

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY FORUMS - ENVIRONMENT THEME

	Slingerlands	Selkirk	South Bethlehem	Delmar	Glenmont	North Bethlehem	Elsmere
	11/29/2018	12/13/2018	1/10/2019	1/30/2019	3/7/2019	3/14/2019	3/21/2019
	4 groups, 38 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	4 groups, 59 people total	4 groups, 51 people total	4 groups, 42 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	3 groups, 29 people total
General	Opportunity for urban forestry		Concerned about landfill refuse blowing onto adjacent property, into waterway.	Likes the wildlife. Likes 5 Rivers	Likes the proximity to nature/nearby nature. Concerned that environmental and land use mitigation is not borne by developers (copy).		
Air Quality		Concerned about air quality	Vision that fresh air feel is retained.				
Stormwater	Vision- Stormwater Management Plan						Concerned about stormwater- old style ditches, side streets, erosion.
Wetlands, Waterways			Concerned about banks of river.	Vision to maintain wetlands and greenspace. Vision for green infrastructure. Concerned about wetland development.			
Trees/ Wooded Areas				Likes the trees. Likes the tree-lined streets. Vision for a tree replacement program. Vision that the forest is retained and protected. Concerned about the loss of trees, forest, ecosystems. Opportunity to have a community forest.		Concerned about overgrown trees.	Vision for no clear cutting of trees. Vision for planting more trees and adding greenery, replacing greenery. Concerned about wildlife- deer with nowhere to go.
Sustainability, Renewable Energy, Waste, Resilience				Vision for collective shared goal/strategy for sustainability (2). Vision for more sustainable/renewable energy. Vision for an energy efficient community. Concerned about sustainability and environmental issues. Opportunity to allow ground mounted solar in residential areas by-right. Opportunity to use renewable energy for street lighting, EV charging stations. Opportunity for making Bethlehem Sustainable.		Vision for zero carbon.	Vision that town/area is a leader in sustainable communities.

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Conservation		Vision for supporting open space conservation	Concerned that "open space" invites misuse.	Likes protected areas and open space. Concerned about the loss of open space. Vision for a fund to exist to buy land. Vision to maintain green space. Opportunity to Identify & prioritize open space.	Vision for town rewarding property owners for keeping open space. Vision that town will buy development rights.		Concerned about lack of open space. Opportunity to protect small wooded lots that have lots of benefits- possible acquisition for open space.