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Yates County Marcellus Shale Task Force- Accomplishments and Action Items

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Task Force Mission Statement: *To foster a comprehensive and proactive group that can collectively identify and assess potential issues, both positive and negative, associated with horizontal drilling and hydrofracking exploration and thus educate the community and assist local municipalities in their planning efforts.*

Accomplishments to-date:

1. Monthly meetings- since September 2009.
2. Response and detailed comments to NYSDEC dSGEIS.
3. Map of County oil/gas leases.
4. Draft Road Use Agreement (final draft under review by County Attorney).
5. Driveway Permit (current project).

Potential Action Items:

1. Assess current stakeholders on Task Force- who is not represented that should be? What municipalities are not participating?
2. Environmental:
 - a. Critical Environmental Areas- look into starting a Natural Resource Inventory of unique natural areas around the County- provides data needed for municipal CEA designation.
 - b. Water Quality- put private well-water testing recommendations on the CCE Task Force website? (Look at TING as a reference).
3. Quality of Life:
 - a. Noise Ordinance
 - b. Light Ordinance
4. Public Safety/EMS- Contact public safety representative (Ron/Glen?) in reference to what discussions/research is being done in their fields via professional associations, etc. Solicit suggestions/start discussion.
5. Infrastructure:
 - a. Distribute draft Road Use Agreement to municipalities.
 - b. Finalize changes/additions to driveway permit- distribution?
6. Housing- Rental Inventory Study? Explore pro-active steps taken in PA. What is Tioga County doing? Are communities changing their zoning or putting provisions in place to deal with temporary housing?
7. Workforce- Provide educational opportunities with collaboration through various organizations- FLEDC, Workforce, and so on.
8. GIS Inventory- Lease map, pipeline, priority tourism/ag lands, gas well locations.
9. Education- Speakers, out-reach to local municipalities.
10. Landowner Leasing Education-YC Landowner Coalition led by FB initiative.
11. Policy Issues Updates- education and awareness on what is going on in and around the State- what are other Counties doing?