



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 September, 2014

Unit activities were as follows:

J&L Steel Site Remediation Conference Call

On 9/16/14, 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 has not yet committed to removing the buildings.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee

On 9/24/14, staff represented the Agency at a meeting of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee. The Trust is responsible for managing \$117 million in Champlain Hudson Power Express project mitigation funds over the next 35 years. The money will be allocated to a variety of research, habitat restoration, and environmental enhancement projects on Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. The Governance Committee is establishing up to three subcommittees 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 or second quarter of 2015.

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. Agency staff are working with community representatives to draft the economic plan and then will work with the community in their implementation of the plan's components.

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.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including two hotels 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, and a manufacturing facility in Warren County.