

MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
October 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm in the Meeting Room at Cornell Cooperative Extension on Grant Ave.

The minutes from June 5, 2002 were approved as mailed. The attendance sheet was missing and will be reviewed at the December Meeting.

Presentation: Cost of Community Services (COCS)

Presented by: David Haight, American Farmland Trust

A Cost of Community Services (COCS) analysis is an easy to understand way to determine the net fiscal contribution of different land uses to local budgets. Municipal records are reorganized to assign the cost of local public services to privately owned farm, forest and open lands, as well as residential, commercial, and industrial lands. The result is a set of ratios that compare the annual income to the annual expenditures for different land uses.

COCS studies are a snapshot in time of the costs versus revenues for each type of land use. They do not predict future costs or revenues or the impact of future growth. They do provide a baseline of current information to help local officials and citizens to make informed land use and policy decisions.

In Central New York, the trends that have been seen is that for every dollar of tax money (revenue that comes in) for farm/forest/open space, \$ 0.21 of services are provided; for combined commercial and industrial, \$ 0.29 in services are provided; and for residential (including farm houses), \$ 1.36 in services are provided.

These studies show that even though residential development brings in a lot of tax dollars, they are actually a losing investment when you look at the cost of services they need.

A copy of a COCS study done by the Town of Byron, NY is available. Other handouts were also distributed. If you would like a copy of any of these materials, please contact Amy D'Angelo at 253-1276.

Presentation: LEAPE (Locally-Led Education and Action for Protecting the Environment)

Presented by: Kelly Fallone, Cornell Cooperative Extension and
Michele Wunderlich, Cayuga County Planning and Development

LEAPE is an educational package for local governments interested in protecting water resources in their communities. LEAPE offers basic education about pollution of surface and groundwater, the relationship of water resources protection to traditional local government responsibilities, actions local government can take to protect and improve water quality, and technical and financial resources.

LEAPE introduces the basic concepts behind stormwater management, nonpoint source pollution control, and water quality protection and leads the learner through an aerial exploration of the learner's community. The municipality will participate in identifying nonpoint source (NPS) issues. LEAPE describes some actions that local government can take to protect water resources. The procedures make use of resources information technologies, including resource inventory, remote sensing and geographic information

systems (GIS). The education is built around a profile of the community based on existing, publicly available data.

If you are interested in bringing LEAPE to your Town of Village, contact either Kelly Fallone at Cornell Cooperative Extension (255-1183) or Michele Wunderlich at Cayuga County Planning and Development (253-1276). They will set up a training meeting that can be up to four hours in length depending on your community's goal. They will also set you up with the software for no cost.

If you would like a copy of the brochure, please contact Amy D'Angelo at 253-1276.

Local Status Reports:

Clarence Edwards – Niles – Started building a new Town Hall facility.

Dorothy Southard – Ira – Town Board approved to buy the Cato Station in the Village of Cato to house its Town Office.

Other Matters

1. In trying to cut back on postage money we are trying to send as much as possible through e-mail. If you are a member of the planning board and have an e-mail address that I could send meeting notices and minutes through, please contact me at 253-1276, or send me an e-mail at adangelo@co.cayuga.ny.us
2. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council is offering another training opportunity. The conference will be on November 15th from 9am – 4pm. The cost is \$40.00. Please contact Amy D'Angelo at 253-1276 for more information.
3. As can be seen from the last couple of meetings I am trying to bring in guest speakers to talk on various topics. In December we will be having two very important presentations. The first will be Daniel O'Flattery from New York Manufactured Homes Association to discuss the difference between a mobile home, a manufactured home, and a modular home and how to regulate them to get what you want. The second will be a presentation on Phase II Stormwater Regulations. These federally mandated changes will affect our county significantly. These changes go into effect on March 10, 2003. This is your chance to find out more about it and what you need to do to get ready. I bring this up because the last two meetings have been poorly attended. These meetings are your opportunity to bring valuable information back to your community without having to attend costly training sessions outside our County. Also, these meetings are open the public and anyone interested in any of these topics are welcome to attend. So please spread the word.

The next meeting will be on December 4, 2002 at 7:30 pm in the Cayuga County Legislative Chambers on the 5th floor of the County Office Building. If the Chambers is still unavailable due to construction on the 6th floor, the change in meeting place will be announced in the notice at the end of November.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT OCTOBER 2, 2002

Local Representatives:

Attended	Municipality	Appointed Local Representative
X	Auburn	Laurie Michelman
	Aurelius	Gerald Scouten
	Aurora	Pat Rittenhouse
X	Brutus	Garry Towne
	Cato (Town)	Tom Lloyd
X	Cato (Village)	Peg Sweetman
	Cayuga	Bob Pollard
	Conquest	Dale Powell
	Fair Haven	Donna Hudson
	Fleming	Jaime Moore
	Genoa	Gene Reynolds
X	Ira	Dorothy Southard
	Ledyard	Steve Zabriskie
X	Locke	Sara Friend
X	Mentz	John Moose
	Meridian	Beth DiShaw
	Montezuma	No Appointment made by Municipality
	Moravia (Town)	Nancy Weaver
	Moravia (Village)	Wally Long
X	Niles	Clarence Edmunds
	Owasco	Richard Knull/Planning Board Members
X	Port Byron	Carlton Cook
X	Scipio	Bruce Hatfield
	Sempronius	No Appointment made by Municipality
	Sennett	David Morris
	Springport	Karl Rindfleisch
	Sterling	Jim Thompson
	Summer Hill	Floyd Fuller
	Throop	No Appointment made by Municipality
	Union Springs	Kim Willis
	Venice	No Appointment made by Municipality
X	Victory	Debra Davis
X	Weedsport	Chester Dziergas

Staff:

Amy D'Angelo, County Planner

Michele Wunderlich, County Environmental Planner

Public:

Kelly Fallone, Cornell Cooperative Extension

David Haight, American Farmland Trust

Judy Wright, American Farmland Trust