



WHEATFIELD 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 have the Town Volunteers accomplished in the past?

- ❖ Created and published the Disaster Management Plan, Solar Energy Law, Agriculture Protection Plan, Airport Protection Policy, Right to Farm Laws, Succession Planning for Farm Families, Town Sign Law and Local Development Corporation.

What projects are volunteers working on right now?

- ❖ Scheduling Community information presentations, creating "Park" zoning to qualify for government grants, updating cell tower and windmill-siting criteria, construction a Veterans' Memorial Monument at Fairmount Park, rezoning the Niagara Falls Blvd. as the Town's business corridor, Preserve and grow the farming industry in the Town, create "smart" mandates for siting future subdivision developments, develop resident use concepts for Town-owned properties, "just to name a few".

What qualification do I need to become a Town Volunteer?

- ❖ Possess a passion for improving the quality of life of Town Residents,
- ❖ Willingness to share knowledge and experiences
- ❖ Able to attend one (1) monthly evening meeting per month 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 mail to the Town Hall (2800 Church Rd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120), email to kathyh@wheatfield.ny.us or bring it by the Town Clerk's office on the 2nd floor.

Task Force Facilitator:

- ❖ The Task Force is chaired and facilitated by a volunteer, just like you. Here is contact information:

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TOWN OF WHEATFIELD

Description of Focus Group Scope of Responsibility (July 24, 2018)

Agriculture Focus Group - Focuses on the preservation and promotion of farming and agricultural activities. How can we help our local farmed succeed? How do we promote the farming industry to the younger farmers?

Build-out Analysis Focus Group - Analysis reveals that, based on available land and zoning, the Town could conceivably accommodate an additional 12,000 plus new homes, accompanied by an additional 30,000 new residents. Based upon the axiom: for every \$1.00 paid in taxes, the resident received \$ 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 functions of social, recreational and cultural nature and other special events of interest to Town residents.

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 rainfall? 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 or electrical brownout? Is emergency electrical service available for debilitated residents?

Energy Application Focus Group - Provides guidance on how to best 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 evolved should there be major changes to the Town's current energy laws?

Greenspace Focus Group - Preserves, promotes, conserves and utilizes the Town's "open space" (common). Identifies specific land(s) as laying in a "Park Zone" entitling 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 and waterways?

Veteran's Memorial Focus Group - Construct and maintain an inspirational Memorial at Fairmount Park honoring members of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. Where will the funds come from? What can be done to ensure success?

The creation of additional Focus Group(s) to address Master Plan and Town resident recommendations are welcome and will be seriously considered.

Examples:

- 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?

