



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 June/July 2013

Unit activities were as follows:

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages

On 6/3/13, staff attended the Members Meeting of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. Topics presented during the meeting included energy infrastructure planning, health care reform, the third phase of the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project, and a discussion about utilizing the State's purchase of Finch Pruyn lands to leverage economic gains for the impacted towns. During the meeting staff provided a brief overview of the Forest Preserve land classification process.

Community Organization Outreach

On 6/5/13, staff met with Maura Adams, Program Director for the Northern Forest Center, to discuss economic development in the Adirondack Park. Staff provided Ms. Adams with an overview of the Park's history as well as an update on the various projects ongoing in the Park.

North Country Energy Conference

From 6/5/13-6/7/13, staff attended the North Country Green Energy Conference in Lake Placid, Essex County. Mr. Kelleher was on hand to help answer any regulatory questions about such projects in the Park as well as to learn about technologies that can help to lower the energy cost burden for local communities.

Champlain Valley Assisted Living Facility

On 6/15/13, staff attended a ribbon cutting of the Champlain Valley Assisted Living facility in Willsboro, Essex County. The project involves the transformation of an abandoned school listed on the National Historic Register into a 68-unit assisted living

facility. The project was non-jurisdictional to the Agency but is of significant regional importance due to its recognition of a growing retiree market.

North Country Regional Economic Development Council

On 6/18/13, staff attended a meeting of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County. Consolidated funding applications were opened in June and are due August 12th. Staff supports the Council as a member of the State Agency Resource Team.

NY Broadband Conference

On 6/20/13, staff presented at the Governor's NY Broadband Conference in Albany, Albany County. Staff presented about regulations for establishing broadband in the Adirondack Park and highlighted the economic impact that such development is expected to bring. Additional panelists were Phil Wagschal of SLIC Network Solutions and Dave Wolf of the Development Authority of the North Country.

Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation

On 7/10/13, staff attended a meeting of the Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation in Saranac Lake, Franklin County. Staff discussed economic development strategies in urban (relative) areas as well as how the community can work to redevelop blighted properties in the Village.

Adirondack League Club/Adirondack Landowner's Association Outreach

On 7/13/13, staff attended a meeting with the Adirondack League Club, Adirondack Landowners Association, and numerous local and regional leaders to discuss collaborative efforts to improve the economy of the Adirondack Park. Various local development organizations articulated the needs of their specific region of the Park and highlighted ways for landowners to be more involved in Adirondack communities. The event was sponsored by Senator Little and the Adirondack Landowner's Association.

Common Ground Alliance

On 7/18/13, staff attended the Common Ground Alliance meeting in Town of Newcomb, Essex County. This year's meeting focused upon collaboration between groups in order to achieve economic and community development goals across the region. Topics discussed included bicycle trails and connections, leveraging tourism and the forest preserve for economic gain, and an overview of Park-wide achievements over the past year.

2013 Adirondack Challenge

On 7/21/13, staff attended the Governor's Adirondack Challenge in Indian Lake, Hamilton County. Staff visited the Taste of New York

event, met with local officials, and represented the Agency to the public. About 800 people attended this inaugural event.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including a recreation facility in Warren County, two recreation facilities in Essex County, a railway in St. Lawrence County, and a mine in Oneida County,