



M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher  
**DATE:** December 20, 2012  
**RE:** Economic Services Unit Activities for December 2012

Unit activities were as follows:

**Signage**

On 12/4/12, staff met with state government leaders and representatives from NYSDEC and NYSDOT to address issues of tourist attraction signage along the Adirondack portions of the I-87 Northway as well as other State highways in the Park. Staff noted that Agency regulations were focused on advertising signs on private land in conjunction with projects and do not preclude tourist-oriented destination signage as permitted in the NYSDOT "Guidelines for the Adirondack Park".

**Hamlets 3**

On 12/10/12 staff 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.

**NYS Ray Brook Office Complex Proposed Wood Fired District Heating System**

On 12/17/12 Special Assistant for Economic Affairs participated on a conference call regarding the development of a wood-fired district heating system for the NYS Ray Brook Office Complex. NYSDEC has worked with consulting group Wilson Engineering on a pre-feasibility study for the project.

**J&L Site Remediation (St. Lawrence County)**

On 12/18/12, staff participated in the monthly J&L site remediation conference call administered by DEC and attended by State, County, and Local government officials. A draft site investigation report has been developed for the 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site and is being reviewed by DEC. Draft site investigation reports are being developed for the two State Superfund sites. These are expected to be completed in mid-2013.

**Adirondack Partnership Recreation Plan**

On 12/21/12, staff attended the December meeting of the Adirondack Partnership Recreation Planning Workgroup. The group is developing a park-wide recreation plan that will help in encouraging hamlet development by increasing tourism. A final edition of the plan is expected to be completed in early 2013.

**Community Outreach**

On 12/3/12, staff attended the Adirondack Association of Towns and Village's Membership meeting in Lake George.

**Regulatory Programs Support**

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