

C O D E S T U D I O

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric Gillert, Town of Amherst Planning Director

FROM: Lee D. Einsweiler

DATE: May 8, 2016

RE: Site Tour Notes: Kick-off Trip -- March 8, 9, 10, 2016 (NYSERDA Task 3.3A)

The following pages contain images of the site tour taken with City planning staff during the Kick-Off trip. The tour took place on two separate days, and included all of the parts of the Town. Attendees included: Gary Black, Dan Howard, Kim Schueler, Lee Einsweiler (Code Studio), Colin Scarff (Code Studio) and, for a portion of the tour the initial day, Annette Herman (Home Run Creative).

The tour route is attached on the following page, although subsequent field trips did occur to specific places discussed during stakeholder meetings.

Please note that the captions on the photos below are the consultant's opinions, and do not necessarily reflect those of the Town or its planners.

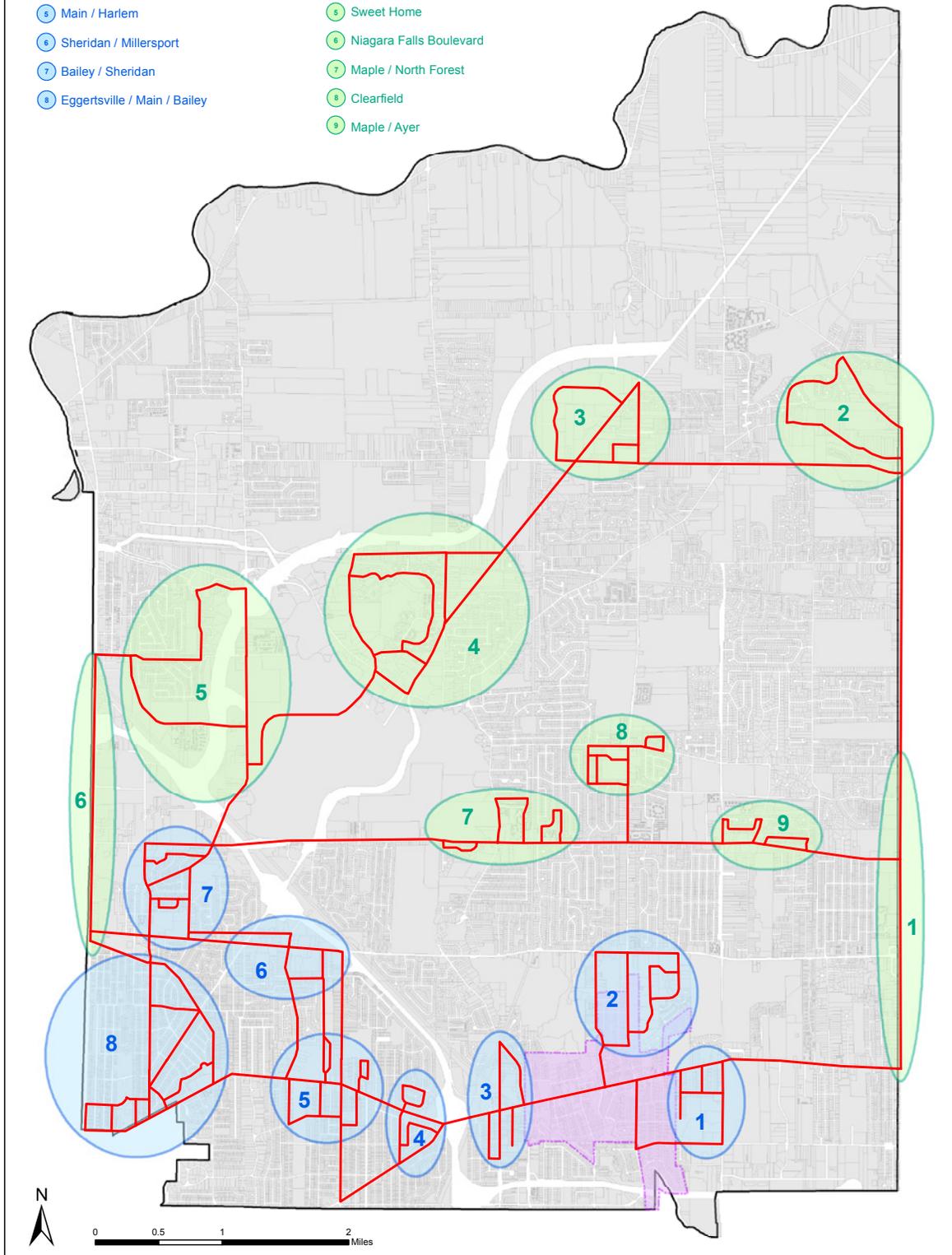
Zoning Code Project Tour Route

Day 1 Locations

- ① Edge of Village of Williamsville - East
- ② Centerpointe
- ③ Edge of Village of Williamsville - West
- ④ Main / Kensington
- ⑤ Main / Harlem
- ⑥ Sheridan / Millersport
- ⑦ Bailey / Sheridan
- ⑧ Eggertsville / Main / Bailey

Day 2 Locations

- ① Transit - Klein to Main
- ② Swormville
- ③ Crosspointe / Millersport / North French
- ④ Audubon / Audubon Parkway
- ⑤ Sweet Home
- ⑥ Niagara Falls Boulevard
- ⑦ Maple / North Forest
- ⑧ Clearfield
- ⑨ Maple / Ayer





Amherst has a number of under-utilized office parks. People walking with nowhere to go.



This is in the Village, but its a great example of good adaptive reuse of and old building with a contemporary use.



The Walker Center sits just at the edge of the Town/Village boundary.



Spot Coffee in the Village. Snyder and Eggertsville need better retail options that people can walk to.



The view from behind the new Hyatt Place.



The Town has some great old buildings.



This road is too wide.



Houses can be offices too.



This was mentioned by a stakeholder as an example of a good new sign in Town.



Amherst has some exceptional housing stock.



Another contentious adjacency.



This road is also too wide.



Snow storage is important.



Berms are a popular screening device.



Blank walls don't encourage walking.



Things are happening in Amherst.



What is the future for these single-use office parks?



Student mixed use - not everybody's cup of tea.



Student housing.



Would you want to walk along this sidewalk with a young child?



Now that's a buffered sidewalk.



Another example of a buffer area



Trees in the tree lawn are awesome.



This person did not want to sell!



The future home of the first Whole Foods in the Buffalo region.



A great example of shared open space.



With parking underneath.



A median in the road makes all the difference.



This bus stop could use some help



Amherst has some fancy houses.



A number of people think the new Mosey building is too imposing.



A new, more modest size house



The old mill site is a stormwater project in the Village. Permeable brick pavers help to capture stormwater runoff.



The Falls are a hidden gem in the Village.



The fire stations in Amherst are very impressive.



Swarmville was a place mentioned that had the potential to become a walkable node in the Town.



Mixed use exists in the northern portions of the Town (French Rd/Transit Rd).



Lunch options are limited for workers in some of the Town's single-use office parks.



Audubon Trail.



Sidewalk please.



Another office park.



Is there too much retail?



Old Niagara Falls Boulevard runs along Tonawanda Creek - this site has potential.



Bowling anyone?



Tonawanda Creek.



I wouldn't want to live next to this gas station.



Students will walk.



The UB Stampede.



Brand new office siting empty.



Having the police department enforce private parking restrictions is new to us.



This is why we might regulate materials.