

Project Name: Coastal Lakeshore Economy and Resiliency Initiative
Date: November 17th, 2021
Meeting: Cayuga and Oswego County Regions- Steering Committee #8
Attachments: Presentation

1. Welcome

Attendees were named with their affiliations on Zoom.

2. Project Updates and Timeline

EDR Team updated the committee on the project's current and remaining tasks:

- Review and comment on project profiles including implementation, potential partners, and possible challenges
- Distribute draft CLEAR plan-Tuesday, November 23 for review (Community Profiles will be incorporated into final CLEAR Plan)
- Hold open review session to discuss comments on draft Plan with SC members- Dec. 8th (2 pm-4 pm). A link to the Zoom will be distributed, no need to preregister.
- Draft CLEAR Plan review period closes Friday, December 10th
- Finalize CLEAR Plan by the end of 2021 for communities to accept in early 2022

3. Project Profile Discussion

Draft project profiles were distributed to the SC on November 15th. The major agenda topic for SC#8 was discussion of the profiles.

Sam Gordon (EDR) led discussion of feedback received to date, including the importance of making projects specific at the local level, and ensuring that community needs are met. The need for capacity building and funding sources/strategies is a common thread.

Comments and Discussion:

- One project that seems to be missing from the project list is a water quality project focused on North Sandy Pond (severe harmful algal blooms (HABs))
 - Project goals- understand sources of nutrients and alternatives for HAB mitigation
 - Important to consider both water quality and invasive species issues
- Since CLEAR is a regional initiative, projects are presented in a less specific context to capture their relevance across the shoreline communities.
 - Specific local projects can be incorporated into larger goals/projects as examples
- Communities emphasizing the need for capacity building at the local level
- Need to balance projects for specific locations while focusing on regional strategies
- Potential challenge: underwriting projects when there is risk of erosion and flooding
 - Technical assistance/consulting to homeowners to help them make the best decision

- Grant programs: typically, one-time disbursement. Threshold may not be high enough relative to cost of needed improvements to reduce risk of harm.
- Land banks mentioned as a potential project. EDR team will discuss with county and regional planning officials and others experienced in land banks, revolving loan funds, etc.
- Discussion of PACE program model- payback for improvements to private property to increase resiliency would be tied to property tax bill. In this way, the obligation to repay loan would transfer with the property
- There has been discussion of creating a regional (multi-county) dredging program. EDR team will investigate the status of this program with respect to REDI, ACOE, NYSDEC, etc.

4. Round Robin Wrap-Up

Sharon Anderson (EcoLogic) led a round-robin discussion, where the stakeholder committee was asked to answer the following prompts:

1. Your experience with CLEAR
2. What will you do next to support and implement new projects?

Comments:

- Consultant Team did a good job managing the project
 - Handled technology well, using interactive sessions
 - Preference for in-person meetings over virtual meetings
- Projects need to be specific enough to make an impact, but regional enough to receive funding and support
- Land use regulation updates are going to be very important for resiliency and conservation

5. Next Steps and Reminder of Important Dates

- Draft CLEAR Plan will be distributed Tuesday, November 23rd for review
- Office Hours (to discuss SC comments on draft final plan): Dec. 8th 10 am-12 pm
- Deadline for final comments: Dec. 10th
- Final Plan ready in early 2022 for acceptance
- Continue to check CLEAR website (www.CNYCLEAR.com) for updates

6. Thank You!

Consultant team thanked the stakeholder committee for all their work and involvement in creating the CLEAR Plan.

Copies To: Cayuga and Oswego County Regions CLEAR Steering Committee members and associates, and project team

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