

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY FORUMS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THEME

	Slingerlands	Selkirk	South Bethlehem	Delmar	Glenmont	North Bethlehem	Elsmere
	11/29/2018	12/13/2018	1/10/2019	1/30/2019	3/7/2019	3/14/2019	3/21/2019
	4 groups, 38 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	4 groups, 59 people total	4 groups, 51 people total	4 groups, 42 people total	2 groups, 17 people total	3 groups, 29 people total
General	Vision for incentives for green economic development. Opportunities for economic development/Small Businesses and services for Rail Trail (2).	Vision includes gas station	Make it easier for small businesses. Opportunities for econ devt with solar?	Opportunities for employment for youth. Opportunity for grouping (clustering?) businesses. Opportunity for MHLC collaboration with Businesses. Opportunity to use events as economic drivers- boost the local economy.	Likes that there is opportunity for small businesses. Concerned about the end of the 'locally owned and operated economy.' Opportunity for economic development to expand the tax base. Opportunity for young adult professional jobs- so kids stay.		Concerned about an external focus for economic development. Concerned about lack of non-residential revenue. Opportunity to align economic development to town assets. Opportunity for youth focused econ dev't programs. Opportunity for Delmar farmer's market improvements. Opportunity for mixed economic diversity - [more minority/women businesses?]. Opportunity for low-rent commercial space.
Land Uses	Vision for mixed uses like Delaware Ave, Mangia- more mixed uses		Vision for more industry on/near Creble Rd. Opportunity for neighborhood center (adapted from zoning related comment below).	Likes that there are good places to eat (copy). Opportunity for judicial commercial development (copy). Concerned about amount of commercial stock & impact on taxes - Want more commercial. (copy). Concerned about lack of commercial tax base - IDA too great of incentives. Opportunity for appropriate level of design standard for small businesses so they can get off the ground.	Vision for multiuse business (mixed use?) at Feura Bush and Elsmere		

Note: Numbers inside parentheses indicate number of groups with same comment.

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Industries		Opportunity to follow rail line		Vision for agritourism. Opportunity for agritourism.	Opportunity for commercial office space. Opportunity for office space for reverse commute.		
Desired Businesses	Green businesses (from above)	Small independently owned services like the Automotive Garage, Stewarts	Opportunity to attract small businesses to serve community. Opportunity for small retail, general store, post office, shared use community center.	Like the small businesses (3). Likes 4 corners area style. Likes that business owners live in town. Vision for private, unique retail storefronts. Vision for more small businesses. Concerned there is no community center. Opportunity for destination retail, but suitable for Bethlehem's character. Opportunity for Hudson River - restaurants, etc. Opportunity for trader joes, fresh market commercial.	Vision for micro-breweries (1) and small businesses (2). Vision for more upscale grocery. Vision for fresh local markets in Glenmont. Vision for family businesses. Vision for library outreach-mobile library. Opportunity for small business development-coffee shops.		Opportunity to leverage non-traditional education opportunities. Opportunity for unique restaurants and shopping.