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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs

DATE: September 30, 2015

RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for September, 2015.

Unit activities were as follows:

North Country Regional Economic Development Council Support

Staff is assisting several North Country Regional Economic Development Council (NCREDC) workgroups on their 2015 updates as well as on the Council's Upstate Revitalization Initiative competition submission. Staff attended workgroup meetings on September 11, 16, 17, 18, and 21. Additionally, Staff attended a meeting of the NCREDC on September 16. Award announcements are expected in late fall/early winter.

Community Outreach

On 9/30/15, staff attended a meeting of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the Town of Saranac, Clinton County. Ron Konowitz of the Adirondack Powder Skiers Association presented on the organization's actions to expand glade skiing on the Forest Preserve. Additionally, the Review Board received an overview of the Agency's August and September meetings.

Eat ADK Restaurant Week

Staff is assisting a workgroup seeking to establish a restaurant week event in the Lake Placid/Saranac Lake region. The event would be used to spur economic activity in the "off season" month of May. A workgroup has been formed to take a leadership role in the event's development and staff will provide assistance and expertise to the workgroup as needed. Prior to working for the Agency, Special Assistant Kelleher worked as the Business Development Manager for the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District (BID) where he helped facilitate the organization's Downtown

Albany Restaurant Week. The feasibility of hosting a restaurant week in Lake Placid was explored by Paul Smith's College students.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative

On 9/25/15 staff met with officials from the Town of Lake Pleasant and Village of Speculator (Hamilton County) to discuss the Agency's HEPA initiative and other ways the Agency can assist the communities. The local communities currently have a regional economic development group that seeks to encourage sustainable development in the Town and Village.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the Regulatory Programs Division on several projects including two hotels in Essex County, a commercial and hospitality use in Essex County, a campground in Herkimer County, a subdivision in Essex County, a dam project in Fulton County, a subdivision in Saratoga County, three silviculture permits throughout the Park, and a marina in Franklin County.

Planning Division Support

Staff is supporting the State Lands Division in the Agency's review of the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan and potential revisions to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.