



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

**TO:** Terry Martino

**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher

**DATE:** January 23, 2014

**RE:** Economic Services Unit Activities for January 2014

Unit activities were as follows:

**NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)**

Agency staff reviewed and provided comments to NYSDOS on the conceptual NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Plan for the Towns of Keene and Jay in Essex County, NY. The Governor's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program was developed to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. To facilitate community redevelopment planning and the resilience of Communities, the State has allocated \$25 million for planning in the most affected communities. The NYRCR conceptual plan highlights 40 projects to be undertaken in the Towns of Keene and Jay ranging from new marketing initiatives to geological and riparian studies to the development of zoning ordinances and APLUDP map amendment proposals. Staff will assist the communities on many of these initiatives.

**2014 Adirondack Park Smart Growth Implementation Grants**

Agency staff is working with NYSDEC staff to finalize a Request for Applications for the 2014 Adirondack Park Smart Growth Implementation Grant program administered by NYSDEC and assisted by NYSAPA and NYSDOS. The 2014 program is expected to fund \$300,000 worth of economic development projects that meet smart growth principles across the Park. Staff from NYSAPA, NYSDEC, and NYSDOS are the reviewers of the grant applications. Previous year's funding was largely dedicated to planning projects; this year's program is focused upon project and plan implementation. Funding for the program is through the Environmental Conservation Fund.

**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. If DOT & DEC decide to re-open and revise the existing UMP, APA would be an involved agency under SEQR.

Staff is also assisting the Planning Division in its preliminary review of a map amendment in Essex County.

**Regulatory Programs Support**

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