

Appendix

Tourism Council

The tourism council becomes the entity charged with guiding the future of tourism for the destination.

- Executing the DMP
- Renewing the DMP
- Identify necessary types of businesses to succeed
- Building support with government and community for public sector investment and infrastructure
- Partnering with nearby destinations, the county, and Adirondack Park
- Working closely with Essex County Visitors Bureau

The strength of the tourism council comes from building a momentum among government, community members and businesses to achieve those actions which move the destination toward goals outlined in the Destination Master Plan, which is shared openly with the community.

Mission Statement

The Tourism Council will draw on the public/private partnership of its membership and the destination to guide tourism to be more profitable, to contribute to our quality of life, to protect the natural and cultural assets that tourism depends upon, and to deliver great experiences for our visitors.

Guiding Principles

- Seeks tourism that is
 - Good for local businesses
 - Good for the community
 - Takes care of Adirondack Park
 - A great experience for visitors
- Strengthening public/private partnerships that help generate year-round employment
- Working collaboratively to raise the “value” of a County wide destination
- Recognition that tourism products are the product of private investment

Policies and Procedures

1. Membership - a balance of public, community, and tourism business interests
 - a. As vacancies occur, the council will actively recruit to regain that balance
2. Meetings will be scheduled as they are needed

3. Progress will be made by leading businesses and community toward goals that are widely endorsed.
4. Focus of the Tourism Council is on execution of the DMP, except for annual discussions on revision and renewal
5. "Keeper of the Plan" provides administrative function to the Tourism Council