



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 and July 2014

Unit activities were as follows:

Community Outreach

On 7/1/14, staff attended a public announcement on the economic impact of Fort Ticonderoga. According to a study commissioned by the Fort, Fort Ticonderoga generates over \$8.9 million annually in local and regional economic impact. In 2013, over 66,000 guests visited the Fort resulting in \$5 million in direct visitor spending. Speakers at the event included Senator Little, Assemblyman Stec, and Ticonderoga Town Supervisor Grinnell.

On 7/22/14 staff presented on economic development in the Adirondack Park to the Saranac Lake Rotary Club. Over 30 Rotary Club members were in attendance. Mr. Kelleher compared growth trends in the Saranac Lake region to trends across the Park, provided strategies for industry recruitment, and discussed the Agency's Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance

Staff from the Agency's Economic Services and Planning divisions are 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 is working with community representatives to draft the economic plan and then will work with the community to implement the plan's components.

Common Ground Alliance

On 7/16/14, staff attended the Common Ground Alliance meeting in Town of Long Lake, Hamilton 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 hamlet revitalization, Adirondack Park economic development strategies, and an overview of Park-wide achievements over the past year.

Point Positive Entrepreneur Pitch Meeting

On 7/21/14 staff attended the inaugural pitch event put on by the Point Positive angel investor network. The meeting was open to network members, prospective members, entrepreneurs, students and others interested in developing and nurturing the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Adirondack Region. Staff represented the Agency to provide guidance and assistance to entrepreneurs potentially locating within the Park. During the event staff spoke with several entrepreneurs looking to locate in the region.

J&L Steel Site Remediation Conference Call

On 7/23/14, staff participated in the monthly J&L Steel site remediation conference call with NYSDEC and regional and local government officials. Transfer of the remediated 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site to St. Lawrence County was completed in April 2014. 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. NYS DEC is continuing to work with US EPA on removing oil from the remaining 36-acre property as well as investigating the potential for removal of blighted buildings on the site. US EPA is evaluating the building demolition through its CERCLA program for asbestos. US EPA has not yet committed to removing the buildings.

On 6/10/14, a celebratory event for the transfer of the remediated 18 acres to the County was held at the Wanakena Ranger School. About 50 members of the public, as well as numerous economic developers and local officials, attended the event.

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

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including two hotels 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.