



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Terry Martino
FROM: Daniel F. Kelleher
DATE: February 4, 2015
RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for January 2015.

Unit activities were as follows:

Administrative Support

On January 16th, 2015, staff attended and assisted with an announcement of the Governor's \$1 billion State-wide broadband expansion plan. At the event in Lake Placid, Lt. Governor Hochul announced that through public-private partnerships, the Governor proposes to connect every household in New York State to high speed broadband by January 1st, 2019. The proposal would connect each home with broadband ten times faster than the federal government's definition of high speed broadband.

Regional Council Support

On January 23rd, 2015, staff attended a meeting of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council in Lake Placid, Essex County. The Council discussed strategies for developing updated plans for 2015. Additionally, the Council received a presentation about the NYS Department of Labor's Unemployment Strikeforce which offers services and incentives to small businesses that are growing in employment. The Council anticipates to update its economic plan as part of a fifth round of the Regional Economic Development Council competitions as well as to develop a plan as part of the Governor's proposed \$1,500,000,000 upstate New York competition.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance

On January 21st, 2015, the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville passed a resolution in support of the communities' Hamlet economic development plan. On 11/20/14 the local community workgroup, in collaboration with Agency staff, held a public workshop to gain input into the draft plan. Agency staff updated the plan based upon public feedback and submitted the new draft to the local community workgroup in December. Agency staff will now assist the communities with implementing the plan.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the Regulatory Programs Division on several projects including two hotels in Essex County, a retail use in Essex County, a restaurant use in Essex County, a subdivision in Essex County, a subdivision in Saratoga County, and a marina in Franklin County.

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 Agency's review of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan.