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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs

DATE: July 7, 2016

RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for June, 2016.

Unit activities were as follows:

Regional Economic Development Council Support

Staff continues to assist several North Country Regional Economic Development Council (NCREDC) workgroups as part of the 2016 REDC initiative. On June 23, staff attended a meeting of the Council's Priority Project and Plan Implementation Committee in Potsdam. Several new competition elements were added in 2016 including the \$100 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative - Lake George

Staff is assisting the Town and Village of Lake George in the drafting of a joint economic development plan as part of the Agency's HEPA Initiative. On June 16, staff met with Town and Village officials to develop a plan of action for the summer. The team agreed to pursue additional public outreach in September so that more business owners could be involved.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative – Crown Point

Staff is assisting the Town of Crown Point in the drafting of an economic development plan as part of the Agency's HEPA Initiative. Staff continues to work with the stakeholder workgroup to pursue a public outreach process. Subsequent to public input, staff will assist the workgroup in developing an economic development plan for the Town.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative – Webb

On June 2, staff met with officials and business owners from the Town of Webb to discuss possible collaboration on an economic development plan. The Town is currently working with a consultant on an update of its comprehensive plan and views a new economic development plan as an augmentation to that plan. Agency staff and the

Town are trying to determine the best way to coordinate work between the consulting firm and the Agency.

Adirondack Business Recruitment Workgroup

Staff met with representatives from the North Country Regional Chamber of Commerce and Park Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) at the Agency's offices in Ray Brook on June 29 to further business recruitment strategies for the Adirondack Park. The agglomeration of economic development leaders from the Park's 12 counties are now working together under the adopted name "Adirondack Business Recruitment Workgroup." The group will host several business recruitment events across the Park as well as participate in coordinated marketing efforts.

J&L Site Redevelopment

On June 7, staff met with a workgroup in Star Lake, St. Lawrence County, to discuss a plan for the reuse of the J&L Steel property in the Town of Clifton. Additionally, on June 21, staff participated in a conference call with local officials, NYS DEC, and the US Environmental Protection Agency to discuss site remediation. The group is pursuing strategies to finalize site remediation including the removal of existing buildings, develop infrastructure on the property, and to find new uses for the site. The Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) is currently writing and facilitating grants to remove existing buildings that are structurally deficient and pose dangers to public health. In February, the Agency approved a permit for the first new use on the site, a boat washing station and public information center.

Regulatory Programs Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the Regulatory Programs Division on several projects including a subdivision in Essex County, an industrial project in Essex County, an energy project in Essex County, a tourism accommodations project in St. Lawrence County, and a marina project in Franklin County.

State Lands Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the State Lands Unit on its review of the Adirondack Park Transportation Corridors Unit Management Plan (DOT) and the development of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the classification of newly acquired State lands.