

Westfield-Ripley Public Workshop #2: April 25, 2007

BREAKOUT GROUPS NOTES

Breakout Group #1

1st Street

- Consider boulevard development on 1st Street
- Think about improvements to larger Barcelona Hamlet area (2nd Street, 3rd Street, etc.)
- How can parking be sensitively provided?
- A cobblestone treatment of 1st street may not lend itself to winter time use, as it can be slippery
- The Barcelona Museum is a hidden resource that could feature more prominently in any redevelopment plan

Ottaway Park

- Bandshell idea (like the one in Wilson, NY -- see workshop presentation) would be appropriate for Ottaway Park
- Chautauqua Institution could play/practice there
- Like Beemus Pops
- Bring your own picnic type of atmosphere

More bed-and-breakfasts are needed.

Conceptual areas for overnight accommodations should be shown on concept plans.

Barcelona Harbor

- Facilitating connections through the harbor for pedestrians is good, especially providing more beach access
- Improvements to the harbor area can benefit the entire community, raise property re-sale values

Gorges

- Private property owners with gorge access could market their properties as access points for recreational fishermen.
- A nature/conference center up in the gorges that is fishing oriented could be very successful.

- Nature center could include ski rentals for winter activities, hot chocolate, snow shoeing, etc.
- Ithaca style trails and parks should be created around the gorges, starting by building off of the popular Moose Beach trail (actually a DEC fishing access path).

Immediate Steps

- Dredge the harbor! Find out how to make this happen.
- Improved utilities are need down at the harbor, but they may be expensive
- The water in the harbor area gets stale – need to figure out how to fix that

Breakout Group #2

Public Infrastructure

- Water/Sewer
- Energy Opportunities
- Communications

Vision: Promote Area More. Tour buses come through in August/July – connect with operators and get them to stop. Brochures.

Route 5 Bypass

Current Attractions Include:

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| • Beach | • Boating/Kayaking |
| • Fishing | • Lighthouse |
| • Antiques | • Sea Lion |
| • Wine Trail | • Beach Glass |
| • Vineyards | • Restaurants |
| • Hunting | • Harbor/Pier |
| • Camping | • Sunsets |
| • Fresh Produce | |

There should be more:

- Swimming Areas
- Bath House/ Public Restrooms
- Lodging
- Large Public Gathering Spaces
- Fishing Amenities
- Rentals – Bikes, Kyaks, Fishing Equipment, Boats, Roller Blades
- Shopping
- Pump-out Station
- Dredging
- Private Investment
- Regularly Programmed Activities
- Promotional Packages
- Music/Entertainment

Breakout Group #3

Develop Gorges

“Return to the Past” – look to history for inspiration

Transportation system should support attractions and lakeshore

Create and facilitate development in the harbor and lakefront in a manner that benefits everyone

Consider all the seasons for activity, not just summer

Security and liability issues need to be addressed as part of increasing public access and use of resources, such as at Ripley Beach.

Celebrate what we have already

Don't forget Village of Westfield and Hamlet of Ripley – connect these communities to lakefront and gorge resources

Bike path along Route 5 to make cycling more attractive and safe

Sea Kayaking along the lakeshore and near the harbor.

Breakout Group #4

Monthly wine tours

Lakeboat gambling

Lake Erie cruises

Initial Investor (\$)

- NY State, DEC, Investment Group
- Private Investor
- Show lakefront success

Hot Air Balloon

Paint Ball

Recreational Water Activities

- Jet Ski
- Kayak
- Fishing
- Diving/Snorkeling
- Windsailing

Trails – Winter and Summer Use

Cross Country Skiing

Develop and Utilize NYS Thruway

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Recreational Facilities: State Park, Batting Cages, Soccer!, tennis, other sports
- Rest Areas w/parks

Cinema/Theater

Drive-In's

Water & Sewer Utilities

Breakout Group #5

1st Street Concept

- Sidewalks
- Lights
- Restricted traffic, pedestrian oriented
- Retail and “Critical Mass”

Enhance Public Pier/ Public Restrooms

Sign for restrooms

Public Purchase of Marina?

Open East Barcelona Beach – Public

Boardwalk Concept

- Shops along boardwalk
- Access to lighthouse
- Walkway more towards water
- Some boardwalk to the east of pier may also be desirable

Pier Concept

- Decorative Post
- Trees? Appropriate in upper/inner section of pier?
- Planters could be supplemented/substituted with hanging baskets or some other type of more visible landscaping
- Some boardwalk to the east of pier may also be desirable

Ripley Beach

- *Parking an issue*
- *Nature center good tie in to raptor migration*
- *More signage is needed to cue people on Route 5 to location of beach*