



M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Terry Martino

**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher

**DATE:** April 3, 2013

**RE:** Economic Services Unit Activities for March 2013

Unit activities were as follows:

**Indian Lake Grocer Study**

On 3/13/13, staff presented a feasibility study for attracting a grocer in Indian Lake to the Indian Lake Local Development Corporation. The ILLDC is a recently incorporated community development corporation seeking to improve the conditions of the Indian Lake community; over 15 members were present at the meeting.

**Ray Brook District Heating Facility**

On 3/18/13, staff attended a meeting in Syracuse, NY with NYSDEC and SUNYESF officials to discuss the opportunity of developing a wood-powered district heating system for the State Office Complex in Ray Brook. The group toured SUNY ESF's new wood pellet heating and power system and examined the economics of the project. A full feasibility study for a Ray Brook facility is currently being undertaken and is being funded by a Federal grant.

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

On 3/19/13, staff participated in the monthly J&L site remediation conference call administered by DEC and attended by State, County, and Local government officials. A Record of Decision for the 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site is expected in early April. Additionally, draft site investigation reports are being developed for the two State Superfund Potential Sites. These are expected to be completed in mid-2013.

**Adirondack Partnership Economic Development Plan**

On 3/22/13, staff attended a meeting of the Adirondack Partnership. The meeting was attended by local economic developers, local government officials, State agencies, and planning consultants to

discuss the commencement of the Adirondack Economic Development Plan, a project funded through an NYSDEC Smart Growth Grant and a NYSDOS Waterfront Revitalization Grant. The Agency will assist the project as it moves forward.

#### **Adirondack Partnership Recreation Plan**

On 3/20/13, staff attended a meeting of the Adirondack Partnership Recreation Planning Workgroup and officials from the five towns impacted by the Finch Pruyn land purchase. The goal of the meeting was to brainstorm ways in which the communities could leverage the purchase to facilitate economic opportunities with their communities.

A final recreation plan for the entire Park is currently being formatted by a design firm and a final edition is expected to be complete in April 2013.

#### **Local Government Day**

Economic Services staff is currently working with Local Government Planning staff on setting up the 2013 Local Government Day conference. This year's program focuses upon sustainable economic development in Adirondack hamlets.

#### **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.