



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino

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RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for March 2014

Unit activities were as follows:

J&L Steel Site Remediation Conference Call

On 3/18/14, staff participated in the monthly J&L Steel site remediation conference call with NYSDEC and regional and local government officials. It was highlighted that transfer of the remediated 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site to St. Lawrence County will be completed in early April. The County will use a site management plan to limit the potential redevelopment of the property to commercial and/or industrial use, prevent groundwater usage, and maintain a site cover of either impervious materials or a foot of clean soil. It is anticipated that there will be three sites subdivided from this 18-acre lot that can be used for future enterprises.

The US Environmental Protection Agency has expressed some interest in assisting with the remediation of the remaining 36 acres. Their involvement will be coordinated by NYSDEC.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee

On 3/10/14, staff represented the Agency at a Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee meeting in Albany, NY. The Trust is responsible for managing \$117 million over the next 35 years. The money is required to be dispersed by the developer as mitigation for construction of the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. The money is to be allocated to a variety of priority projects that will improve the environmental conditions of the Champlain Lake and Hudson River. The Governance Committee is establishing a subcommittee to determine whether the current list of priority projects, developed in 2011, is still relevant and if changes should be made; it is anticipated that the first \$2.5 million dollars for the fund will be released in the first quarter of 2015.

Film and Television Development

Staff is coordinating with NYS Empire State Development on bringing a seminar about NYS's tax benefits for the film and television industries to the Adirondacks. The Agency is working with ESD to determine the demand for such an event.

Planning Division Support

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

Staff is currently assisting Local Planning Services in developing the Adirondack Park Local Government Day agenda and securing speakers for the conference.

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.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including a hotel in Essex County, a warehouse and distribution facility in Essex County, a mine 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.