

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Wayne County Planning Department provides a variety of services designed to provide a positive impact on the quality of life of the residents of the County. Recognizing that the return of tax dollars to the County is a priority, the staff of the Planning Office makes every attempt to remain informed about and to apply for relevant grants to improve the physical appearance of the County, repair and replace aging infrastructure, improve housing stock and provide greater recreational choices and social opportunities for our residents. Although our most visible efforts involve the preparation and administration of grants, the staff also attends local meetings, provides technical assistance and supports communities with their planning and improvement initiatives. A synopsis of our activities for 2004 follows.

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- Town of Macedon PDR - (6 farms, 880 acres, \$1,600,000)
- Town of Walworth PDR - (4 farms, 550 acres, \$960,000)
- Town of Ontario - (1 farm, 305 acres, \$660,000)
- 50 % Town of Lyons PDR (3farm 1200 acres, \$1,100,000). Town chose not to submit.
- (2) Town of Huron Local Government Management Improvement Program applications totaling \$48,970.
- Town of Williamson Local Government Management Improvement Program application for \$3,179.88.

## **GRANTS AWARDED**

- NYS SEMO Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Town of Marion in the amount of \$419,700.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$190,000 for the Sodus Point Park.
- Community Development Block Grant Technical Assistance grant for the Village of Red Creek in the amount of \$18,000.
- Snowmobile Trails Grant in the amount of \$57,700.
- Together with the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, a HOME Program Housing Rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$400,000.
- Cluster development feasibility grant from the Genesee Transportation Council Unified Planning Work Program in the amount of \$20,000.
- In partnership with 12 farm markets, Pride of New York grant in the amount of \$3,000 to pay for the preparation of a Wayne County Farm Markets Map.
- Town of Macedon PDR grant (3 farms totaling 240 acres, \$503,000 awarded)
- Town of Walworth PDR grant (2-farms totaling 250 acres, \$425,000 awarded)
- Town of Ontario PDR grant (1 farm totaling 305 acres, \$660,000 awarded)

## **GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

- Successfully closed out the Lyons CDBG Route 31 Sewer project grant in the amount of \$238,140.
- Distributed \$25,809 in grant funds to four snowmobile clubs in Wayne County for trail maintenance and development.
- On behalf of the Towns of Sodus and Huron and the Village of Sodus Point, began administration of the \$30,000 Sodus Bay Harbor Management Plan grant, developed an RFP to obtain a design consultant and coordinated all activities with the Sodus Bay Intermunicipal Committee.
- Began administration of a \$10,000 member item to the Town of Lyons for improvements to the cemetery.
- Continued activities on the development of the Amtrak Station. Met with Congressman Walsh, Senator Nozzolio, Amtrak officials from New York and CSX officials from Albany to jump-start the process for the establishment of the Lyons Amtrak Station. As a result of the meeting, the plans for the station are undergoing modification and negotiations for an engineering agreement between Wayne County and CSX began.
- Closed out the Brantling Ski Patrol \$5,000 grant received from Senator Nozzolio.
- Closed out the \$600,000 Agricultural Microenterprise Loan Program for Wayne County. The program successfully reached its goal by working with over 60 businesses, which resulted in over 150 jobs retained and created.
- Continued processing \$40,320 grant for the Edgett Street Bridge project.
- Continued administration of Seaway Trail shoulder widening grant in the amount of \$128,000.
- Coordinate all paperwork, vouchers, and contracts for \$70,000 Recreational Trails program grant to develop a trail between Wallington and Sodus Point and rehabilitate Red Creek abandoned railroad bridge.
- Continued administration of the Schoepfel environmental restoration project. Amended contracts with the consulting engineer and the state for additional work associated with the removal of drums and the decommissioning of monitoring wells. Held final public meeting. Project will close out once the easement language is received from the Attorney General.
- Continued administration of the following grants received from Congressman Walsh:
  - a) Palmyra Livestock Barn - \$500,000
  - b) Sodus Point Park Improvement Project - \$300,000
  - c) Newark Developmental Center Re-use Study - \$100,000

## **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM AND OTHER COMPUTER RELATED TASKS**

- Completed and printed maps for several departments, municipalities and groups including: WC Planning, WC Tourism (Tour Planner Map); WCEDC (Dean Parkway Area); Town of Arcadia and Village of Newark (Comprehensive Plan

and “Adult Use” Maps); the Village of Lyons (canal map); Town of Walworth (zoning maps); Town of Williamson Open Space Committee and Trail Works maps (Seaway Trail between Pultneyville and Sodus Point).

- Continued to make improvements to the Planning website by posting meeting minutes and other relevant information.

### **WAYNE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

- The Wayne County Planning Board reviewed 178 zoning and subdivision referrals in 2004 over the course of 11 evening meetings.

### **AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW**

- The Consolidated Ag District Program (CAD) was initiated to meet new NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets requirements, create a more accurate “agricultural” district and to reduce administrative costs (as the result of reducing the mailing to residential properties. CAD No. 1 (Towns of Ontario, Walworth and Macedon) review was substantially completed in 2004. The review of CAD No. 2 (Towns of Williamson, Marion and Palmyra) also began in 2004.
- The annual Agricultural District Review Period (January 1<sup>st</sup> –January 31<sup>st</sup>) resulted in the addition of 2 parcels in the Town of Rose to the original Ag District No. 8.

### **SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM**

- Oversee all paperwork for mileage reimbursement from New York State for approximately 150 miles of snowmobile trails in Wayne County.
- Liaison between residents and municipalities and the four snowmobile clubs and New York State Snowmobile Council.
- Liaison between four clubs and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. State requires the sponsor (Wayne County) to be the contact and will not directly deal with clubs.
- Working with clubs to resolve trail conflicts and develop new trails and connections.

### **COUNTY MASTER PLAN RESIDENT SURVEY**

Together with a consultant, the Planning staff developed and distributed a survey to 1500 residents of Wayne County. Their responses were compiled and posted on the Planning Department website. The survey will be used to inform the Countywide Master planning process in the future.

## **SEQR REVIEWS**

- Completed the following reviews to fulfill Wayne County's requirements under SEQR:
  - 1) Consolidated Ag District No. 1
  - 2) Edgett Street Bridge Project
  - 3) Empire Zone Boundary Amendment admit Hauser
  - 4) Empire Zone Boundary Amendment 4
  - 5) Lease of County Property in Galen for oil and gas drilling
  - 6) E-911 Communications tower
  - 7) Wallington to Sodus Point Trail

## **NEPA REVIEWS**

- 1) Sodus Point Park Project
- 2) Palmyra Livestock Building
- 3) Newark Developmental Center Reuse Feasibility Study

## **INCOME SURVEYS**

- An income survey to determine eligibility for a CDBG grant was conducted on behalf of the Town of Huron for a housing rehabilitation application to be submitted in 2005.

## **JOINT MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

- On behalf of Wayne County, the Planning Department administers the Joint Municipal Improvement Project Fund, which was established to encourage retail development in central business districts. The following awards were granted by Wayne County in 2004:
  - 1) \$2,333 to the Town of Lyons for new sidewalks near the Lyons National Bank.
  - 2) \$15,000 to the Town of Savannah for new sidewalks in the central business district.

## **GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- **Sodus Bay Intermunicipal Committee.** Bret DeRoo serves as chairman of the committee and has been involved with obtaining and distributing information, guiding the monthly meetings and working on the first components of the Harbor Management Plan.
- **Data/Technical Requests:** Respond to tax parcel map and data base, flood zone, census, agricultural district, wetland, zoning and other miscellaneous (scans, copies, downloads) requests from consultants/engineers (Stu Brown/MRB data requests for Towns of Ontario, Palmyra and Sodus Comprehensive Planning), planning departments, board members, appraisers, Bishop Sheen and county constituents on a daily basis.
- **General Ag Economic Development**  
 Worked on Consolidated Ag District #1- maps, survey data and reports.  
 Started work on Consolidated Ag District#2.  
 Had 18 general meetings with farmers.  
 Attended 13 Town Board meetings.  
 Attended 4 Wayne County Farm markets meetings.  
 Presented Ontario Comprehensive plan committee  
 Presented APA upstate conference concerning farmland protection  
 Attended 3 Wayne County Farm markets meetings  
 Presented at NY FarmNet seminar concerning Ag Micro Program  
 Helped interview candidates for NY FarmNet Director  
 Spoke with Tom Scott- consultant researching for an AED report about venture capital for farmers in New York.  
 Attended two committee/planning meetings in Galen regarding hog farms.  
 Attended a meeting with AFT<sup>2</sup> and farmers with Senator Nozzolio to discuss farmland protection funding.
- **Organizing for Main Street Power Point Presentation.** Developed a presentation for communities, which provides information and guidance about the revitalization of central business districts. This presentation was given to several business and civic organizations and village boards across Wayne County in 2004, including the Wolcott Chamber of Commerce, the Sodus Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Ontario, the Lyons Rotary, the Sodus Point Neighborhood Association, the Village of Macedon and the Palmyra-Macedon Rotary.. The demand for the program continues to grow as citizens become more involved in the future planning and development of their communities.
- **Wolcott Subdivision Regulations.** Prepared a Subdivision moratorium for the Town of Wolcott and assisted the Town in the preparation of subdivision regulations.
- **Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.** Assisted the Town of Galen with a moratorium to their zoning law so they could address the impacts of large

concentrated animal feeding operations on quality of life, neighborhood character and groundwater resources in the town.

- **Route 21 Truck Traffic Study.** Worked with citizens and elected and appointed officials from the Town and Village of Palmyra to identify ways to mitigate excessive large truck traffic traveling along Route 21 and Route 31 to destinations outside the Town and Village.
- **Main Street Grant Program.** Worked with the Village of Clyde and the Town of Savannah on the preparation of NY Main Street Grants for revitalization of their central business districts. The grants will be submitted in May of 2005.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATION**

The Planning Staff is represented on the following public and non-profit Boards and organizations:

- Western Erie Canal Heritage Corridor Commission
- The Empire Zone Administrative Board and the Planning and Strategy Committee
- Canal Trail Association of New York
- Canal Society of New York
- NYS Association for Solid Waste Management Board of Directors
- Federation of NY Solid Waste Management Associations Board of Directors
- Sodus Bay Intermunicipal Committee
- Montezuma Audubon Conservation Center Committee
- Friends of Montezuma
- Wayne County Water Quality Coordinating Committee
- The Sodus Bay Historical Society, Inc.
- Genesee Transportation Council Regional Trails Initiative
- Genesee Transportation Council Planning Committee
- Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Planning Coordination Committee
- Common Good Planning Center Professional Planners Advisory Council
- Finger Lakes Culinary Bounty
- Wayne County Industrial Development Agency
- WEDC Microenterprise Loan Review Committee
- Wayne County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
- NY Farm Net Board of Directors
- Growing New Farmers Consortium professional development committee
- Cornell Program Work Team for Agricultural Community Economic Development
- Wayne County Economic Development Operations Committee

## **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

The staff of the Wayne County Planning Department attended approximately 350 meetings, which included Town and Village Boards, local planning boards, civic and business organizations, non-profit organizations and related professional organizations in 2004.