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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs

DATE: November 2, 2016

RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for October, 2016.

Unit activities were as follows:

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 September 20, staff assisted Town and Village staff in hosting a public outreach meeting. Agency staff has also developed and released a community input survey designed to solicit input from residents, visitors, and seasonal residents. Staff is currently working with Town and Village staff to begin drafting the economic plan.

Adirondack Business Recruitment Workgroup

Staff continues to coordinate the efforts of the Adirondack Business Recruitment Workgroup, an agglomeration of economic development agencies representing the twelve counties in the Adirondack Park. On October 21, a meeting of the workgroup was held at the Agency's offices in Ray Brook. The group will schedule two "partner outreach" meetings to build connections between potential economic development partners including realtors, bankers, accountants, and attorneys. Additionally, the group is working with the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism to develop an identity and marketing plan to help attract new businesses to the Adirondack Park. The group is pursuing grant funding through National Grid as well as funding from private donors. Essex County IDA will be responsible for financial management.

Public Outreach

On October 6, staff presented as the opening speaker at the Southern Adirondack Planning and Zoning Forum in Lake George. Staff discussed the Agency's Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative as well as its role in coordinating the work of the Adirondack Business Recruitment Workgroup. Over 100 local government leaders and planning and zoning board members were in attendance.

On October 14, staff presented to students from Green Mountain College in Vermont. The students are studying sustainable economic development in the northern regions of both New York and Vermont. Staff discussed the APA land use plan, smart growth, economic development, and the Agency's leadership role in State land classifications.

On October 25 staff attended a planning meeting of Fulton County's Vision 2026 Economic Development Plan in Johnstown, Fulton County. The County is working with consultants to outline a vision for the region ten years from now and to identify steps for achieving that vision. Several major Adirondack communities are located in Fulton County including Mayfield, Caroga, Northampton, and Northville.

J&L Site Redevelopment

On October 18, staff participated in a conference call to discuss plans for the remediation and reuse of the J&L Steel property in the Town of Clifton. A workgroup of local economic development and government officials is pursuing strategies to finalize site remediation, including the removal of existing buildings, infrastructure development, and finding new uses for the site. On September 28, the Agency provided the workgroup with a letter of non-jurisdiction for the removal of buildings on the property. 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, 2016 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, three industrial projects in Essex County, an energy project in Essex County, a visitor attraction in Hamilton County, two recreational facilities 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 in its development of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the classification of newly acquired State lands.