

# ACTION PLANNING COMMENTS - Feb. 28, 2007

BARCELONA PIER / HARBOR AREA		
What do you value about this area?	What would you like to see change?	What community action / project could improve this area?
BEACH (7)	MORE SHOPPING / RESTAURANTS (9)	SEWER & WATER SERVICES (4)
FISHING (7)	MORE SUMMER ACTIVITIES / FESTIVALS / MUSIC (8)	EXPAND / IMPROVE HARBOR (4)
BOATING / LAUNCH SITE (7)	CLEANUP BEACH LITTER & BOAT STORAGE AREA (5)	"ADOPT A BEACH" CONCEPT for CLEAN UP (4)
THE VIEW / SUNSETS (6)	DEEPER HARBOR (4)	COVERED PAVILION for Music (3)
LAKE ERIE / HARBOR / PUBLIC ACCESS (6)	WALKING / BIKE TRAILS & PATHS TO ACCESS AREA (4)	INCENTIVES to OPEN / EXPAND BUSINESSES (3)
BEAUTY / All seasons (5)	IMPROVE WATER / SEWER (3)	HARBOR AMENITIES (3) (gas, restrooms, showers, farmer's market)
WATER ACCESS (5)	IMPROVE PICNIC AREAS (3)	INFO KIOSK for VISITORS (2)
SWIMMING (4)	MARINA / IMPROVEMENTS (2)	BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT (2)
NATURAL (3)	MAINTAIN RESTROOMS (2)	BETTER PROMOTION (2)
QUIET / PEACEFUL (3)	INCREASE QUAINT & FAMILY ATTRACTIONS (2)	MORE PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY / LAND (2)
WALKING (3)	LIFEGUARD on BEACH / IMPROVE BEACH AREA (2)	FULL SERVICE MARINA (2)
LIGHTHOUSE (2)	ACCESS TO PIER thru BOATYARD	MORE LODGING / HOTEL (2)
PICNIC AREAS (2)	ACCESS TO BREAK WALL	TREE PLANTING / LANDSCAPING
PIER (2)	TOURS OF LIGHTHOUSE	POLICE / SECURITY PRESENCE
BIRD WATCHING / Seagulls (2)	REDUCED SEMI-TRUCK TRAFFIC on ROUTE 5	OPEN AIR COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER
RESTAURANTS (2)	MORE PARKING AREAS	CONTINUED FUNDING
ARCHITECTURE / BLDGS.	DEVELOP / IMPROVE PARK	COIN OPERATED TELESCOPES
HISTORY	PRESERVATION	SUMMER BLOCK PARTIES at PIER
PROXIMITY to Chaut. Institution	PHOTOGRAPHY "SPOTS"	BOARDWALK
CHAMBER INFO BOOTH	HISTORY "STORY" BOARDS	
FAMILY DESTINATION	BETTER SIGNAGE to identify Public / Private, Access, & Rules	
CREEK / STREAM	HOTEL	
HUGH POTENTIAL	UPDATE BOAT SLIPS	
ACCESS TO SCUBA DIVING	HARBOR MASTER COMMUNICATION	
SMOKED FISH	IMPROVE SAFETY	
SEA LION SHIP	WATER SPORT AMENITIES (jet ski & boat rentals, scuba diving, etc.	

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SAFETY		
HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE		

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<b>GORGES COMMENTS</b>	
What do you value about this area?	What would you like to see change?
DRAMATIC NATURAL SETTING (14)	NATURAL PATHS & TRAILS (7)
HIKING (5)	MORE / BETTER ACCESS AREAS (7)
BIRD WATCHING / WILDLIFE (5)	HIKING TOURS (3)
FISHING / HUNTING (4)	TO REMAIN NATURAL (3)
UNIQUENESS / BEAUTY / PEACEFUL (3)	TRAIL MAPS / AREA MAPS (2)
GEOLOGY / ROCK FORMATIONS (2)	ADVERTISE IN TOURIST BROCHURES (2)
CREEKS AND STREAMS / WATERFALLS (2)	SIGNS TO RESPECT NATURE / DO NOT LITTER
TREES	IDENTIFY PUBLIC / PRIVATE LANDS w/ SIGNS
VERY LITTLE TRASH	PARK AREAS
	MARKED ACCESS POINTS
	RESTRICT MOTORIZED VEHICLES
	ACCESS TO VIEWING / PHOTO AREAS
	CAMPSITES
	IDENTIFY PARKING AREAS
	MORE FISHING / WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT
	CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICTS
	PROTECTION OF NATURAL HABITATS

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OTTOWAY PARK (Barcelona)		
What do you value about this area?	What would you like to see change?	What community action / project could improve this area?
BEAUTIFUL / PEACEFUL (9)	BETTER ACCESS TO BEACH (5)	HIKING / JOGGING / WALKING / BIKE TRAILS (4)
FESTIVALS & PARTIES (3)	LONGER ACCESS HOURS (4)	STAIRWAY TO BEACH (2)
OPEN SPACE (3)	NEW PLAYGROUND (2)	FESTIVALS (2)
FAMILY ORIENTED PARK (2)	UPDATED FACILITIES (2)	IMPROVE CHILDREN'S AREA (2)
PICNIC AREA (2)	IMPROVE PICNIC AREA (2)	FARMERS MARKET
STREAM / CREEK in PARK (2)	MORE USES (2)	IMPROVE BRIDGE over STREAM
WILDLIFE	NATURE TRAILS (2)	IMPROVE FACILITIES
PUBLIC ACCESS	MORE FESTIVALS / ACTIVITIES	PROMOTE & EXPAND PARK
	ALL SEASONS USE	ARBORETUM
	MUNICIPAL WATER / SEWER	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
	BETTER PROMOTION	HOT FOODS & DRINKS
		CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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RIPLEY BEACH		
What do you value about this area?	What would you like to see change?	What community action / project could improve this area?
BEAUTIFUL / PEACEFUL (2)	IMPROVE BEACH ACCESS (9)	PROMOTE / ADVERTISE (2)
WILDLIFE (2)	SERVICE AMENITIES (4)	CONSERVATION CENTER
THE VIEW / SUNSETS (2)	TRASH CONTAINERS (3)	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
BOATING / SWIMMING (2)	BETTER PROMOTION (2)	WILDLIFE VIEWING
"UNSPOILED" BEACH (2)	AREA ATTRACTIONS	DEVELOP PARK / AMENITIES
LAKE and TREES	CLEAN UP LITTER	MORE FUNDING
EXPLORING	LIFEGUARD	STAIRWAY TO BEACH
PUBLIC ACCESS	HIKING TRAILS	BATH HOUSE
EAGLE NESTING AREA	MONITOR for UNDER AGE DRINKING PARTIES	COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS
NATURAL, Non-commercial area	BENCHES	A "FOREVER NATURAL" PLAN
PICNICKING on BEACH	AREAS TO RELAX and ENJOY SOLITUDE	PROMOTE FARMERS MARKET (Organic produce)
KAYAKING	IMPROVED PARKING AREA	
DIFFICULT ACCESS maintains LOW USE & NATURAL AREA		

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SACRED PLACES COMMENTS	
SACRED PLACES	VALUE of SACRED PLACES
BARCELONA HARBOR / BEACH / PIER (13)	Sunsets, wading in water, fishing, boating, kayaking, wildlife, the view, strolling on pier, smoked fish, scuba, community gatherings, restaurants
CHAUTAUQUA GORGE (12)	Hiking, peaceful, beautiful, fishing, wildlife
20 MILE CREEK GORGE / VALLEY (5)	Hiking, skiing, fishing, waterfalls, rocks
RIPLEY BEACH (5)	Swimming, sun
LUENSMAN OVERLOOK (5)	View, peaceful, hiking picnic area, fall foliage
LAKE ERIE (5)	View, beautiful, sunsets, kayaking
OTTOWAY PARK / BEACH (4)	Secluded, sunsets, picnics, community gatherings
MOORE PARK / McCLURG MUSEUM (3)	Relaxing atmosphere, people watching, historical
WESTFIELD PATTERSON LIBRARY (3)	Art gallery, programs, architecture
VIEW ALONG LAKE ERIE SHORELINE (2)	Picturesque, shoreline cliffs
LINCOLN PARK - Westfield (2)	<i>No comments</i>
MAIN STREET - Westfield (2)	Architecture, quaint downtown area
VIEW from WESTFIELD RIPLEY RIDGELINE (2)	View of Lake Erie, hunting, hiking. Wildlife
GRAPE VINEYARDS (2)	History, smell of grapes
MEEDER'S RESTAURANT - Ripley (2)	Homey, friendly, good food
OPEN SPACE & WOODED AREAS (2)	Hunting, fishing, scenic, peaceful, natural beauty
SEAWAY TRAIL (State Route 5)	Driving along shoreline area
WESTSIDE OVERLAND TRAIL	Beauty, quiet
CHAUTAUQUA CREEK OUTLET	Steelhead activity
VILLAGE WATER INTAKE on Chautauqua Creek	Watching steelhead jumping
MOUNT BALDY ROAD	Scenic, hiking, skiing, bird watching
CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION	Architecture, culture, arts, programs
LAKE ERIE STATE PARK	Scenic, relaxing
CAFÉ BARISTA (Westfield)	Quaint coffee shop, good food
RAILROAD STATION (Westfield)	Historical
LOCAL CHURCHES	Historical
KOA CAMPGROUND	Camping
NORTH COUNTY CANINE RESCUE	Saves animals
VILLAGE WATERSHED (Westfield)	<i>No comments</i>
RAILS TO TRAILS	Running, cross country skiing
CARRIS' FRUIT FARM	Access to gorge, picking blueberries
BARCELONA LIGHTHOUSE	Historical, aesthetic
OLD BRIDGE over N. GALE STREET	Hiking, scenic
SMALL WATERFRONT COMMUNITIES	Makes this area unique

## Ranking of Threats & Weaknesses

Threat/Weakness	Votes
<i>Lack of Public Water</i>	10
<i>Lack of Good Jobs</i>	12
<i>Heavy Semi-Truck Use on Route 5</i>	10
<i>Excessive Speeding on Route 5</i>	8
<i>Lack of Public Beach</i>	7
<i>Lack of Overnight Housing</i>	6
<i>Lack of Attraction to Harbor</i>	6
<i>Lack of Critical Mass</i>	6
<i>Lack of Performance/Entertainment Venues</i>	5
<i>Possible Loss of Hospital</i>	3
<i>Bike Trails Unsafe Along Route 5</i>	3
<i>Shallow Harbor</i>	2
<i>Lack of Community Identity</i>	1
<i>Lincoln Monument (Built on Junk Pile)</i>	0
<i>Lack of Area Promotion &amp; Signage</i>	0
<i>Lake Erie Water Quality &amp; Image Problem</i>	0
<i>No "Jake Breaks"</i>	0
<i>Lack of Connection to Other Activities &amp; Businesses</i>	0
<i>Lake Erie Has Image of Rough Waters</i>	0

## Ranking of Strengths & Opportunitie

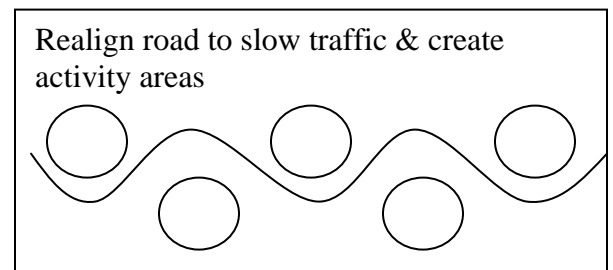
Strength/Opportunity	Dot Votes
<i>Lake &amp; Harbor</i>	12
<i>Maintain Natural Areas</i>	9
<i>Make Harbor More Usable</i>	5
<i>Wineries</i>	3
<i>Biking, Hiking &amp; Boating</i>	3
<i>Agri-Tourism</i>	3
<i>Quality of Life</i>	3
<i>Thruway Exit</i>	3
<i>Eco-Tours</i>	3
<i>Gorges</i>	2
<i>Westfield Library</i>	2
<i>Beaches</i>	2
<i>Better Dining Experience</i>	2
<i>Low Electrical Rate</i>	2
<i>Wine Country --</i>	
<i>Image/Brand</i>	2
<i>Campgrounds</i>	1
<i>Sunsets</i>	1
<i>Golf Course</i>	1
<i>Fishing</i>	1
<i>Bird Watching</i>	1
<i>Promote Heritage</i>	1
<i>Scuba Diving</i>	1
<i>Making a Deep Harbor</i>	1
<i>Music Scene</i>	1
<i>Amish Country</i>	0
<i>Architecture</i>	0
<i>Trees</i>	0
<i>Antiques/Shopping</i>	0
<i>Whitewater Rafting</i>	0

<i>Chautauqua Institution</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>College</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ski Resort (Peek-n-Peak)</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mobility of Labor</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wi-Fi/ Wi-Mac</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Tourist Beaureau</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Lack of Boxstores</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Green Energy</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>County Historical Society</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Railroad Beds (History)</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wildlife Resources</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Geographical Location (proximity to cities)</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Synergy with other Lakefront Communities</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Friendly People</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Hospital</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ottaway Park</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cleaner, More Usable Beach</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>International Presence (Canada 30 miles away)</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>More Public Beaches</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Regional Event</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>"Grape Juice Capital"</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>New Concord Grape Heritage Designation</i>	<i>0</i>

## 2.28 WORKSHOP BREAKOUT GROUPS – NOTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sewer with the water
- Roads – truck travel – tolls
- Pre-permitting – water, sewer & “plan” would facilitate this
- Communication – Wi-Fi, cellular, etc.
- Fairpoint not competitive
- Upgrade electric capacity, reliability in Ripley
- Unobtrusive electric, cable, etc.
- Stages infrastructure build-out
- “Package plants” for developments
- Sub-division permits need wastewater plan
- Attractiveness yields housing development
- Economic infrastructure – shopping district
- Harbor infrastructure first
- Ottaway Park needs services with harbor
- Survey businesses
- Compare with other successful communities
- Signage
- Waterfront Village
  - Port Dover
  - Bemus Point
  - St. Catherines
  - Niagara-on-the-Lake
  - Ellicottville
- Places to support kayak trail
- Loop system (water/sewer) with Route 20
- Pedestrian/Bike routes
- Original portage trail plus trail infrastructure
- Village to Barcelona connection
- Zoning to support vision
- Does permitting require full financial disclosure and bonding?
- Harbor, Ottaway Park, Ripley Beach, Barcelona
  - Need parking, access and design
  - Beach cleaning
  - Marina
    - Fish cleaning station
    - Services to support boaters
      - Fuel
      - Maintenance
  - “Public” marina developer?



- SUMMARY
  - Water & sewer (loop system)
  - Pre-permitting (regulations to support vision)
  - Make Route 5 pedestrian & traffic friendly
  - Waterfront Village
    - Harbor
    - Barcelona
    - Ottaway
    - Ripley Beach (redesign)
    - Marina Services

## OPEN SPACE – CONSERVATION, FARMLAND

- Concerned about sprawl
- Focusing growth
- Bring in business and tourist, but maintain open space
- Farms going right to waterfront is beautiful and nationally unique
- Open space on lake
- Preserve natural resources
- Balance between development and open space
- Economics force development – need to manage growth
- Organic foods
- Consider purchase, development rights grants to protect farmland
  - NYS Agriculture and Markets ([www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us))
  - USDA/Farm & Ranch Land Protection ([www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/frpp/))
- Farmland protection
- Prioritize around farmland
- Protecting resources you have
- Must foster economic opportunities for kids/next generation
- Create a northern environmental center like Audubon has in Jamesville
- Promote and expand year around tourism activities
- Ecotourism is a big opportunity for area
- Have economic growth while taking advantage of our open space
- Farm tours
- Checking S.A.R.E. (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)) and USDA ([www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)) grants
- Maintain rural atmosphere
- Conservation center
- Other grant opportunities
- Overall goal – Have economic growth while maintaining our rural way of life

## BEACHES

- Beaches are posted to protect owner's liability
- Challenges to private entry on public beaches
- No life-guarded beaches nearby – nearest is Dunkirk
- Liability
- Ripley beach is closed for swimming
- Mean high water mark establishes private/public boundaries
- Ambiguity of high water mark
- Major beach in Caribbean focuses beach activities, which is a positive example to consider (can we get the palm trees too!)
- Beach access/public rights are unclear
- Ripley – coves, private
- Barcelona Beach accessible
- Ripley Beach is natural and unspoiled (is also somewhat neglected)
- Ideally will have some lodging close to beaches, attractions, but not on the beach
- Keep things natural. Balance economic development and nature
  - Butterflies migrate
  - Wildlife
  - Eagles
- Focus development
- Breakwall is in bad shape and not safe – no swimming
- Right-of-passage
  - “Breaking Wall”
  - “Suicide Cliff”
- Ottaway Park
  - Lifeguard facilities?
  - Underutilized
  - Used by KOA'ers
  - Stairs gone (Aluminum Stairs – “Alumadeck”)
  - Trails
  - Creating a walk from Ottaway Park along water to Barcelona Harbor, would be great
  - Firemen convention
  - “Alumni Weekend”
  - New play area

## **STREAM FISHING**

- Improve stream access and parking
  - Route 5 near Moose Beach
  - Old Bridge at North Gale
  - Old Pump Station on Hawley
  - Water Street – Old Roric Bridge
  - South Gale Bridge
- Clarify liability issues for adjacent property owners to increase stream access
- Ensure stream corridors are kept pristine, clean, no criminal activity, etc.
  - Improvements and maintenance
  - Reducing erosion
  - Increasing structure/habitat for fish
- Encourage amenities for fishermen (e.g. lodging, equipment/tackle shops)
- Little Chautauqua Creek to remain pristine
  - Consider conservation/forestry overlay districts

## **LAKE FISHING**

- Harbor access
  - Dredging
  - Expand – long term
  - Consider converting to a “safe harbor”
- Overnight facilities for fisherman, boaters, etc.
  - Showers
  - Fish cleaning station
  - Etc.

## **TOURISM/CONNECTIONS/PROMOTION**

- Mechanism for promotion.
- Where do people go
- Businesses need to connect together and promote each other
- Lack of business signage
- Grant money for tourist bureau
- Welcome center needed
- Sign on Thruway connecting to Seaway Trail
- Access existing billboard westbound
- Internet promotion
- Bed tax too high
- Need for points of destination (Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association)
- Image of community needs addressing (Ripley in particular)
- Need more attention from CCVB
- Capitalize on assets. Focus on sunsets (3 best in world)
- Promote winter activities – cross country
- Need facilities
- Regional grants
- Agri-tourism grants
- Ripley need to develop structure to promote
- Need to strengthen Ripley-Westfield connection

## BARCELONA HARBOR

- Limited to 11 feet depth – Commercial is 15 feet
- Change rubble wall
  - East – encloses harbor
  - Northeast – debris (estimates 6 million)
- Dredge east exit/mooring
- Beach may disappear
- More parking
- Need walkway/water
- Lighthouse?
- For boats:
  - No electricity or water
  - Pump out station
- Need more places to stay, eat, shop
- Signs to direct
- Shuttle bus to Westfield Village
- Improve docking for overnight
- Grocery store
- Enhance quaint character
- Continuing effort to clean up area; public and private
- Landscape/flowers
- Upgrade restrooms/unlock season
- Use lighthouse/ship as draw
- Well planned/aesthetic
- Incentives to private sector to build high-quality lodging – upland
- Water and sewer
  - Existing 2 inch or ¾ inch
  - North portage – from Main Street
- Clean beach – groomed
- Areas to walk – trail from Chautauqua Creek along Route 5 to Lake to Harbor
- Shops
- Gear activities towards family