

meeting summary

City of Rochester
Vacuum Oil Brownfield Opportunity Area

Public Informational Open House
October 29, 2015 • 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Attendees

Project Team Representatives

- Mark Gregor, City of Rochester
- Dorraine Kirkmire, City of Rochester
- Kimberly Baptiste, Bergmann Associates
- Gary Flisnik, Bergmann Associates
- Mark Johns, Bergmann Associates
- Ted Liddell, Bergmann Associates
- Andrew Raus, Bergmann Associates
- Peter Wlodarczyk, Bergmann Associates
- Lawrence Cranor, RKG Associates

Steering Committee & Community Members

- Approximately 52 people were in attendance

Project Overview

Mark Gregor opened the meeting at 6:30 and provided an overview of the project. Andy Raus (Bergmann) continued the presentation with a brief review of the project's timeline and what has been accomplished to date. Andy reviewed the various efforts to be undertaken through the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant.

Andy described the format of the meeting, noting there were 6 stations for attendees to visit and learn more about study area specific topics:

- General BOA project information and master plan
- Environmental / Brownfield Cleanup Program
- Housing
- Parks and Open Space
- Flood Protection
- Transportation / Traffic

Each of the stations was manned by a member of the project team. Project team members answered questions and provided information to meeting attendees.

meeting summary

A summary of written comments and ideas from the meeting are noted below by topic area:

General

- Provide grant or low rate loans to investors to remove blighted properties
- Please preserve mix-racial/socioeconomic--we don't need to become another Cornhill

Environmental

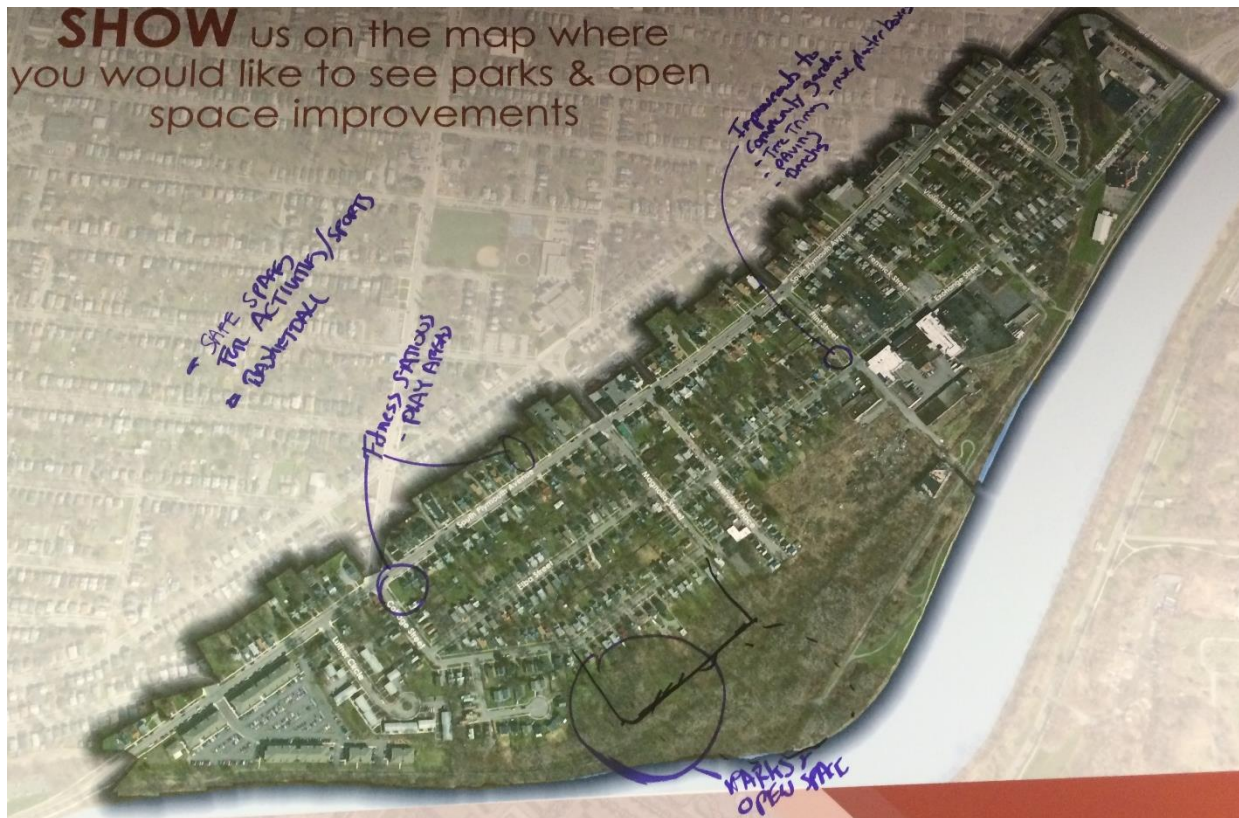
- No written comments

Flood Protection

- Request new clearing plan graphic
- Retain wildlife habitat in the undeveloped portion adjacent to Cottage Street

Parks & Open Space

- Incorporate State Park elements along Riverwall trail
- Ensure neighborhood Safety for all areas adjacent to parkland
- Boat launch (motorboats) Niagara-on-the-lake
- Bicycle lock up/racks
- Bike repair station



meeting summary

Neighborhood Improvement & Housing

- Like to see more homeownership
- More help for homeowner occupants for fixing up their homes- for those who are not very poor, but the working class
- More beautification of streets (ie trees, lights)
- Neighborworks low interest loans require you to borrow more money than you need and then the interest costs more and loses some of its value
- Homesteading Program – targeting vacant homes
- Need to improve building facades on South Plymouth—make it more of a welcome feel.

Transportation

- Exchange Street does not handle the volume of traffic that is currently on it. Very narrow for the volume. Currently, need to improve street function and keep on-street parking.
- South Plymouth need to attract through traffic.
- Need a corridor plan for South Plymouth—needs attention and focus.
- Engage with UofR to provide more transportation to campus from rentals in area
- Pedestrian access across river—Flint Street Area
- Water Access at end of Flint with parking (Canoe/kayak)
- Zip line on slopes and cross country trails

Attendees visited the stations at their leisure. The meeting concluded at 8:40 PM