

Who Was There?

More than 80 community members attended the event hosted by Oneida County, MVHS, MVEDGE, Town of New Hartford and the Consultant Team.

Speakers

Anthony J. Picente, Jr. - County Executive, Oneida County

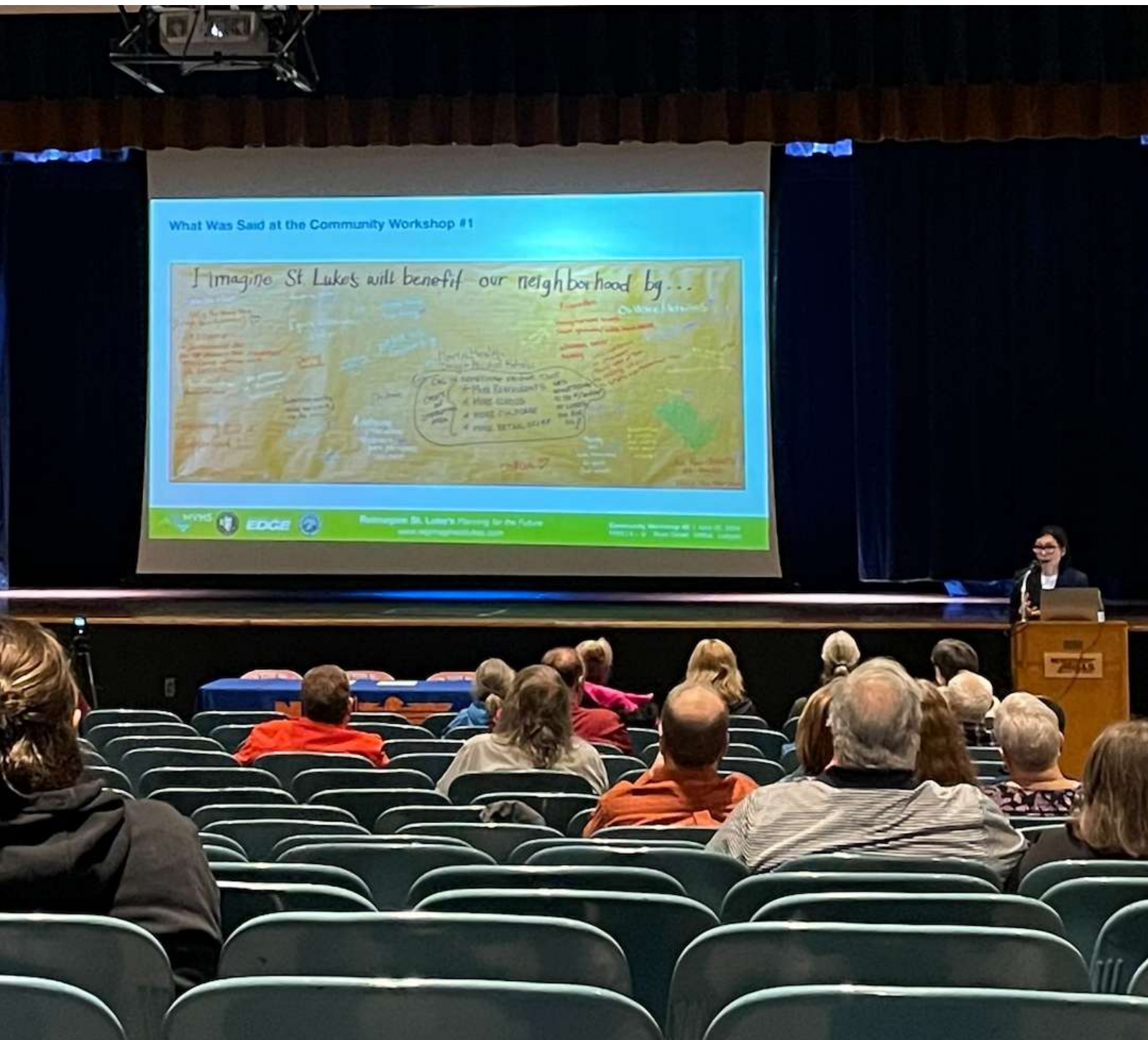
Jonie Fu - Consultant Team Lead

What We Did

The meeting was held on April 30, 2024, 7–8:30 pm at New York Mills School.

Agenda

- “Where We Are in the Process” by County Executive Anthony Picente.
- Project Progress by Jonie Fu, Consultant Team Lead.
- An open forum followed where the community members participated in a Visual Survey and offered input and comments.



What Was Said

During the Open Forum, people commented on the Draft Vision Statement and their comments were recorded.

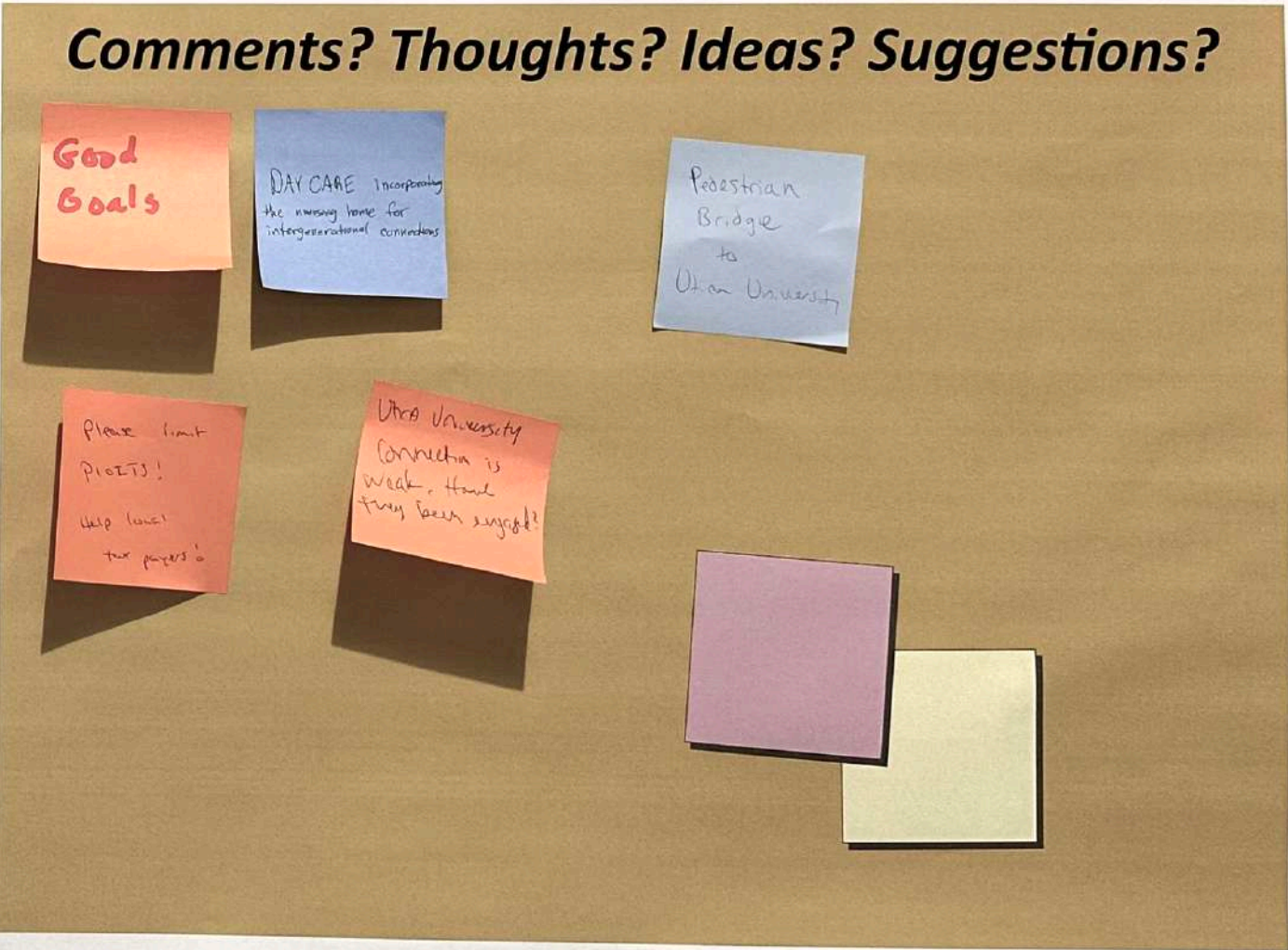
VISION STATEMENT & COMMUNITY GOALS

DRAFT - COMMUNITY VISION

Transform St. Luke's campus into a new neighborhood with interesting things to do, a variety of places to live, and great connections to nature and the surrounding communities; one that celebrates the site's heritage of promoting wellness, while creating exciting opportunities for the future.

DRAFT - COMMUNITY GOALS

- Create a neighborhood
- Make it an interesting destination with lots of things to do
- Make it a gathering place for people of all ages
- Include a variety of housing
- Expand education and job-creation opportunities
- Create synergistic relationship with Utica University
- Focus on wellness, fitness, indoor and outdoor sports and entertainment
- Provide kids and youth programs
- Celebrate and commemorate the legacy of St. Luke's Medical Center
- Respect natural landscape, ecology; including gardens, green infrastructure and trails



What Was Said

During the Open Forum, people participated in a Visual Survey of images that may best describe St. Luke's future.

TOWN CENTER

Create a Town Center that offers an outdoor commons for year-round activities and festivities for people of all ages framed/surrounded by specialty retail, restaurants, and other community amenities.

Central Square Surrounded by Retail and Housing
Multi-purpose Village Green
Specialty Retail
Indoor/Outdoor Dining
Main Street with Retail
Food Hall/Marketplace
Performance Space
Seasonal Activities & Festivals
Night Time Attractions

Some Suggested Discussion Topics:

- Destination: local, regional ...
- Place making
- Gathering Place
- Activities for families, kids, seniors etc.
- Year-round activities
- Shopping
- Dining
- Entertainment
- Festivals
- Pedestrian-oriented
- What else ...?

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

TOWN CENTER

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Promote all season outdoor activities focused on health, wellness and community enjoyment.

Winter Market
Skating Rinks
Crafts Market
Farmer's Market
Performance Space
Outdoor Dining
Family Social Space
Pickleball and Other Sports
Farm-to-Table Dining
Community Gardens

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

Some Suggested Discussion Topics:

- Destination: local, regional ...
- Place making
- Gathering Place
- Activities for families, kids, seniors etc.
- Year-round activities
- Healthy life style
- Social events
- Dining
- Shopping
- Entertainment
- what else ...?

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

OPEN SPACE

Create a series of squares, parks and trails that extend into the new residential neighborhoods and connect with CRCCS, Utica University, Business Park, and other surrounding communities.

Pavilions
Urban Park
Family Destination
Place to Linger
Community Gardens
Teaching Landscapes
Nature Trails
Wildlife
Green Infrastructure
Wetlands Filtration

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

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- Destination: local, regional ...
- Place making
- Gathering Place
- Activities for families, kids, seniors etc.
- Year-round activities
- Healthy life style
- Connection to the nature
- Climate resilience
- Bio-diversity
- What else ...?

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

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HOUSING

Offer a variety of housing types and density and varied building height (taller in the middle of the site and taper down to meet the existing residential communities) especially tailored to young professionals and seniors in both rental and ownership options.

Traditional Townhouses, Modern Townhouses, Cottages, Single Family Homes, Small Apartment Buildings, Clustered Townhouses, Tall Apartment Buildings, Housing Surrounded by Nature, Walkable Neighborhoods, Community Amenities

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

Some Suggested Discussion Topics:

- Variety of housing types
- Variety of housing neighborhoods
- Amenities for families, kids, seniors etc.
- Community spaces for gathering and play
- Place making
- What else ...?

STREETS & PARKING

Focus on quality of pedestrian experience throughout the new development. Introduce a street hierarchy that includes parkways, Main Street, residential streets, and alleys that are planned holistically with parking. Streets and parking should be designed with green infrastructure (stormwater management) and landscape.

Town Center Streets, Residential Streets, Streets with Rain Gardens, Separated Bike lanes, Easy Pedestrian Crossings, Convenience Parking, Parking Behind the Buildings, Landscaped Parking Lots, Parking Designed for Resilience, Parking Alleys

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

Some Suggested Discussion Topics:

- Variety of street types
- Hierarchy of street types
- Pedestrian friendly streets
- Safe streets
- Easy pedestrian crossings
- Traffic speeds
- Vehicular access
- Concealed parking
- Attractive parking
- What else ...?

REGIONAL LANDSCAPE

Create a setting that is in character with the Mohawk Valley ecology. Preserve existing hedge rows and provide connections to the larger landscape with trails.

Regional Context, Parkway, Trails, Wetlands, Winter Landscape

Comments? Thoughts? Ideas? Suggestions?

Some Suggested Discussion Topics:

- Destination: local, regional ...
- Connecting to regional network
- Activities for families, kids, seniors etc.
- Year-round activities
- Healthy life style
- Connection to the nature
- Climate resilience
- Natural eco-systems and bio-diversity
- Natural water networks and systems
- What else ...?

What We Heard

The Visual Survey results were tabulated. Plan elements over five votes, shown in bold, are considered priorities.

TOWN CENTER		OPEN SPACES		HOUSING		STREETS AND PARKING		OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES		REGIONAL LANDSCAPE	
Outdoor Performance Space	12	Wildlife	14	Community Amenities	8	Easy Pedestrian Crossings	12	Outdoor Dining	10	Trails	13
Seasonal Activities and Festivals	11	Nature Trails	12	Cottages	7	Streets with Rain Gardens	5	Pickle Ball and other Sports	10	Wetlands Trails	10
Night Time Attractions	10	Community Garden	12	Walkable Neighborhoods	6	Town Center Wide Sidewalk	5	Performance Space	9	Winter Landscape	6
Multipurpose Village Green	9	Teaching Landscape	8	Single Family Homes	4	Parking behind Buildings	3	Winter Market	7	Parkway	0
Indoor/Outdoor Dining	9	Family Destination	7	Modern Townhouses	4	Separated Bike Lanes	3	Farmer's Market	6		
Central Square with Retail and Housing	4	Wetlands Infiltration	7	Traditional Townhouses	3	Parking Alleys	2	Skating Rink	4		
Food Hall/ Marketplace	3	Green Infrastructure	6	Housing near Nature	2	Residential Area Sidewalk	1	Family Space	4		
Pedestrian Main Street with Retail	3	Places to Linger	6	Clustered Townhouses	2	Landscaped Parking Lots	1	Craft Market	4		
Specialty Retail	0	Urban Park	4	Tall Apartment Buildings	1	Convenience Parking	0	Farm-to-Table Dining	3		
		Pavilions	3	Small Apartment Buildings	0	Design Parking with Resilience	0	Farm-to-Table Dining	3		

What We Heard

Additional write-in comments are documented and will be incorporated into the conceptualization of the plan.

TOWN CENTER	OPEN SPACES	HOUSING	STREETS AND PARKING	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	REGIONAL LANDSCAPE
<p>Important to young professionals - YES!</p> <p>Enough Retail in New Hartford already</p> <p>Need Strong focus before we talk 11/7 for business and of community</p> <p>Already coming to Utica Harbor Point, Food Hall, Performance spaces, Seasonal activities</p> <p>We don't need any more rentals!</p> <p>We have enough retail in New Hartford when a new one comes on another goes out of business</p> <p>NOT Lower income housing - Disagree!</p> <p>Township 5 of councils</p> <p>If this were a self-contained community could it support itself? Does it have every thing a community needs?</p> <p>Why not light manufacturing? We need jobs.</p> <p>Very much needed</p> <p>Performance Space</p>	<p>Keep Fields + Trees for Deer other animals</p> <p>Don't ruin the open nature we have. Make it better + healthier</p> <p>Many of these open space items exist in abundance locally already.</p> <p>Yes! "Place to linger"</p> <p>Partner w/ Utica Zoo</p> <p>Trees Trees trees</p>	<p>got to have jobs to pay for rent - young people at risk</p> <p>Solar usage</p> <p>Create steps to single fam home ownership</p> <p>Not like Rome Business park Housing</p> <p>Community activity building ping pong, gym, etc.</p> <p>ADA w/ possible visiting healthcare services</p> <p>Variety of housing options!</p> <p>Collages YES!</p> <p>Coordinate w/ Utica State!!</p> <p>Have a good rental/own split i.e. 70% own 30% rental</p> <p>Amend this land into Utica City Limits</p> <p>Need new housing in the Utica area & Mohawk Valley</p> <p>No TALL Buildings which Block Views (like Wynne does)</p>	<p>CONSCIOUS LIGHTING FOR DARKER SKY - BETTER FOR WILDLIFE + HUMANS - ENCREASE EFFICIENCY</p> <p>Bridge connector AS A Focal PT on Champlain RD</p> <p>MUST figure out for Utica U + Biz Park</p> <p>Rd crossings need a lot of focus</p> <p>Caperstown-esque</p> <p>Keep expanding tax base top of mind!</p> <p>NEED SIDEWALK ON Burdstone Rd. Both sides... ↓ Extend Bike trail to connect to Rayhill trail and NYS Archival.</p>	<p>Keep our climate in mind!!</p> <p>Indoor exercise green house walking gardens</p> <p>MINIMAL SPORTS FIELDS - DEAD LAND 75% OF TIME</p> <p>Connect this development to Utica's Oldest Parks rather than duplicate</p> <p>Remember to Make space Age-Friendly + Accessible to ALL</p> <p>spaces to practice or do pickup games</p> <p>No Softball field - Baseball field - Pickleball</p> <p>Garden → Farmer's Market → Farm to table → outdoor dining</p> <p>Spelunking - Rock Climbing gym a la Clarks Gym</p> <p>Could use more Children Activities</p> <p>Recreation opportunities</p> <p>NO PICKLE BALL! (but a good idea)</p>	<p>model community adjacent to ADK gateway</p> <p>Native growth YES!</p> <p>NEED WALKING EXERCISE LOOP ON THIS SIDE OF TOWN - PROCTOR PARK ONE IS GREAT BUT FAR</p> <p>Encompass over with loops to highlight our region</p> <p>Some Suggested Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination: local, regional ... • Connecting to regional network • Activities for families, kids, seniors etc. • Year-round activities • Healthy life style • Connection to the nature • Climate resilience • Natural eco-systems and bio-diversity