulger | LaBella Associates |

One member of the public was also in attendance.

Meeting Summary:

1. Meeting Review

- Norabelle opened the meeting with a review of the previous meeting, discuss goals of the current meeting and next steps to be covered through the planning process. The meeting was focused on the Priority Actions, as Goals and Objectives were addressed in PAG meeting #7.
- PAG meeting #8 was a hybrid meeting. In person, the Goals and Actions were presented on boards. Remote PAG members were presented the same boards via Zoom screen share and were able to participate via an external speaker and microphone in the room. A recording of the meeting was made (note: the recording was not started until the group reached Goal 4.).

2. PAG Feedback on Revised Priority Actions

- PAG feedback received through the Survey 1,2,3 version of the Goals, Objectives, and Priority Actions, in addition to Warren County Planning feedback, was incorporated into the version presented at the meeting. Norabelle led the in-person and virtual attendees through a discussion of the actions. As clarification, additions, etc. were



noted, those were marked up on the boards. The marked-up boards from the meeting are attached to this meeting summary. Notable new edits included a focus on youth engagement across several goal areas, continued emphasis on other economic sectors, especially the recreational economy, along with tourism, and an additional action item addressing continued efforts to reduce the use of road salt.

3. Next Steps

- Norabelle reviewed the general approach on next steps. LaBella will complete a draft version of the full plan by late October. County Planning will review and comment. Comments will be incorporated, and the draft plan will be shared with the PAG members before the next public workshop.
- Various approaches for the public workshop and engagement were discussed to maximize public awareness of, and feedback on, the plan. The Working Group will develop a proposed approach based on this feedback and share with the PAG.

4. Public comments

- No public comments were made.

The preceding minutes represent the author's understanding of the matters discussed and decisions reached. If there are any corrections, clarifications, or additions to be made to these minutes, please contact the sender at dbulger@labellapc.com within five business days of issuance.

Respectfully submitted,
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Devin Bulger

Cc: All Attendees

GOAL 1

Attract and retain younger residents while accommodating an aging population

Explore Alternative Models to Deliver Services to Rural Portions of the County

Establish ongoing dialogue with younger residents to better identify local needs

Increase County's participation in school civic programs to allow younger residents further opportunity to engage in local government

Explore Innovative Transportation Solutions for the County's Communities and aging population

Work with Partner Agencies to Expand or Support a Marketing Campaign to Attract New Residents

Expand what doing existing/currently
Provide opportunities for centralized services for municipalities where appropriate

↳ inclusively

→ or
[ALL AGE
GROUPS
BACKGROUND]

↳ & community organizations/districts

or delete

Consider providing expanded benefits and incentives to aid in recruitment and retention for local EMS and fire departments

Support and expand Fire and EMS youth engagement activities to spur interest and involvement from young people

GOAL 2

Improve housing access and quality

Educate the public on the role planning and zoning can have on housing potential while assisting in identifying a community-supported vision for increased housing

Explore creating a dedicated funding stream (i.e., transfer tax, occupancy tax, sales tax) to support housing needs

Develop a library of planning and zoning best management practices to improve housing development opportunities

Leverage County-owned and foreclosed land to increase the housing supply

Support investment in housing for County's seasonal workforce

~~Educate the public on the role planning and zoning can have on housing potential~~

Consider increasing County staff resources to work on housing policies/initiatives *& further participation [atward facing/engagement] Sustained engagement*

Increase collaboration through the establishment of a Warren County Housing Task Force

Cross
reference
Greenway
Goal 6

GOAL 3

Support thriving main streets, hamlets, and downtowns

Support local municipal infrastructure needs

Prioritize Complete Streets improvements along County roads in the hamlets ** cross reference*

Create an "Opportunity Fund" to support local revitalization initiatives that can be used as a match for grant applications

(e.g. infill development, beautification)

Assist
~~Serve as a leader and partner~~ *with* local municipalities to secure and administer funding that further enhances main streets, hamlets, and downtowns

& community organizations

Establish regular communication with CDTA to coordinate on local transit access challenges and opportunities

GOAL 4

Strengthen and support existing and emerging economic sectors

Update the review criteria upon which occupancy tax funds are distributed

[OUTDOOR
REC]

Recognize the dominant economic sectors in Warren County and educate the public on employment shifts and trends

Expand tourism department's focus to provide marketing and coordination support to the County's arts and cultural institutions

Outdoor rec. assets

Conduct an economic impact analysis of the County's arts and cultural institutions

Develop a tourism economy strategy to understand the impact of existing assets and programming and opportunities for new investment

Continue to build sustainable educational and training pipeline from K-12 to higher education to workforce in growth industry occupations

Support EDC economic development initiatives

Inventory programs and incentives utilized by economic development, tourism, and workforce development departments and partners

GOAL 5

Maintain and enhance environmental quality

Road salt runoff

^{Partner} Implement and support water quality monitoring programs
↳ or [and enhance]

↳ & permitting

Enhance inter-agency collaboration on invasive species (See also Goal 7, Action 2)

Expand and promote higher education/business innovation associated with lake management/green jobs

NEW [Continue to serve as AOE Road Salt Task Force + coordination
Support DOT efforts to bring ... switch to ...]

Develop a natural resource inventory

Share information on climate change impacts on infrastructure vulnerabilities with local municipalities and educate on potential funding opportunities

Continue and expand support for private septic system replacement programs

Support municipalities' efforts to improve and maintain wastewater treatment facilities

Measure GHG emissions, set goals, and measure progress towards those reduction goals

Launch the County composting facility pilot project

Develop and maintain a long-term plan for County infrastructure/assets

Develop an asset management/capital improvement plan for all County facilities *+ADA transition planning*

(ADD) ACTION ABOUT ~~CONVERT~~ GREEN INF. } Strategies in partnership w/ DPW & WCSWCD & LCLGRPB

Develop a long-term plan for underutilized County owned property that identifies highest and best uses that align with community goals (e.g., environmental protection, economic development, outdoor recreation, social services, etc.)

Continue to identify and explore opportunities to address emerging needs that are consistent with the County's asset management/capital improvement plan (e.g., composting facility, EMS training facility, emergency response center, regional morgue)

Fund multi-year capital improvement plan as part of annual budget

Formalize departmental and committee responsibility for transit planning and implementation.

↳ & transportation planning

Support investments in County facilities that play a role in the tourism economy (Up Yonda, Fish Hatchery, Bikeway, etc.) (See also Goal 6, Action 2)

GOAL 7

Improve Government Communication and Transparency

Hold regular community listening sessions around the County ← ensure inclusivity in events

Streamline coordination with local partners (+ across committees dep'ts)

Continue and expand opportunities to share key information about government spending and key initiatives (i.e., occupancy tax spending, budget transparency)

Hold a ^{→ consistent} series ^{→ as [ANNUAL]} of summits/information sessions to inform and update public about key Comp Plan priorities

Encourage a standing County update section on local meeting agendas → mini