

Westside Planning Area Meeting Summary
Lishakill Middle School, Waterman Ave
Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

27 Participants

Housing

Assets	
Dots	Comment
2	Wide range of housing opportunities
0	Building code enforcement

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
11	No need for cluster housing
3	Lack of universal design homes
2	Affordable housing needs for Seniors with transportation
1	Lack of neighborhood centers
1	temporary transient hosing
0	Lack of multi-family housing opportunities

Cultural Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
4	The Crossings
1	Shaker Site
1	Pruyn house
1	Historic houses

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
2	Need for satellite library facilities
1	Lack of performing arts facilities

Natural Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
13	Wooded hill between Lishakill & Denison
7	Vly Road area wetlands
7	Pine Bush
3	Mohawk bike path
3	Mohawk Riverfront
3	Diversity of wildlife
3	Nature / Land conservancy protected lands
3	Farms
2	Ann Lee pond
1	Lishakill Creek
0	Lupe Way wetlands

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
5	Additional Pine Bush protection
5	Threat to Vly Road area wetland
2	Need for more open space preservation
2	Residential over development
2	Need for greater wetland protection
1	Unwanted wildlife
1	Loss of farms
0	Threat to wooded hill between Lishakill / Denison

Community Services

Assets	
Dots	Comment
7	Police Dept.
4	Emergency medical services
3	Colonie youth center
2	Bright Horizons adult day care
2	Fire services
1	Senior service center & resources
0	Latchkey program
0	Town nurse

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
4	Need for traffic calming
1	Lack of communication about Town/School services
1	Need for more police
1	Need for median barriers ad Railroad crossings
0	Need for better public relations
0	Need for more community outreach
0	Need for traffic enforcement
0	Need for more satellite services
0	Need for more senior outreach
0	Need for more outreach of ability impaired

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Community Resources

Assets	
Dots	Comment
4	Good water supply
4	Bike Trail
3	Good snow removal
3	The Crossings
3	Good parks
2	New ballfields
2	Airport
1	Reasonable water rates
0	Cul-de-sacs

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
9	Need for more sidewalks
8	Traffic congestion
5	Lack of street lights
4	Need for more bike lanes
4	Need for more pocket parks
3	Need for trails
3	Lack of ATV trails
2	Too many cul-de-sacs
2	Lack of traffic signal coordination
1	Through traffic speeders on residential streets
1	Lack of bus shelters, benches, lighting
1	Need to extend sanitary sewer lines
0	Auto dependencies
0	Lack of multi-modal transportation
0	Lack of water pressure
0	Snow plowing
0	Commercial/Industrial lack of buffers
0	Appearance of Troy Schenectady Road
0	Mis-use of trails by motor vehicles
0	Repaving of residential streets
0	Need for sporting facility
0	Albany Airport noise

Land Use

Assets	
Dots	Comment
6	New parks and trails
5	Convenient location
4	Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission
2	Lishakill Market neighborhood commercial area
2	Mohawk Riverfront Revitalization Program
0	Elimination of cumulative zoning
0	Town participation in preserve commission

Liabilities	
Dots	Comment
7	Need to direct development away from Pine Bush
5	Need to preserve more open space
5	Need for moratorium trigger
3	Cumulative development impact studies
2	Too much commercial development
2	Need for more protection of residential from commercial
2	Buffer zones
2	Need for rezoning
2	Plan for high speed train impacts
1	Recycle existing properties
1	Lack of insinuation for business redevelopment
1	Need for farm land
1	Need for future land use development study
1	Lack of hospital facilities
0	Need for more small neighborhood areas
0	Need for agricultural districts
0	Need for public transportation planning in development process
0	Traffic congestion

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