The Town of Dunkirk needed to develop a strategic plan to address the future of the community. Of critical importance to Town officials was gathering public input and fostering a sense of community ownership, ensuring successful adoption and utilization of the plan.

Because Dunkirk is located on the shore of Lake Erie, MRB Group joined in partnership with EDR, a planning and engineering firm specializing in waterfront revitalization and environmental assets.

The primary goal was to prepare a dynamic resource to promote future economic development and help Dunkirk capitalize on regional assets, which include lakefront vistas, environmental tourism, and cultural/historic destinations.

Effective comprehensive planning provides a framework for:

- land use regulations
- resource preservation
- public facility investments
- community and economic development
- day-to-day decisions by community leaders

The MRB Group/EDR team provided the appointed Steering Committee with a wellstructured, customized project plan to support the process and maximize public participation.

Project deliverables include a customdesigned website, public presentations and workshops created to foster participation, and a survey instrument specifically designed for the Town.

The MRB Group/EDR team continues to work closely with the committee to ensure that the process stays on track, and that the process adheres strictly to all statutory regulations.





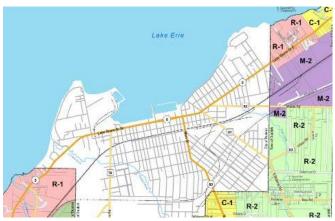
Public Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 7 pm, at JCC

Town Supervisor Richard Purol invited Dunkirk residents to participate in an upcoming public meeting to discuss the new Comprehensive Plan currently in development. Scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th, at the Jamestown Community College's North Country Center at 7:00 pm, the meeting will include an informational presentation on the planning process and the many ways in which residents can take part.

"We hope every Town of Dunkirk resident can participate in the Comprehensive Plan process," said Supervisor Purol. "Many opportunities for involvement have been created," he continued, "and the input of community members is vital to a successful plan." Residents will be asked to participate in initial focus groups, then large group discussions called charrettes, and finally via formal public hearings to provide input and feedback once the draft document has been created. A Steering Committee led by the Town Planning Board and Chairman Vince Vecchiarella will oversee the entire process." Town Supervisor Richard Purol invited Dunkirk

Please visit the website often for updates and to stay informed. We want everyone to be involved," Purol said.





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