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## Fairport residents share ideas for redevelopment plan

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Fairport, N.Y. — As plans move forward for the redevelopment of Fairport's northwest quadrant, residents gathered to brainstorm long-term ways that land could be used and improved for those who live on and pass through it.

It has been three months since the Fairport Fairport Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) first heard from villagers at the first public information meeting on the master plan, with a team of planners and designers.

On Monday, more than 30 residents and local officials met again — this time to put their ideas on paper and discuss them as a group.

The target area lies between the Whitney Road/North Main Street intersection to the east, Thomas Creek to the west, and the Erie Canal to the south.

The main goals of the project include adding a public park and green space in this area and creating a mixed use of the mostly-vacant American Can Company building on Parce Avenue, which most said they would like to see reused in some way.

Another area in need of improvement is the village's north bank near Lift Bridge Lane West. Making this region safe and walkable for pedestrians continues to be a challenge.

These and the H.P. Neun packaging plant are facilities residents would like to see transformed and revitalized. Some even suggested that the vacant building be used as to house the Fairport Library.

Residents provided several possible locations to be considered for a small public park. One area is the parking lot adjacent to Compene Brick Bistro.

Others suggested moving the Bright Start Day Care building on Main Street closer to the road and putting a park adjacent to it, while another group proposed putting it near the residential region adjacent to LiDestri.

The design team, comprised of team members from Bergmann Associates and Ingalls Planning and Design will take this feedback as it puts together a 3D model of the area by July.

Kal Wysokowski, OCED executive director, said she's encouraged to see so many residents taking part in the project, and thus making it their own.

"I'm thrilled to hear from folks," she said. "I hope they come when we present this to the Village Board. What a statement that would make!"

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