

TOWN OF OVID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING Notes- December 12, 2017

Total attendance: 18 community members (plus seven Steering Committee members)
MRB Group/EDR Team: Diana Smith, Jane Rice, and Erica Tauzer

Meeting began at 6:00 PM.

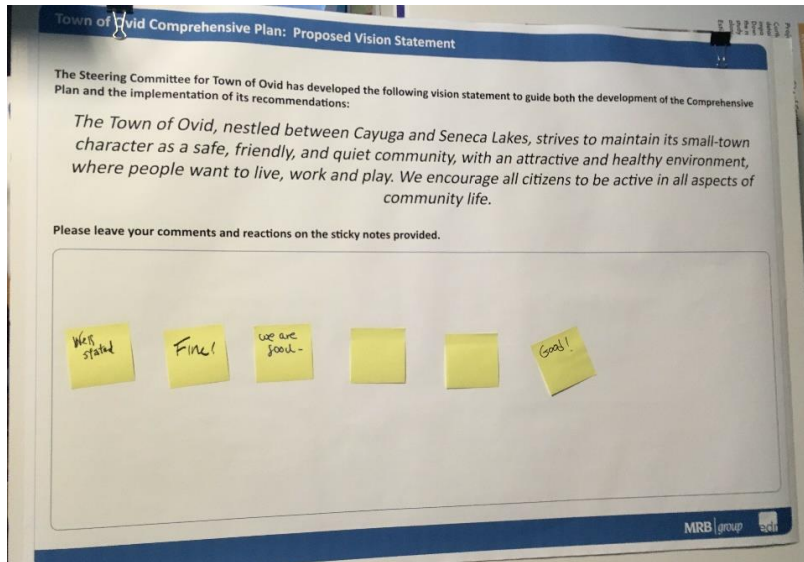
The meeting began with a presentation on comprehensive planning process in general and an overview of the interactive boards presented at the meeting. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

Q&A

Draft plan will be provided with time for public review prior to Public Hearing.

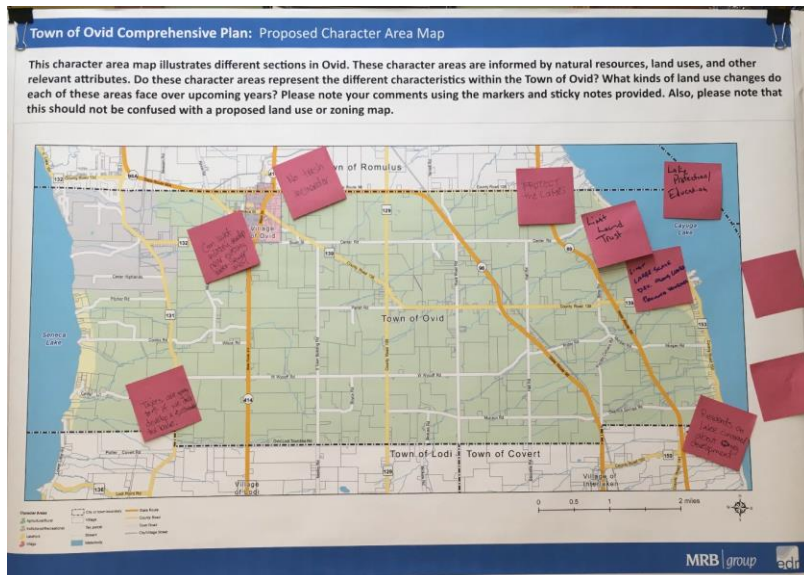
“Either you passively watch as things change around you, or you can participate in planning for what you want.” – Karen Morean, Ovid Community Member

Vision Statement Comments



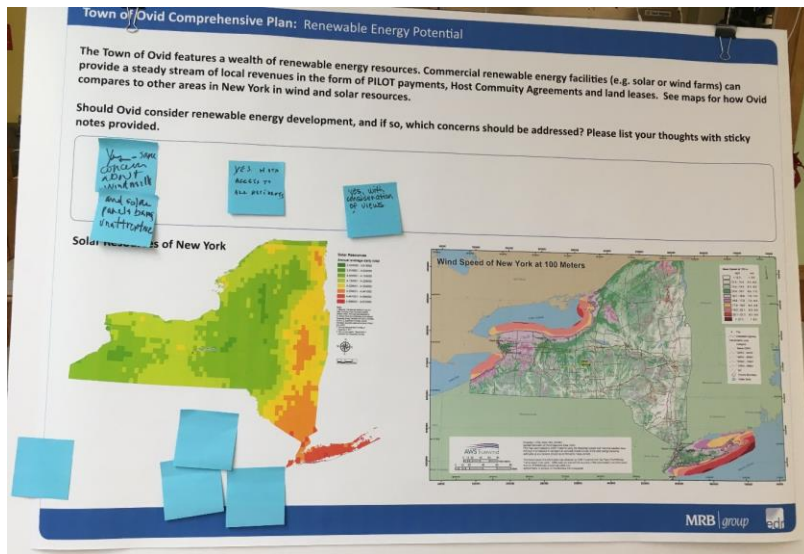
“Well Stated”
“Fine!”
“We are good.”
“Good”

Character Area Map



“Taxes are going to increase if we don’t develop a sustainable tax base”
“Can light industry develop near existing water/sewer lines?”
“Residents on lake are concerned about negative development”
“No trash incinerator!”
“Protect the lakes”
“Limit land trust”
“Lake protection/education”
“limit large scale development along lakes, premiere wineries”

Renewable Energy Potential



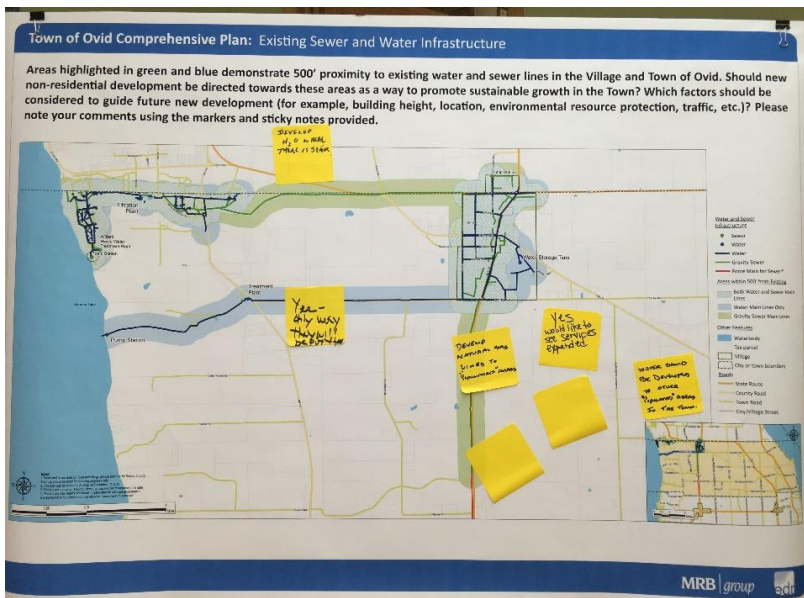
Should Ovid consider renewable energy development, and if so, which concerns should be addressed?

“Yes- some concerns about windmills and solar panels being unattractive”

“Yes: with access to all residents”

“Yes, with consideration of views”

Existing Water and Sewer



Should new non-residential development be directed towards these areas as a way to promote sustainable growth in the Town?

Which factors should be considered to guide future new development?

“Develop water where there is sewer”

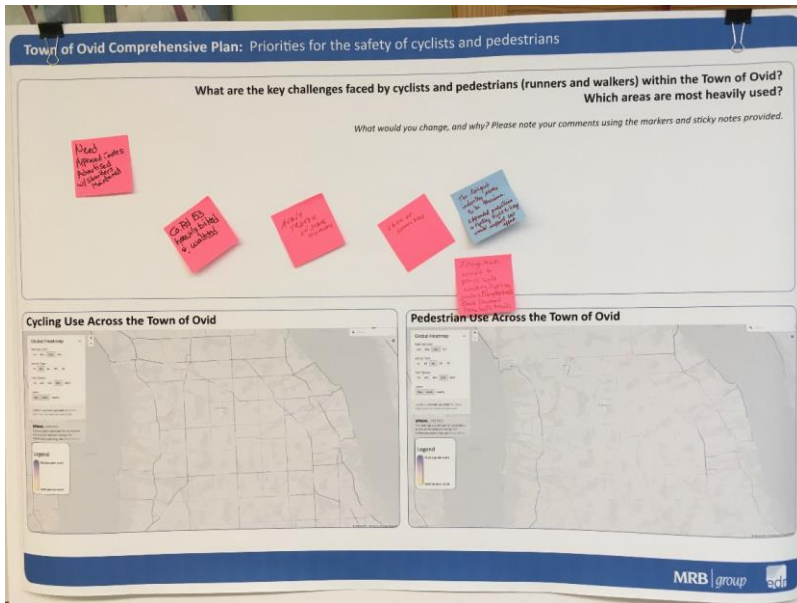
“Yes, would like to see services expanded”

“Develop natural gas lines to populated areas”

“Yes- only way they will be put there”

“Water should be developed in other populated areas within the Town”

Cyclist-Pedestrian Uses



What are the key challenges faced by cyclists and pedestrians (runners and walkers) within the Town of Ovid? Which areas are most heavily used?

“Need approved routes: Advertised shoulders with markers”

“Co Rd. 153 heavily biked and walked”

“Heavy traffic on State Highways”

“Lack of shoulders”

“The largest industry seems to be tourism.

Expanded pedestrian and cycling would support this effort.”

“Enough trails around to provide safe walking/cycling. Willard/Sampson Trail, Black Diamond Area Falls Trails.”

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.