



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 May 2014

Unit activities were as follows:

Low Impact Development Conference

On 5/1/14, staff presented on smart growth and Adirondack Park Agency permitting at the Lake George Waterkeeper's annual Low Impact Development Conference in Lake George, Warren County. Special Assistant Kelleher highlighted the Agency's work in assisting communities in Hamlet area redevelopment, outlining how such revitalization is beneficial both economically and environmentally, as well as past permits where economic goals and environmental conservation principles were achieved.

Adirondack Day

On 5/5/14, staff attended Adirondack Day at the Legislative Office Building in Albany, NY. Adirondack Day provided exhibits highlighting five key aspects of the Adirondacks: environmental stewardship, business, economy & development, tourism & recreation, education, and history & culture. The event was held in The Well and numerous State senators and legislators were afforded the opportunity to learn about the Park's diverse resources. The event concluded with a "Taste of the Adirondacks" where food and drinks from across the Park were served to attendees.

Film and Television Development

On 5/12/14, staff assisted the Governor's Office for Film and Motion Picture Development in facilitating a NY Loves Film Roadshow in Lake Placid, Essex County. About 25 film producers and industry leaders from across the Park met to discuss how to grow the film industry in the area. The group hopes to continue to get together and the Agency will assist ESD in continuing this initiative.

IDA Roundtable

5/14/14 Executive Director Martino, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs Weber, and Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Kelleher

met with Industrial Development Agency leaders from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence counties to discuss ways the Agency can work with the economic development industry in achieving its goals. Staff provided an overview of the Agency's permitting process, new policies and regulations that help achieve consistency in permitting, and the services available to them from the Agency's Economic Services Unit. The Agency learned from the IDA executives about issues facing IDA's, challenges to economic development in the region, and the work each individual IDA is currently undertaking. The IDA leaders expressed interest in turning the meeting into an annual event. Additionally, channels of communication between the IDA and the Agency were strengthened and it is expected that Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Kelleher will continue to maintain significant outreach with the attendees going forward.

Community Outreach

On 5/8/14 staff presented an overview about the Adirondack Park to Stockton College students visiting the Olympic Regional Development Authority. The presentation covered topics such as the Adirondack Private Land Use Plan, the State Land Master Plan, economic development in the Park, and the State's recent purchase of the Finch Pruyn lands.

On 5/19/14 Staff attended a meeting and about the Adirondack Park Upper Hudson Recreation Hub Grant program being administered by NYSDEC and funded by The Nature Conservancy. Thirty communities in the Adirondack Park are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000 each; \$500,000 dollars are available for projects related to recreation opportunities on the former Finch-Pruyn lands.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance

Staff from the Agency's Economic Services and Planning divisions is collaborating with a workgroup from the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton to develop an economic plan for the Hamlet areas of those municipalities. On 5/16/14, staff provided municipal officials from both communities with a proposed process for undertaking such an endeavor and on 5/27/14, a team of four Agency staff members from the two divisions presented to the area's Community Collaboration Council to discuss the project moving forward. Agency staff will work with community representatives to draft the economic plan and then will work with the community to implement the plan's components.

J&L Steel Site Remediation Conference Call

On 5/20/14, 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 was completed in 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. Additionally, 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.

A celebratory event for the transfer of the remediated 18 acres to the County will be held on June 10th at the Wanakena Ranger School at 10:30am. The public is invited to attend.

Planning Division Support

Staff is assisting the Planning Division in its preliminary review of two Hamlet map amendments in Essex County and a Hamlet map amendment in Fulton County.

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 shoreline variance in Essex County, a hotel in Essex County, a mine in Essex County, a retail use in Essex County, a subdivision in Fulton County, a marina in Franklin County, a group camp in Franklin County, a railway in St. Lawrence County, and a manufacturing facility in Warren County.