



What is the Vision?

In my weekly reports I have mentioned several grants and I suspect that much of it feels haphazard. I am not a fan of plans, I prefer implementation activity. The path we are on should lead us to implementation of many of the ideas and projects that have been proposed in the past.

We have four different plans for the village that were developed over the last 15-20 years. These include the current LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program), The Downtown Vision Plan, Sodus Bay Waterfront Initiative and Great Sodus Bay Harbor Management Plan. All of these are available on the web site under Zoning and Planning. A few items from each have been implemented but largely they are just ideas.



We have been fortunate enough to secure a grant to update our master plan (LWRP). This should start by summer and will involve the community, the Planning and Zoning Boards, the plans from the past, and our zoning code. A consultant that has experience doing this type of work will facilitate the effort with a goal to bring it all together into a revised master plan that is approved by the village board. This information will be supplemented with information gained through the Alternate Transportation Program (ATP) grant that will run concurrently. The ATP grant was



Strategies:

- Complete the development of the greenway connections between downtown and the beach with consideration to appropriate materials and location based on a coordinated long range improvement plan for the ballfield, parking lot and adjacent waterfront as illustrated in the Design Principles.
- Promote shared use of roadways for bicycles including designated bicycle lanes.
- Develop routes and maps for walking and biking tours.

awarded last summer and is currently in the final stages of hiring the consulting company that will facilitate the process. After the ATP grant is completed we will apply for

a circulation, access and parking grant. If we are successful in getting that grant, the information gained from that will become supplemental to the revised master plan. We are also in the final stages of applying for a grant to fund an EV Charging station in the municipal lot adjacent to Willow Park for those who might come with an electric car.



In addition to these grants we have been working with the Genesee Land Trust regarding the Jefferson property along Lake Road. It looks like they are going to be successful in obtaining the eastern portion. Should that happen, we will work with the trust to develop plans for a trail system within that property. Those trails will connect to pathways envisioned in the ATP.



We also were successful in obtaining a grant from NY Sea Grant which is being used to install a kayak/canoe launch at the end of South Ontario Street. We expect that to be in place this summer.

The next step will be to prioritize the ideas, develop an implementation plan, identify funding sources and begin to get some of the ideas implemented. NYS offers a program called Downtown Revitalization Initiative. This is a competitive program that both Newark and Geneva are currently taking advantage of. The awards are very significant and will allow a large number of projects to be funded if we are successful. Once we have our program lined up, we will apply and see if we can win that grant.

All grants take a significant amount of time to request and even more, time to administer once we are successful in obtaining them. We are trying to time out our requests to ensure we do a great job on those that we are awarded.

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