



**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Terry Martino

**FROM:** Daniel F. Kelleher

**DATE:** June 1, 2013

**RE:** Economic Services Unit Activities for May 2013

Unit activities were as follows:

**Adirondack Partnership Recreation Plan**

On 5/2/13, staff participated in a meeting of the Adirondack Partnership's Recreation Plan Workgroup. The workgroup has developed and released a recreation plan highlighting opportunities in recreation infrastructure maintenance and expansion, hamlet revitalization, expansion of the outdoor recreation industry, and the marketing of the entire Adirondack Park. It is anticipated that the plan will provide guidance to all levels of government as well as local community organizations on how to leverage recreation into economic gain.

Staff is also assisting the initiative by developing a presentation that can be used for explaining recreation planning process to various stakeholder groups. Members of the workgroup will be working with Park stakeholders to understand and implement the suggestions in the document.

**Hamlet Revitalization**

On 5/6/13, staff met with Jeremy Evans, Community Development Officer for the Village of Saranac Lake to discuss strategies for downtown and hamlet redevelopment within the Village. The Agency will assist the Village of Saranac Lake by providing guidance on community planning, economic development, and municipal programming.

**Community Outreach**

On 5/9/13, staff presented an overview about the Adirondack Park to Stockton College students visiting the Olympic Regional Development Authority. The presentation covered topics such as the Adirondack

Private Land Use Plan, the State Land Master Plan, economic development in the Park, and the State's recent purchase of the Finch Pruyn lands.

#### **Congress for New Urbanism New York Regional Summit**

On 5/10/13 and 5/11/13, staff attended the New York Regional Summit of the Congress for New Urbanism. The conference highlighted long-term economic development strategies that reduce municipal maintenance and service provision expenses. Other topics included sustainable community development, transportation planning reform, and form based code development.

#### **J&L Site Remediation (St. Lawrence County)**

On 5/21/13, staff participated in the monthly J&L site remediation conference call administered by NYSDEC and attended by State, County, and local government officials. A Record of Decision for the 18-acre Environmental Restoration Program site has been issued and stakeholders are analyzing the opportunity for liability release in order for St. Lawrence County to take control of the site. Additionally, draft site investigation reports are being developed for the two State Superfund Potential sites. These are expected to be completed in mid-2013.

#### **Finch Pruyn**

On 5/30/13, staff met with leaders from the Essex County towns of Minerva, Newcomb, and North Hudson as well as the Hamilton County towns of Indian Lake and Long Lake, to discuss Agency support for realizing the economic potential of the new land purchases. Economic Services staff will provide the communities with guidance on community and economic development strategies, analysis of economic conditions, and facilitation between local, regional, and State economic development entities.

#### **Regulatory Programs Support**

Economic Services staff is supporting Regulatory Programs on several projects including a recreation facility in Warren County, two recreation facilities in Essex County, a subdivision in Franklin County, a mine in Oneida County, an ice cream shop and maple sugar refinery in Essex County, and a bike trail in Essex County.