



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino

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RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for October 2012

Unit activities were as follows:

Hamlets 3

On October 22, staff from the Agency's Economic Services and Planning units met with the Advisory Committee of phase 2 of the *Hamlets 3: Planning for Smart Growth and Expansion of Hamlets in the Adirondack Park* project. The goal of the project, which is being funded through a NYS DEC smart growth grant, is to introduce the Hamlets 3 expansion model, developed in phase 1, to additional Park communities and to train local government officials on hamlet revitalization processes. The Agency will provide support to the project through its Planning and Economic Services units.

J&L Site Remediation Conference Call

On October 23, staff attended monthly conference call regarding the remediation of the J&L Steel and Benson Mine sites in Clifton, St. Lawrence County. For program study purposes, the NYS DEC has divided the site into several remediation strategies: an 18-acre parcel to be remediated through the State Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) and a 36-acre parcel to be remediated through the State Superfund Program. Additionally, the Benson Mines site is also going through the State Superfund Program. A final site investigation report for the ERP site is expected by the end-of-the-year and final site investigation reports can be expected for both Superfund sites by early summer. These site investigation reports will allow the DEC to determine next steps for further study and/or remediation.

NYSERDA Cleaner, Greener Communities

On October 3, Economic Services and RASS staff participated in a meeting/workshop for the development of the North Country Homegrown Sustainability Plan as part of the NYSERDA Cleaner, Greener Communities Grant Program. The meeting was organized by ANCA and administered by Ecology & Environment under contract. The Plan is scheduled for completion at the end of December.

Adirondack Powder Skier Association

On 10/16, Economic Services and Planning staff participated in a meeting with the Adirondack Powder Skier Association and the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism in Lake Placid. The Adirondack Powder Skier Association has requested consideration for revisions to DEC trail maintenance policies to address safety concerns and trail maintenance needs of back country skiers. The Powder Skier Association was encouraged to make a presentation at a future meeting of DEC's Forest Preserve Advisory Committee to allow for constituent group input and reaction to APSA's proposals. Agency staff committed to continued discussion with his organization, other constituent groups, and DEC staff.

Adirondack Partnership Recreation Planning Workgroup

On October 19, Agency Planning and Economic Services staff attended a meeting of the Adirondack Partnership Recreation Work Group held in Lake Placid. The work group is developing a recreation plan which will integrate public and private recreation opportunities in the Park. The group has already submitted a project to the North Country Region Economic Development Council which has been identified by the Council as a "priority project". The project proposal involves an integrated web data base and web portal which will link all local, regional and State recreational information. The group is also developing a planning report and recommendations for the Park which will be submitted to the Regional Council by in early 2013. Additionally, the group is setting up meetings with municipal officials to determine what the recreation needs of these communities are and what infrastructure and business assets are necessary for the communities to utilize recreation as an economic driver.

ADKAction Broadband Conference Call

On October 25, Economic Services staff participated in the monthly ADKAction broadband development conference call. During the call it was highlighted that North Country providers applied for 12 grants through the Connect NY Broadband Program.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the Regulatory Programs staff on several projects including a zip-line in Warren County, a pedestrian bridge in St. Lawrence County, and a bike trail in Essex County.

Development in the Adirondack Park Guidance

Economic Services staff continues to provide support on the development of the revised "*Development in the Adirondack Park*" guidance document.