

Village of Lancaster Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment

Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 1:00pm

NOTES

1. Welcome:

- Present: Andrew Maxwell (C&S), Aileen Maguire Meyer (C&S), Cody Martin (C&S), Joe Nadzan (C&S), Mike Stegmeier, Lynne Ruda, Sarah Meredith, Kirsten Shelly, Jason Kulaszewski, Scott Kuhlmeier, Darrin Harzewski, Shawn Marshall, Steve Tanner

2. Project Summary Refresher:

- Focus on physical and community resilience to environmental shocks, namely risks posed by increased flooding and snowfall.
- Build off of the Climate Smart Communities efforts which have been made to date.
- Desire to generate appropriate plans for the future of the Village, and any public investments made.
- Being prepared for any future events (flooding, snow), and having the public involved and informed.
- Goal is to finish this project by the end of 2020.

3. Vision Statement:

- The group discussed generating a vision statement to guide this project, as well as to help guide the Village's overall sustainability and resilience efforts going forward.
- Draft Vision Statement: *The overall goal of the project is to prepare the Village of Lancaster to handle the impact of ever-increasing flooding and snow events and provide the Village with the tools to take action and implement future policies and safeguards to protect and minimize disruption to our natural resources, residents, the local economy and all local assets. The Village of Lancaster recognizes the current and future impacts of climate change, and the Village strives to foster greater sustainability and resilience to these threats and all those threats associated with climate change and more severe weather events.*
- As a group, we should consider, discuss and finalize this statement over the next month or so.

4. Data Update:

- We outlined the datasets we had compiled so far, and determined it is time to finalize our data universe for inclusion in in draft final mapping and for use in report recommendations. Anyone with final suggestions or additions should send them along immediately.
- The C&S was also able to connect with the research team from the University of Buffalo who is working with Erie County on their vulnerability assessment. We met on August 4th and spoke with Dr. Susan Clark, Dr. Christian Renschler and Dr. Jonathan Townsend. We agreed to stay in touch as we each move deeper into

our project work, and share information as-relevant in order to enjoy the mutual benefit of the analysis taking place.

- The Village also agreed to send along to Andrew any relevant information on planned municipal/public projects in the area, including the Main Street extension project near the N. Aurora Street Bridge, Cayuga Park, the LDC Development project, Como Park, etc.

5. Mapping Update:

- Cody Martin from C&S provided an update on the revised mapping.
- One additional focus area mentioned was in the Plum Bottom Creek area: sinkholes near culvert under roadway. We should check this during our site visit.
- Andrew to connect with WNY Stormwater Coalition via Erie County DEP. Thanks for the connection, Steve.
- Andrew will email PDF's of the updated maps to the group.

6. Group Feedback & Questions:

- The group discussed the municipal facilities which may be included in the C&S assessment:
 - The Village of Lancaster Municipal Building
 - The Village DPW Building (5200 Broadway)
 - North End Fire Hall
 - Park with water tower
 - School buildings?
- C&S asks for the Village to pass along any drawings related to these facilities.

7. Group Site Visit:

- We agreed to schedule an in-person group site visit for the project sometime in late-September or early-October. Andrew to coordinate.

8. Next steps:

- Group to review draft Vision Statement and make recommendations for any changes or additions to Andrew via email.
- Last call on data! All group members should email along any final datasets to Andrew, including but not limited to information on planned municipal/public projects in the area, including the Main Street extension project near the N. Aurora Street Bridge, Cayuga Park, the LDC Development project, Como Park, etc.
- Please review the maps and email any feedback or suggestions to Andrew and Cody.
- Village please email relevant information on municipal buildings to Andrew and Joe.
- Andrew to schedule group site visit. Please complete doodle poll with your availability.

- Andrew to schedule next Advisory Committee meeting sometime mid-fall.