

Map Exercise

Please refer to the maps available at locations throughout the room in order to complete the following exercise as a group (each table is its own separate group).

1. The map illustrates a potential boundary for the Greenway. With a **BLACK MARKER**, amend the potential boundary of the Greenway to encompass the areas you envision.
2. What features of the proposed Greenway make it unique? Identify the most important attributes you feel contribute to making the Greenway a special destination. On the map, locate these with a **RED MARKER** and write down the name.
3. What other resources outside of the Greenway would you like to see "linked" with the Greenway? Using a **GREEN MARKER**, draw lines and arrows to those resources and write down the name (i.e. Rome Sand Plains).
4. Identify the physical constraints or issues that impact the Greenway and detract from its potential. On the map, circle these with a **BLACK MARKER** and briefly identify them (i.e. "abandoned industry")
5. What potential features should be developed to enhance the Greenway? On the map, locate these with a **BLUE MARKER** and briefly describe them (i.e. "riverside trail")
6. Are there any areas where protected/enhanced wildlife habitat and natural resources should be the main emphasis? On the map, highlight these areas with a circle around them using a **GREEN MARKER** and, if possible, describe the targeted species/resource (i.e. "bog turtle")

About You

1. In what community do you reside? _____
2. Which of the following forms of water-based recreation do you engage in on the Mohawk River and/or the Erie Canal?

_____ swimming	_____ fishing/ice fishing
_____ canoeing/kayaking	_____ motor boating/jet skiing
_____ none	
_____ other _____	
3. Which of the following forms of land-based recreation do you engage in within the Mohawk River Corridor?

_____ picnicking / relaxing by the water	_____ biking
_____ birding	_____ snowmobiling
_____ running/jogging	_____ ATV riding
_____ hiking	_____ none
_____ other _____	

Thank You!



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Please rate the statements below on a scale of 1 to 5:

1 – Strongly Agree

2 – Agree

3 – Neither Agree Nor Disagree

4 – Disagree

5 – Strongly Disagree

Priorities of the Greenway Plan should be to:

- improve recreational opportunities for local residents
- attracting tourists and capture tourist dollars
- preserve the scenic and ecological character of the Mohawk River Corridor

The best ways to increase awareness of the Greenway are:

- web-based promotions
- promotional television program
- map of features
- other _____
- magazine articles/advertising
- roadside information centers
- guidebook

The most significant attributes of the Mohawk River Corridor that should be preserved and/or enhanced in the Greenway Plan are:

- varied river/canal character
- water-based recreation (fishing boating, etc.)
- rural setting
- scenic quality
- land-based recreation (hiking, biking, etc.)
- history
- town / village / city centers
- friendly small-town atmosphere
- water quality
- agriculture
- wildlife habitat
- other _____

Specific tourism themes will enhance the Mohawk River Corridor Greenway and create a unique experience. The best theme(s) are:

- flatwater canoe/kayaking
- motor boat/jet skiing
- industrial history
- wildlife / nature education
- cultural history
- other _____
- eco-tourism
- fishing
- scenic quality
- agri-tourism
- "undiscovered secret"

Additional Thoughts... _____

Attractions and amenities that should be provided in the Greenway Plan are:

- river access points
- directional signage
- lodging
- viewing areas
- boat launches
- interpretive information on nature, history, etc.
- other _____
- public restrooms
- riverside trails
- public parks
- restaurants
- boat livery

The obstacles and deficiencies along the Mohawk River Corridor that should be improved are:

- lack of corridor and water access
- lack of awareness
- degraded/fragmented wildlife habitat
- poor circulation network among communities and waterways
- other _____
- unsafe river conditions
- former industrial sites
- lack of accommodations

A few Definitions of a greenway

- "a linear open space established along either a natural corridor, such as a riverfront, stream, valley, or ridgeline, or overland along a railroad right-of-way converted to recreational use, a canal, a scenic road or other route..." "an open space connector linking parks, nature preserves, cultural features, or historic sites with each other and with populated areas" C. Little 1990, *Greenways for America*
- "a linear open space... a corridor composed of natural vegetation... more natural than its surroundings" D. Smith & P. Cawood Hellmund 1993, *Ecology of Greenways*, University of Minnesota Press pp xi.
- "A linear open space established along a natural corridor, such as a river, stream, ridgeline, rail-trail, canal, or other route for conservation, recreation, or alternative transportation purposes. Greenway can connect parks, nature preserves, cultural facilities, and historic sites with business and residential areas." New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, *Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2003*, Appendix D Trail Terms and Definitions