

Steering Committee #5



Project Name	Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency Initiative
Date:	August 25, 2021
Meeting:	Jefferson- St. Lawrence Region – Steering Committee #5
Attachments	Presentation

1. Welcome

Attendees were named with their affiliations on Zoom.

2. Community Profiles

The consultant team reviewed comments received to date on the Community Profile document. The profiles will remain open for review and comment through Sept. 1.

3. Overview of Asset Inventory

David Tepper of Cameron Engineering updated the committee on progress with the asset inventory and provided screenshots of an interactive map. Mapping tool has details of attributes.

All are encouraged to explore the information in the mapping tool. Link is on the web site and here

<https://edrdpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/minimalist/index.html?appid=cc359ba0b2b248beba76502b6140ebdb>

6. Needs/Opportunities/ Strategies

Building on information in the asset inventory, the CLEAR initiative will identify needs and opportunities to increase community resiliency with respect to changing water levels (both high and low). The EDR team shared a slide with the matrix designed to organize input from the stakeholder interviews and focus groups.

The vision statement discussed at the prior SC meeting was slightly edited to include specific reference to economics.

"The region has implemented effective strategies to enhance the economic vibrancy of our shoreline communities while protecting the ecosystem services and functions that sustain us all. The strategies reflect a shared commitment among individuals, communities, and regional/state partners to prepare for and respond to fluctuating water levels in Lake Ontario."

The themes to support the vision were reviewed and served as the basis for an interactive Jamboard exercise. See seven themes listed below:

1. Understanding and communication
2. Public health and safety
3. Unique natural systems

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4. Dynamic shoreline and coastal processes
5. Water-based recreation and cultural events
6. Wastewater and water infrastructure
7. Built environment

Local needs and opportunities to make meaningful progress on improving/protecting these elements were gleaned from the information gathered from Community Profiles and local input.

Participants linked to the Jamboards and added their perspectives and ideas for specific actions to consider.

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7. Homework and Next Steps

Comments on the community profiles and Jamboard exercises are open until September 1.

The 2nd public workshop will be held evening of September 21st. We need help from the SC with publicizing the event and encouraging community members to attend. EDR is creating a Facebook Event. All are encouraged to share with their personal networks and organizations in which they are active. Workshop #2 will present the final vision statement, review assets and risks, and introduce scenario planning in the context of potential strategies to mitigate impacts of extreme water levels. We plan to include a speaker on reasons for changing water levels (may be live or recorded).

Participants were reminded that most of the attendees at PW1 responded to our survey noting that they learned of the event through a personal contact. Consequently, taking time to reach out to your contacts can help ensure that the CLEAR initiative is as inclusive as possible.

The next SC meeting is September 29th, following Public Workshop #2. Planning is underway. Meeting agenda will include recap of input to date from the stakeholder groups and continued discussion of recommendations for strategies, programs, projects, etc. related to community resiliency.

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Meeting notes were prepared by Liz Moran of EcoLogic. If there are any discrepancies, please notify our office within three business days of receipt