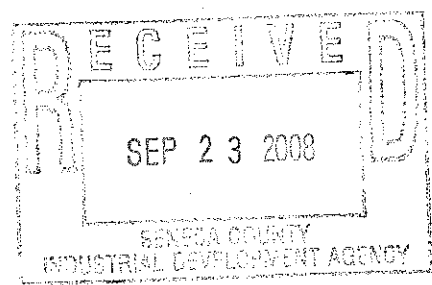


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September 19, 2008

Robert Aronson, Executive Director
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Dear Bob:

Forgive my slow response to your request for a list of development assets in the Town of Ovid. While this list is not exhaustive, it will get you started.

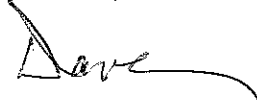
1. The State-owned campus of the former Willard State Mental Hospital, a portion of which is in the Town of Romulus and a portion of which is in use for the Willard Drug Treatment Center, is an underutilized property with frontage on Seneca Lake.
2. The Town of Ovid does not have zoning, but the only parcel identified as Commercial on the Planning Board's initial zoning proposal is a large lot immediately west of the Village of Ovid that is owned by developer Richard Iverson but not now served by sewer and water lines.
3. The Municipal Building in the Village of Ovid, recently damaged by water from burst pipes, is an underutilized facility in need of one or more tenants.
4. The Three Bears in Ovid are historical treasures in our Town that the County and The Friends of the Three Bears are endeavoring to preserve and utilize.
5. The shores of Cayuga and Seneca lakes are certainly developable assets and the Planning Board, along with other residents, is anxious to see the scenic beauty of the shorelines protected.

6. The Town of Ovid is primarily agricultural, thus the potential for agribusiness is recognized.
7. Natural gas might be considered a development asset, but I am very concerned about unscrupulous companies purchasing drilling rights from landowners unaware of environmental consequences and other implications of terms in proposed leases.

As we have discussed, the most significant development we have seen in south Seneca County over the last three decades has been the growth of vineyards and wineries, the influx of Amish and Mennonite farmers and trades, and the development of residential properties along the lakes. This has been true in the Town of Ovid and may be expected to continue.

As indicated, the list above is not exhaustive. It is my personal response to your request. I will share it with the Planning Board and the Town Board and add items as others suggest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David L. Dresser, Supervisor
Town of Ovid