



**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Terry Martino

**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher

**DATE:** August 28, 2013

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

Unit activities were as follows:

**North Country Regional Economic Development Council**

On 9/20/13, staff attended a meeting of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council. The Council approved its 2013 Progress Report as well as its list of priority projects. Among the list of priority projects were two hotels in Saranac Lake, an inn in Schroon Lake, a biotechnology firm expansion in Harrietstown, and a Park-wide cycling event. Overall funding of over \$14 million was proposed for projects in the Park.

**Hamlets 3 Phase 2**

From 9/26/13 - 9/28/13 Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher attended meetings for Hamlets 3 Phase 2 in Caroga, Fulton County; Jay, Essex County; and Indian Lake and Long Lake, Hamilton County. The Hamlets 3 Phase 2 project involves the consulting firm Roger Trancik, FASLA, Urban Design Consultants training local communities on how to expand their economies without deteriorating the natural resources of the Park. The project was funded through a Smart Growth Planning Grant. A presentation by the firm will be brought to the Board at a later date.

**ADKAction Broadband**

On Thursday, 9/5/13, staff participated in the monthly ADKAction Broadband conference call. The committee brings together a variety of Adirondack stakeholders to discuss relevant and timely issues regarding the build-out of broadband infrastructure in the North Country. This call highlighted several upcoming events including: 10/4/13 Adirondack Telecommunity Conference in Indian Lake, Hamilton County

10/24/13 USDA/NYS Broadband Round Table in Tupper Lake, Franklin County

**Planning Division Support**

Staff is supporting the State Lands division in the State's review of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan. Staff attended meetings in Ray Brook on 9/9/13 and in Tupper Lake on 9/18/13. DOT and DEC, as co-lead agencies, are taking public input on whether to re-open an existing Unit Management Plan for the rail line which was developed in the mid-1990's and recommends both rail and trail use within the corridor. If DOT & DEC decide to re-open and revise the existing UMP, APA would be an involved agency under SEQR and the Agency Board would need to make a determination on consistency of a revised unit management plan with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

Economic Services staff is also supporting the State Lands division by providing an economic impact section for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the 2013 Finch Pruyn land classifications.

**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,