



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Daniel F. Kelleher
DATE: January 8, 2015
RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for November and December, 2014.

Unit activities were as follows:

Community Outreach

On 12/3/14, staff attended the first annual Lake Placid-Saranac Lake Winter Job Fair. Staff met with recruiters from over 20 local and regional businesses to learn about their workforce needs and to better understand the local employment market. A majority of the employers represented at the event were in the health care and hospitality fields. Employers were looking for nurses and nurse assistants, home health aides, kitchen and frontline restaurant staff, and hotel staff.

On 12/4/14, staff attended the December meeting of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in Indian Lake, Hamilton County. The Review Board was provided with an overview of the Agency's November 2014 meeting by Executive Director Fred Monroe. Additional discussion topics included amendments to the State Land Master Plan and Hamlet revitalization.

On 12/8/14, staff attended the Advantage Adirondacks implementation conference in Lake George, Warren County. Over seventy stakeholders attended the conference in order to develop implementation agendas for the Advantage Adirondacks: Advancing Economic Opportunities across the Adirondack Park economic plan. The plan identified four key goals: "inspire a culture of entrepreneurship with a globally competitive workforce and diverse business base," "promote a sustainable and connected rural life with quality infrastructure and community amenities," "reinvent traditional industry across working landscapes in forest products, natural resources and agriculture," and "advance the Park as a world class destination." Strategies to achieve each goal are outlined in the plan and conference attendees were asked to discuss

specific measures for implementing the strategies. The plan is available at www.adirondackstrategies.com.

On 12/17/14, staff attended the kickoff meeting of the Great South Woods (GSW) recreation planning initiative in Speculator, Hamilton County. The GSW is a community-based planning initiative to enhance and diversify public access to the Forest Preserve and Conservation Easement lands in the southern Adirondack Park. The initiative is being led by SUNY-ESF in collaboration with Hamilton County, NYSAPA, and NYSDEC. The final product is anticipated to include a plan for additional recreation opportunities on Forest Preserve lands in the southern Adirondacks.

J&L Steel Site Remediation Conference Call

On 12/16/14, staff participated in the monthly J&L Steel site remediation conference call with NYSDEC and regional and local government officials. 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. 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.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust Governance Committee

On 12/18/14, 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 two 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 2016.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance

Staff has collaborated 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 11/20/14 the local community workgroup, in collaboration with Agency staff, held a public workshop to gain input into the draft plan. Over 39 members of the public attended. Agency staff have updated the plan based upon public feedback and submitted the new draft to the local

community workgroup. Final presentations to the Village and Town boards are expected in late January; it is anticipated that the Boards will pass resolutions in support of the plan at this time.

Planning Division Support

Staff is assisting the Planning Division in its preliminary review of two Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map amendments in Essex County.

Staff is supporting the State Lands Division in the State's review of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan.

Staff is supporting the State Lands Division in its public outreach regarding amendments to the State Land Master Plan. Staff attended the Agency's public outreach session in Old Forge, on 11/24/14.

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 restaurant use in Essex County, a subdivision in Fulton County, a subdivision in Essex County, a subdivision in Saratoga County, and a marina in Franklin County.