



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Daniel F. Kelleher

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RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for February 2013

Unit activities were as follows:

J&L Site Remediation (St. Lawrence County)

On 2/20/13, staff participated in the monthly J&L site remediation conference call administered by DEC and attended by State, County, and Local government officials. A Proposed Remedial Action Plan has been developed for the 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site and a public comment period has commenced (Feb 13-March 29, 2013). The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Restricting future use to commercial by placing an environmental easement on the property;
- Restricting groundwater use;
- Maintaining site cover that allows for commercial use; and
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan

Draft site investigation reports are being developed for the two State Superfund Potential Sites. These are expected to be completed in mid-2013.

North Country Regional Economic Development Council

On 2/21/13, staff attended the North Country Regional Economic Development Council meeting at SUNY Potsdam. In 2013, the Council will work to ensure expedited facilitation of 2011 and 2012 "Priority Projects" as well as develop a new set of projects for several potential new 2013 funding initiatives.

Path Through History

On 2/21/13 staff attended the North Country Workgroup for the Governor's Path Through History Initiative. The group is tasked with developing a marketing plan and identifying priority projects for a \$100,000 heritage tourism marketing initiative.

Support for Governor's Initiatives

On 2/5/13, staff assisted the Governor's State of the State/2013-2014 Budget Proposal presentation at Clarkson University.

On 2/20/13, staff assisted the Governor's Moreland Commission Hearings in Lake Placid, Essex County. The Moreland Commission is tasked with investigating New York's power utilities' preparation and response to the major storms that have devastated communities in the State of New York over the past two years.

Clarkson University Adirondack Semester

On 2/11/13, staff presented about Economic Development in the Adirondack Park to Clarkson University's Adirondack Semester Program. The presentation outlined Agency functions, the Agency's statutory requirement of taking into account economic impacts, and an overview of the permitting process with specific projects highlighted. Clarkson's Adirondack Semester program consists of a full semester immersion in the Adirondack Park and covers a host of environmental and social issues relating to the Adirondacks. Four junior and senior students are participating in the program's first year.

Adirondack Partnership Recreation Plan

On 2/1/13, staff attended a meeting of the Adirondack Partnership Recreation Planning Workgroup. The plan is currently being formatted by a design firm and a final edition is expected to be complete in spring 2013.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the Regulatory Programs staff on several projects including a zip-line in Warren County, a nature observatory and interpretive center in Franklin County, a campground in St. Lawrence County, a mine in Oneida County, an ice cream shop and maple sugar refinery in Essex 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.