



M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Terry Martino

**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher

**DATE:** September 6, 2012

**RE:** Economic Services Unit Activities for August 2012

Unit activities were as follows:

**Project:** Adirondack Park Data Tracking

**Duties Performed:**

- Deputy Director, Planning Jim Connolly, Special Assistant, Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher, and Mapping Technologist 3 John Barge met with Empire State Development Vice President for Business Advocacy and Policy & Research Jen McCormick, Department of Labor Deputy Director Division of Research & Statistics Bohdan Wynnyk, and representatives from Cornell's Department of Applied Demographics to discuss collaboration for deriving data on Adirondack Park economic issues.
- The team outlined potential Census reform for Adirondack Park specific data and developed a plan for attaining and updating information regarding employment, demographics, housing, and service availability within the Park.
- The team will meet again in September 2012 to discuss the development of an annual summary of this data.

**Project:** Regulatory Programs Support

**Duties:**

- Staff is supporting two pre-applications: one for the renewal of mining operations in the Town of Newcomb, Essex County; one for the development of self storage units in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County.
- Staff is reviewing an application for a nano-brewery in the Town of Schroon, Essex County

**Project:** J&L Site Remediation

**Duties:**

**J&L Site Remediation**

- Special Assistant for Economic Affairs participated in monthly conference call regarding remediation of the J&L and Benson Mine sites in the Town of Fine, St. Lawrence County
- NYS DEC is currently testing the site for asbestos, oil spills, and other contaminants on site

**Project:** Support Hamlet Redevelopment

**Duties:**

- Staff attended the opening of Myriad RBM's new offices in downtown Saranac Lake
- The firm has relocated over 30 employees into a refurbished building in the Village and expects to employ an additional 10 employees by next year

**Project:** Development in the Adirondack Park Guidance

**Duties Performed:**

- Staff is developing a chapter on smart growth in the Agency's guidance document "Development in the Adirondack Park"
- Staff is developing a "Benefits" section for the DAP guidebook

**Project:** Path through History Initiative

**Duties:**

- Staff is supporting the Path through History initiative with participation in the North Country workgroup
- An inventory of the region's historic and cultural assets has been developed and the workgroup is in the process of determining 15 "Priority Sites"
- A regional summary describing the North Country's heritage is also being developed

**Project:** Adirondack Partnership Recreation Plan

**Duties:**

- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, staff attended a monthly meeting of the Adirondack Partnership's Recreation Plan Workgroup to develop a recreation strategy in the Adirondacks
- The strategy is being divided into three primary issues: governance, infrastructure and marketing