

Steering Committee #3



Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency Initiative

Project Name	Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency Initiative
Date:	June 16, 2021
Meeting:	Cayuga -Oswego Region – Steering Committee #3
Attachments	Presentation, Google Jamboard

1. Introduction of Project Team

EDR (prime consultant): Jane Rice, Sam Gordon, Erica Tauzer

EcoLogic (subcontractor to EDR): Liz Moran, Sharon Anderson, Michelle McGinnis

Cameron Engineering (subcontractor to EDR): Michael Keane, Andrew Martini, David Tepper

NYS Department of State: Karen Catcher, Nancy Martel

Participants in attendance were named with their affiliations on Zoom.

2. Look and Listen Tour Summary

The project team summarized key themes and concepts (below in *italic*) from our conversations at the Look and Listen Tour. The SC was asked to confirm that the themes capture their input and elaborate on the themes and related concepts.

- *Natural Systems and Shoreline Protection*
 - *Restore and preserve natural areas (wetlands, barrier beaches, invasive species control)*
 - Comment: Natural systems and shoreline protection should be distinguished from each other. Propose that natural systems be one category and dynamic shorelines be a separate category (suggestion: include objective to maintain dynamism of the shoreline).
- *Public Safety Infrastructure*
 - *Identify emergency road networks, maintain, and protect, state of good repair*
 - Comment: Should also include how to get emergency crews out on the water.
 - Comment: Consistent training across the region for flood zone inspectors would be beneficial for shoreline communities. Not sure that the role and responsibilities of municipal flood zone inspectors are understood.
- *Communication*
 - *Create information sharing networks for informing year-round and seasonal residents regarding programs, strategies, incentives, etc. for implementing resiliency measures*
 - Comment: Communication needs to be more than residents – also needs to include communication networks amongst those tasked with getting the word out to our citizens. Many communities are facing the same problems, so having working relationships with them would be valuable.

- Comment: Homeowners along the Eastern shore have a strong communication network.
- Comment: Seasonal homeowners often have a type of homeowner association, it would be great to find those and include them on the communications.
- *Resilient Infrastructure*
 - *Design boat launches and docks to function at variable water levels – for recreation and commercial activities*
 - *Wastewater infrastructure (public sewers vs private septic systems)*
- *Resilient Design*
 - *Guide development and preservation of properties within the risk area (LWRPs, zoning, voluntary programs)*
 - Comment: There needs to be more educational outreach, particularly on effective zoning tools that we don't often use (conservation subdivision design). If introduced to municipalities, it would allow them to set aside open space and preserve it while also allowing the full development units that they would have with existing zone. Conservation subdivision design would be a nice concept to move forward.
- *Economic Resources and Tourism*
 - *Dredge critical channels to allow boat access to inland waterbodies*
 - *Accessibility of boat launches*
 - Comment: This category is much broader than that. For example, our situation on Sandy Pond, private canals/docks around the pond are not accessible. It would be useful to identify resources/knowledge that our private citizens can use to make their properties more resilient.
- *Diverse Communities*
 - *Natural, physical, and economic environments*
- Missing concepts
 - Comment: Don't see anything with respect to water quality, concerns with harmful algal blooms.
 - Comment: The education aspect is important. There are several factors at work along the river (natural systems undergoing incredible change, engineering infrastructure designed to handle it, and delays that come with decision making). A lot of people are interested in the problems/causes.
 - Comment: From a single homeowner perspective, a program that provides information about the processes that impact your property and the best way to respond and the resources available to you would be useful

3. Public Workshop

The first public workshop is scheduled for June 30, 2021 at 6 PM. To register, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdeCvrTgtGdXldbVSHJhWDnh9MEE3sceD>.

The project team shared their plans for the first public workshop. The objective of the first workshop is to introduce CLEAR to the public and gather input on the risks so that we can further

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refine the themes and concepts that contribute to resiliency. At the beginning of the meeting, we will be polling participants (draft questions below). A PowerPoint presentation will be used to guide the public through an explanation of the CLEAR program, geographical area of interest, goals, deliverables, and roles and responsibilities of those involved. After that, we will introduce the risk equation and ask participants to use a collaborative tool called a Google JamBoard and identify risks, hazards, vulnerabilities, and exposure within their communities. Participants will be put into breakout rooms to help participants work with the JamBoard.

Poll Question #1: We wanted to ask an iteration of the same question we gave in the first steering committee which was: rank your communities preparedness (1-10) to respond to an extreme water event. In light of discussions, we have revised this question to a more simple, "do you feel prepared for a future with high and low water?"

Poll Question #2: Tell us about yourself, check all that apply: seasonal vs fulltime resident/business owner, owner of rental properties, work in a shoreline community, frequent visitor, directly affected by 2017/2019 flooding, directly affected by low water, municipal official.

Comment: There could be value in understanding how long people have lived in the area, which would help identify those with greater history/knowledge of the area

Comment: I wonder if the directly affected by 2017/2019 flooding could be expanded because erosion happens every year.

Comment: Some people have lived in our community for years but never been impacted until 2017 or 2019. Would like to leave the dates on there to separate the two. Difference between erosion vs flood event.

Comment: Use more common terminology, make it simpler for the public.

4. Stakeholder Meetings

SC members were reminded that we will be reaching out to stakeholder groups as we work through the CLEAR initiative, and that having their presence at community meetings would be helpful. SC members were invited to a [Google Jamboard](#) to brainstorm stakeholders within the region.

Comment: Are there any agencies that can help people financially? My municipality is an older community with a lot of breakwalls that need to be updated. What programs are available for people to get financial help? If possible, these agencies that provide technical assistance and financial assistance should be included as stakeholders.

Comment: Add Fair Haven Bay Betterment Association to stakeholder list.

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5. Next Steps

SC members were encouraged to participate and advertise the public workshop by posting on their respective websites, social media, emailing at least 5 contacts, and sharing notice of the workshop at other meetings. Draft language for sharing the public workshop will be provided in a follow-up email.

Our next SC meeting will be **July 21, 2021, 2 PM.**

Copies To: All members of the Cayuga-Oswego CLEAR Steering Committee, Consultant Team, and NYSDOS representatives.

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