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TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Daniel F. Kelleher

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RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for May 2012

Unit activities were as follows:

Project: North Country Regional Councils

Duties Performed:

- Staff has completed its plans of support for both the North Country and Capital Region's strategies

Project: Support for the Adirondack Agriculture Industry

Duties Performed:

- Staff met with Anita Demming of the Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about the Extension's programs, issues impacting Adirondack farmers, and state and federal farming regulations
- Agency's Special Assistant for Economic Affairs will assume point of first contact services with the Extension and the Park's agricultural industry

Project: J&L Steel site remediation

Duties Performed:

- Staff attended monthly conference call on the remediation of the J&L Steel site in Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County
- DEC has hired Parson's engineering to perform an initial site investigation on the 36-acre Potential Superfund site. A scope of work is expected to be executed by June 29th.

Project: Harris Mine Expansion (P2011-0057)

Duties Performed:

- Staff assisted Environmental Program Specialist 2, Ariel Lynch, on a permit for expanded hours of operation at the Harris Mine in Fort Ann, Washington County

Project: Support for Hamlet Revitalization

Duties Performed:

- Staff spoke with J. Justin Woods of the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance regarding downtown development in the Hamlet of Ticonderoga, Essex County
- Staff is providing the TIA with technical assistance regarding market analysis and financial feasibility in support of the redevelopment of several Downtown buildings
- Staff is researching potential expansion of the use of conditional map amendments and is examining methods of including smart growth best practices

Project: Broadband Support

Duties Performed:

- Staff researched the impacts of broadband infrastructure on business development in the Adirondacks
- Staff spoke with the NYS Broadband Mapping Project in regards to accurate mapping of broadband infrastructure within the Adirondack Region

Project: APA 101

Duties Performed:

- Agency Public Information Officer Keith McKeever and Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher provided an APA 101 continued learning course for 120 residential real estate agents in Queensbury, NY on May 22nd.

Project: Residential Project Review

Duties Performed:

- Staff is devising a "boiler plate" measuring system for the economic impacts of large scale residential projects in the Park
- The system will be based upon methods already articulated in the Development in the Adirondack Park handbook