

TOWN OF OVID COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING
Notes- October 7, 2017

Total attendance: 26 community members (including Steering Committee)
MRB Group/EDR Team: Diana Smith, Jane Rice, and Erica Tauzer

Meeting began at 9:05 AM.

The meeting began with a presentation on comprehensive planning process in general and the status of the process in Ovid and the connection between comprehensive planning and local zoning regulations. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.

Q&A

Survey response rate: 15% - deliberated best survey delivery/outreach system. The consultants agreed to look into the issues discussed, such as mail delivery method used and outreach utilized prior to the survey.

There is a need to attract young people to the area. How can the town accomplish that?

Community input via the interactive stations:

SWOT:

- **Strengths:** Small town, diverse landuses, Village is slowly getting “spruced up”, quiet, green, wildlife, people are friendly and good neighbors
- **Weaknesses:** Problem enforcing regulations, lack of major employers, apathy, lack of financial resources and lack of reasons for young people to stay
- **Opportunities:** tourism (starred), more hospitality for tourists, more things for tourists to do after 5 pm, more destinations (e.g, Arboretum), buffers or other tools for run-off pollution management
- **Threats:** Landfills, increased cost burden on Town, water pollution in lakes: both from runoff (ag and lawn fertilizer) and harmful algae blooms (starred)

My Ovid Map (Notable Areas):

- Rail-to-Trail Opportunities along 96 (to the east) and 131 (to the west).
- Corner Park on Seneca St and 414
- Support library expansion
- Potential arboretum in county building area
- Lake (notably Cayuga Lake) protection
- Why is 414 a Scenic Byway only until Lodi?

Conversation Map on Zoning:

Responses / comments

(continued threads are nested)

Topic / issue:

Zoning...

Protect the lakes

Yes

Yes

Sand and soil

Needs to be done at County level

Enforce Army Corps regs and NY DEC regs

Only protect construction on lake bed itself

Walkable community

No to further Police power

Not at this time

Enforce Land Use ordinance

There is not one right now! (maybe there is but for all intents and purposes, there isn't!

If we want to keep things as is, do we need Z?

Yes, otherwise we could get things/businesses we don't want

Agree

Not ALL or NOTHING – nuance

Agree we can do it “lite”

There are many ways to approach this

Site review w/o Zoning is toothless

Need economic development to slow the out migration

Meeting ended at 11:30 AM.