

DEPOSIT AREA

Community Service Needs Assessment

Summary of Stakeholder Meeting - October 18, 2004

The Towns of Deposit and Sanford, along with the Village of Deposit, have engaged the Fairweather Consulting Group and Shepstone Management Company to assist with the preparation of a Community Service Needs Assessment. Broome and Delaware Counties, through their Office of Aging and Planning Departments, are also involved.

A project kickoff meeting was held with approximately 40 stakeholders on Monday, October 18, 2004 at the Deposit Central School to launch the project. It involves a three month process to identify the Deposit Area's key community needs, assign priorities to those needs and make recommendations to local officials on a strategy for addressing them.

The first meeting focused on identifying needs. This included a map exercise to identify strengths and weaknesses. It also included an overview of some of the key trend data affecting the Deposit area. Finally, three workshops were conducted with participants to identify some of the important community service needs. Each group was asked to answer certain key questions.

The results are outlined on the pages following:

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- 1) **What important community services or facilities, if any, are currently lacking altogether within the Deposit Area?**

Group No. 1

Assisted living for seniors
Activities for older teens
Joint community facility for all ages
Regionally linked visitor center
Community identity (e.g. "Western Catskills")
Advertising of cultural and historical assets
School-centered programs
Job and shopping opportunities
Workers

Group No. 2

Taxi / bus service for seniors
Community center for seniors, banquets and meetings
Youth center/counseling
Waterfront recreation and hiking trails
Pedestrian link to Fireman's Park
Barber
Adult respite care
Assisted living for seniors
Bakery
Track field
Tennis courts

Group No. 3

Assisted living for seniors / adult home
Home health agency
Mental health services (no limited)
Taxi / public transportation
Affordable clothing
Weekend coverage for Health Center
Shared ride program
Youth center and programs beyond sports
Theater group for children
Larger and confidential space for seniors

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- 2) What existing community services or facilities, if any, are currently inadequate within the Deposit Area?

Group No. 1

Sewer and water system capacity
Downtown parking that is signed and suitable for use
Senior facility space (now crowded)
Police Department (lack of trust, but improving)
Community participation
Emergency Medical Services (community isolated)
North Sanford senior programs (isolated with special needs)
Public transportation (all types)

Group No. 2

Adult fitness center (affordable)
Tennis courts at School
Larger restaurant for functions
Wastewater treatment
Road maintenance
Improved gateway (Routes 8, 10 and 17)
Preservation and restoration of historical buildings
Coordination of community groups, service clubs and website development
Expand youth programs
Arts programming (by non-artists)
Coordinating and expanding shopping hours
Reuse old school site

Group No. 3

Cell towers (now being stalled)
High-speed internet service
Sewer and water infrastructure for industrial growth
Socialization opportunities for youth
Cardiac rehab services

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- 3) **What realistic opportunities, if any, exist to consolidate or combine community services in the Deposit Area?**

Group No. 1

School multi-use programs

Combine courts, etc. (difficult to cross county lines and isolation a challenge)

Joint highway maintenance

Community center for adults, youth and seniors

After school program coordination

Sharing of distance learning network with private sector & others (e.g. training)

Group No. 2

Community center shared by all for multiple needs and management efficiency

Accelerate sharing of municipal services and facilities with County/State help

Multi-jurisdictional economic development strategy

Preschool and day care programs integrated with Head Start

Shared use of recreational facilities whenever possible

Group No. 3

Shared ride program for access to senior programs

Adopt a grandparent and other intergenerational programs

Sharing of Deposit School and Village Free Library space

Extended use of distance learning network

Leadership group to collaborate on programs and sharing of information

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- 4) What are the most critical community service needs in the Village of Deposit and who should meet them?

Group No. 1

Water and sewer capacity

Multi-use community center (youth, seniors and co-op programs)

Mainstreaming of Deposit under county programs to get more attention and \$'s

Building political support locally

Lowering the cost of living and, especially, taxes

Building on strengths to attract and keep residents

Reinvestment in the community

Subsidized housing

Leadership regarding consolidation and cooperation and organization training

Group No. 2

Parking

Emergency Medical Services

Sewer and water infrastructure

Visual experience for tourists

Regulations to receive development

Senior services

Youth services

Cellular phone reception

Group No. 3

New senior meal site / aging out program support

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- 5) What are the most critical community service needs outside the Village of Deposit and who should meet them?

Group No. 1

Transportation (all types)

Public education on services available (e.g. better community calendar)

Meals on Wheels / satellite senior services

Emergency Medical Services

Cellular service

Communications upgrade (DSL, etc.)

Joint municipal planning

Addressing NYC obligations as "good neighbor" (e.g. fight over assessment)

Group No. 2

Regulations to receive development

Transportation to Village for services/getting services to the homebound

Emergency Medical Services

Sewer and water for industry

Coordinated tourism gateways in Village and Towns

County and State cooperation

Group No. 3

Senior center / community center

Services for disenfranchised youth

Youth employment opportunities

School and business infrastructure (e.g. youth business mentoring)

Meals on wheels

Transportation

Grant writing support