



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS:

- ❖ **Work together to develop plans and programs to increase the quality of life, safety, health, and recreation improvements on behalf of the residents of the Town of Wheatfield.**
- ❖ **What has the Town Volunteers accomplished in the past?**
 - Created and published Disaster Management Plans, Solar Energy Law, Agriculture Protection Plan, Airport Protection Policy, Right to Farm Laws, Succession Planning for Farm Families, Town Sign Law, created Local Development Corporation, promoted Conservation Subdivision rules and regulations, to name a few.
- ❖ **What Projects are Volunteers Working on Right Now?**
 - Scheduling Community Information Series, creating "Park" Zoning to qualify for government grants, updating cell Tower and windmill siting criteria, constructing a Veterans' Memorial Monument at Fairmont Park, rezoning the Niagara Falls Blvd; as the Town's business corridor, preserve and growing the Farming Industry in the Town, create "smart" mandates for siting future subdivision developments, develop resident use concepts for Town land owned properties to name a few.
- ❖ **Qualifications Do I need to Become a Town Volunteer?**
 - Possess a passion for improving the quality of life of Town residents.
 - Willingness to share experiences and knowledge.
 - Able to attend one (1) monthly evening meeting, except the month of July, at the Community/Senior Center
- ❖ **I am Ready to Become a Volunteer, What do I do next?**
 - Complete and sign the attached 'Application' and forward to the Town Clerk, Kathy Harrington-McDonnell via return email to www.wheatfield.ny.us; or hand carry to Kathy's office on the 2nd level of the Town Hall, at 2800 Church Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. If more convenient you may opt to use the United States Postal mail.
- ❖ **Task Force Facilitator:**
 - The Task Force is chaired by a Town Board elected official and facilitated by a volunteer, just like yourself. His contact data is: Richard Muscatello, 6744 Rose Court, Niagara Falls, NY. 14304-4508, Home telephone is 731-738, Cell Phone: 471-0520, Email: rwm6744@gmail.com. Feel free to [call](#) or [email](#) Richard should you need additional information. Looking forward to hearing from you.

TOWN OF WHEATFIELD
Comprehensive Planning Implementation Task Force
2800 Church Road
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

Application for Appointment to a Town Focus Group

Please accept my application for membership on the **Focus Group(s)** noted below. I understand the Focus Groups meet monthly, using the facilities of the Community/Senior Citizen Town Center. You are able to select up to two (2) Focus Groups

Agriculture Preservation ___ Energy Application ___ Build Out Analysis ___ Greenspace Preservation ___
Community Development ___ Disaster Planning ___ Veterans Memorial ___ **(Refer to next page)**

Complete all that apply:

Name (Print)

Telephone No.

Address:

City/Town

ZIP

Cell Phone:

Fax No.

Email:

My motivation for volunteering is:

Highest Level of Education:

- High School Graduate
- Some College (years and/or semester)
- College Graduate
- Post Graduate
- Other:

Concentration:

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Occupation Work Experience:

Professional Certification(s):

Avocation(s), Hobbies:

Other Comments: (Optional)

Certification:

I certify the above information is true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Signature Print & Sign

_____ 201____

Date

What is next?

- Check here should you like additional information of any sort relative to this Application.
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Description of Focus Group Scope of Responsibility

(June 21, 2017)

- **Agriculture Focus Group** – Focuses on the preservation and promotion of farming and agricultural activities. *How can we help our local farmers to succeed? How do we promote the farming industry to the younger farmers?*
- **Build Out Analysis Focus Group** – Analysis reveals that based upon available land and zoning, the Town could conceivably accommodate an additional 12,000 plus new homes, accompanied by an additional 30,000 plus new residents. Based upon the axiom: for every \$1.00 paid in taxes, the resident receives \$1.35 plus in services, at what point does the Town compromise its sustainability? *How should this potential new growth be managed? How are increased taxes avoided or minimized? Should the number of homes be controlled by rezoning? Should Tax Districts be invoked? Density percentages?*
- **Community Development Focus Group** - Recommends and implements activities, e.g., social, recreational, cultural, and other special events of interest to Town residents. Create a centralized; “mixed use” focus by planning for public and private development of the 32 plus acres of property contiguous to the Town Hall campus. *Wouldn't it be great to have a library, coffee shop, dry cleaner, pharmacy, etc., all in one area, surrounded by other businesses and housing: all for your convenience? What are your preferences? What family events will fill your family's needs? Is the Town doing enough for its youth? Seniors?*
- **Disaster Management Focus Group**- Develops procedures and practices to protect the health and safety of residents. *Is the Town prepared to handle the next 100 year rain fall? Have our families been prepared to survive on their own for the first 72 hours of a disaster? How are physical needs provided during an emergency, electrical brownout? Is emergency electrical service available for debilitated residents?*
- **Energy Application Focus Group** – Provide guidance on how to best to capitalize, utilize and manage home and commercial energy adaptations. *How will the Town regulate commercial and residential solar panel installations, windmill construction and future cell towers and/or “farms?”? As technology evolves, should there be major changes to the Town's current energy laws?*
- **Greenspace Focus Group** – Preserves, promotes, conserves and utilizes Town's Open (common) space. Identifying specific land(s) as laying in a “Park Zone” would entitle the Town to apply for government grants. *Should residents have a walking path through our natural preserve? How is the Town protecting and promoting its parks? Walking paths? Creeks? Waterways?*
- **Veterans Memorial Focus Group** – construct and maintain an inspirational Memorial honoring, past and current, members of the United States Armed Forces at the Fairmont Park. *This will be the Town's way of honoring its “sons and daughters” who served to preserve our freedoms. Where in the funds come from? What needs are lacking to ensure success?*
- The creation of additional Focus Group(s) to address Master Plan and **Town resident recommendations** and mandates are welcomed, and will be seriously consider. Examples:
 - ✓ How about a Town Winter Festival complete with an ice skating rink, snowmobile trails?
 - ✓ Why is farming so important to the future of Wheatfield?
 - ✓ Should the Town do more to preserve and maintain its natural resources?
 - ✓ Is our Town government prepared to deal with natural disasters?
 - ✓ What and how do families prepare for coping with an emergency?
 - ✓ Wouldn't one ZIP Code for the Town of Wheatfield be nice?

