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SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Community and Economic Development Committee
July 2, 2015
11:30 A.M.

***Committee Members: Ira Steingart (Chair); Alan Sorensen (Vice Chair);
Jonathan Rouis; Kathy LaBuda; and Gene Benson***

AGENDA

PRESENTATION: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

DIVISION/PROGRAM UPDATE:

- IDA - Jennifer C.S. Brylinski
- Partnership for Economic Development – Marc Baez
- Visitors Association - Roberta Byron-Lockwood
- Workforce Development – Laura Quigley
- Community & Economic Development – Freda Eisenberg

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ACTIVITY REPORT – JULY 2015
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

June 22, 2015

The IDA held its regular meeting on June 8, 2015. At that meeting the Board discussed and approved two resolutions. The first resolution approved an expansion project underway at the Catskill Distilling Company in Bethel, and the second resolution approved Rock Meadow Partners as agent of the Agency as a master developer of the old Narrowsburg School project.

The construction of the building shell of the Red Meat Facility in Liberty is substantially complete and building equipment is being purchased. It is expected that electrical service will be brought to the building, plumbing in the building will be completed, and the operator request for proposals will be distributed soon. Staff continues to monitor all grant requirements and track the overall project budget.

With respect to other agricultural economic development programs and initiatives, IDA staff has assisted in the development of the Sullivan County Farmland Protection Plan and serves on the new Agricultural Task Force, which will implement the plan. Staff also assists the Sullivan County Planning Division in its development of a local dairy processing facility.

Attended Veria groundbreaking ceremony on June 21 and attended Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress presentation in Rock Hill on June 24, 2015.

Worked with several of the Agency's projects to ensure that certain aspects of the General Municipal Law and Public Authorities Law are undertaken in the proper manner. This included discussions regarding the newly enacted laws regarding sales tax exemption reporting and requirements.

The Agency worked with several small businesses regarding IDA and Sullivan County Funding Corp (SCFC) loan programs, and has been part of the County's Microenterprise Assistance Program and County's Workforce Partners meetings.

Jennifer CS Brylinski
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Report to Legislature July 2015

A. General Operations

1) **Activities**

- The Sullivan County Community was well represented on June 21st when over two hundred attendees welcomed Dr, Subbash Chandra at the Veria Life Style – Z Living Wellness Center groundbreaking ceremony. This approximately \$100 million project has been going through the approvals process, as well as site cleanup work and design fine tuning to get to this point. This 130 room, 260,00sq.ft health resort is projected to 800 FTEs. In addition Dr. Chandra announced that following this project will be a sportsman's oriented facility to be built on the original grounds of the former Kutcher's hotel. Both are extraordinary projects that will exhibit significant positive economic impacts for Sullivan County.
- The third Catskills Hospitality Alliance meeting was a held this month. The focus of the meeting was to get a clear understanding of how our local unions hire apprentices and other employees and/or firms. Todd Diorio. Local Laborers 17 reviewed their practices and went over various challenges locals face when facing project gluts and win falls. We will be pursuing the possibility of training modules at SCCC for local's needs. Over the next several months Laura Quigley and the subcommittees of the Alliance will be putting together the structural components needed to launch the Alliance.

2) **Internal/External Marketing –**

- The Sullivan United economic development team hosted a breakfast on June 24 at 8:30 located in Bernie's. The breakfast was well attended with 125 people participating in a presentation by Pattern for Progress that reviewed some critical economic indices and trends with us and set the stage for areas of focus we will need to address to maximize the increased economic activity in Sullivan County. The room was filled with energy and enthusiasm for what will be Sullivan County's resurgence soon to come.
- The Sullivan United Economic Development team will be holding its 2nd Annual Mid Summer mixer at the Monster Golf Course in the heart of the Adelaar project site. Each of the economic development team members will provide information on their respective activities and answer questions relative to the services we offer. In addition, Adelaar/Montreign representatives will provide an update on the project. Hopefully we will have good news on the licensing of the casino by then. There has been quite a bit of construction activity on the site, as some roads and infrastructure are beginning to be placed. Look for notices forthcoming.

3) **Community Outreach –our first Sullivan United Summer Youth Employment program placed 12 students in summer employment. Given the limited amount of time we had I**

believe the effort was well worth it and we will craft a more expansive program next year.

- 4) **Meetings:** Micro Grid Kick Off Meeting at CCE, Airport Commission, Board of Supervisors meeting, Town/Village of Liberty joint meeting, Monticello Business Association, Narrowsburg School, HVEDC, NYSEDC.

B. Project Updates

a. Corporate Attraction

- We have responded to an additional inquiry interested in developing a Hotel featuring an indoor water park. The project proponents claim to have site control and are completing due diligence at this time. Update: We have met with the proposed development group. We teamed up with the SCVA to tour key properties in Sullivan County to give the prospects a taste of what the current and future development landscape holds for future developers. A letter of intent has been drafted. *Update: The parties have reached an agreement on terms. We expect a presentation forthcoming with conceptual design and further details .Update: Principals will be back to the area this month.*
- We have submitted a proposal in response to an Italian firm looking to build a food processing facility that produce high end cured hams and specialty meat products. The company is seeking to construct a 50,000 facility in the US and has visited some Sullivan county sites already. Update: The firm will be touring additional sites in Sullivan County on May 12. *Update: The firm principals have toured several sites in Sullivan County. We have responded with additional information on one suitable site. TBD*
- We have submitted a site proximate to SCCC for consideration of a cheese processing facility. The firm would be eligible for Start Up as it falls within the 1 mile threshold. The site has access to water and sewer which is a must. The project falls within SCCC's world nutritional arts focus. Update. The engineer working for the client has responded favorably to the location thus far. TBD

b. Small Business/Entrepreneurial Development

- The Partnership Revolving Loan Committee has approved financing for The Pickled Owl, a Café/Craft Brew Pub to be located in Hurleyville. NY.
- IWW funds available \$89,000 There are currently 11 loans within this program:
- SI funds available \$ 48,000 There are currently 11 loans with this program:

c. Business Expansion

Automotive body shop will expand to a fully owned facility from existing leased space. The move will create 2-5 additional net new jobs. SCP has approved financing. Bank financing took longer than expected but has been approved. Update: Finalizing environmental analysis before closing.

d. Shovel Ready Sites

- We have been assisting SCCC in its CFA application to run infrastructure to the area it has been working on as a shovel ready Start UP NY commerce park. The

project is also looking to site wells strategically to serve both the site and provide more volume to the Town Fallsburg Water system.

- An existing owner of a key development site along the old route 17 corridor is in the process of updating engineering, addressing site plan changes, and finalizing “ Shovel Ready “ status on the property. As an owner of several key parcels in the Thompson/Liberty area the principal is looking to move ahead in the areas of workforce development retail and Light Industrial applications, all stemming from the Casino licensing decision. Update: Project professionals will be presenting to the Town Planning Board in August. Coupled with a CFA for water/sewer infrastructure, if successful this will begin to put the necessary elements in place for a true IC corridor.

e. Cluster Development

Due to high interest in the hospitality area we are analyzing sub-clusters of this industry sector for internal/external solicitation and investment opportunities; In addition, we are exploring health care opportunities to address a predicable shortfall in healthcare dedicated professionals. Ongoing.

f. Membership Education

Pattern for Progress County Profile – June 24, Bernie’s Holiday restaurant 8:30AM.
Sullivan United Mixer – July 15, 5:30 to 8:00 Monster Golf Course

**SULLIVAN COUNTY VISITORS ASSOCIATION
CED REPORT
JULY 2015**

PROJECT/MEETING	SPONSOR LOCAL/STATE NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL	STRATEGY	STRENGTHS	TIMELINE/COMPLETION	IMPACT
Sullivan United	Visitors Assoc., SC Partnership, SC Chamber and IDA	Unite economic development efforts to better position the SC Catskills	All facets of economic development	Year round	Improve the economic well being and quality of life throughout the county
Golden Shovel Ceremony	Veria Lifestyles, Partnership, SCVA	The ground breaking ceremony for the \$100 million Zliving resort	Lodging and wellness	June 21, 2015	This will bring international attention to Sullivan County
I Love NY bottles	I Love NY & SCVA	Cross market for a greener NY with reusable water bottles	N/A	2015	Quality of life
2016 International Promotion	Brand USA, I Love NY, SCVA	Plan for the 2016 international market expansion	All	2016	Increased international markets, visitors and spending
Cooperative Extension	Cooperative Extension & SCVA	Work together to promote agritourism and programs offered by Cornell	Agriculture	2015	Better service agricultural community
URI Tourism Initiative	Mid-Hudson REDC Patterns for Progress	Continue to develop strategies and supply data	All	2015	Increased grant revenue opportunities for the region
Digital and first person marketing	Madden Media & SCVA	Meeting to develop additional digital marketing and first person experiences	All	2015	Increased visitation and spending

SC Workforce Committee	SC Workforce	Strategy session to develop goals and plans for increased workforce demands	N/A	2015	Increase employment opportunities for residents with new development
SC Trail Committee	SC, SCVA, and partners	Develop a county-wide trail system	Outdoors	2015	Increase visitation and use of trails plus quality of life
Eagle Express	Delaware communities, Rolling V and SCVA	Provide a mode of transportation to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway	All	Last weekend in June through July	Slow with reservations for first week but soliciting a writer to do an article
Coach USA	Coach USA & SCVA	Strategize increasing bus traffic and cross promotion to bring a large market niche to SC Catskills	All	2015	Increased visitation from NYC and NJ
NYC Sales Exchange	DONY & SCVA	Meet with NYC based tour and travel receptives to bring groups and FIT from NYC to Catskills	All	June 10, 2015	Increased visitors and spending
Video production	NDPRO Media & SCVA	Develop several videos highlighting events, attractions and businesses. Started with the Trout and Tractor parades and businesses in the general area.	All	2015	Increased video promotion to increase visitor spending
URI research on Tourism pod	REDC & Patterns for Progress, SCVA	Meeting to discuss the tourism projects that can be recommended for	All	2015	Developing a URI that will bring additional marketing dollars

IPW	Travel Industry of America, Brand USA, I Love NY	the Sullivan County Catskills	Promote visitation to the SC Catskills from the international market	All	May 30-June 4, 2015	Increased visitation of the international traveler.
Mysteryland USA	IDT, BW, SCVA		Successfully promote a three day event.	All	May 22-24, 2015	Increased business revenue to entire Sullivan County
Livingston Manor CFA	Sullivan County Planning, Livingston Manor, Partnership, SCVA, IDA	Attraction	Develop a Main Street CFA for 2015 rounds of funding		2015	Increased business and revenue to
China City, Culinary Institute of America	China City	All	Major Chinese restaurant owners to invest in SC Catskills		May 22, 2015	Bring in high end Chinese reataurants
Meeting with new REDC Director Meghan Taylor	NYS, SCVA, Dutchess	All	Highlight the importance of tourism in the SC Catskills		May 21, 2015	Working to receive additional funding from CFA's
Meetings with interested developers	N/A	All	Entice additional investment		2015	Increased business development
Workforce Region 1	Sullivan County Workforce	N/A	Develop a strategy to fulfill jobs coming from new development		2015	To secure jobs from Sullivan and surrounding countries where needed
Monticello HS promotion	SCVA & Monticello HS	Quality of life	Promotion of the Monticello School district as a place to relocate		2015	Production and distribution of marketing the district to new residents expected with the additional build out
Roscoe Brewery	Roscoe Beer Company	Craft brewing	Promotion of a new		May 9, 2015	A new attraction

Grand Opening		attraction			destination to provide visitors with new experience	
Australia Ready	I Love NY	Promote to a growing Australia market		All	2015	Provide more international visitor spending
CFA and Agricultural grants	SCVA, IDA and communities	Secure grants and funding for the expansion of agricultural product		Agriculture	2015	Increased revenue and sales
SCVA Literature Exchange	SCVA	Prepare our businesses for the upcoming season, network with other tourism businesses and receive further education on hospitality		All	May 7, 2015	Enhance visitor experience and provide members with tools to succeed
Disney Hospitality Training Seelig Theater	SUNY Sullivan, SCVA, SC Chamber	Training available to businesses in Sullivan County through Disney Quality Training		All	May 6, 2015	Provide one on one training for better visitor hospitality
Kite Festival	SUNY Sullivan, SCVA	Event		Event	May 2, 2015	Visitor spending
Escapemaker Taste of NY	SCVA and partners	Promote our agricultural product in NYC		Agriculture	May 2, 2015	Increased opportunity for our agricultural producers
Thunderbash 2015	Thunder 102, SCVA, Monticello Casino & Raceway	Event promotion		Events	May 1&2, 2015	Promotion
NYSTIA Empire State Tourism Conference	New York State Tourism Industry Association	To work together with I Love NY and the other tourism regions on new ideas for promoting tourism in NYS		All	April 27-29, 2015	Efficiently promote NYS to visitors
Regional Tourism Roundtable	SCVA, Sullivan County	To work with the neighboring		All	2015	Additional visitor spending

			counties in Region 1 to prepare for the Montreign/Adelaar project				
Media Marketplace, NYC	Finn Partners, I Love NY, CATS		Promote media stories for earned value	All	April 23, 2015	Produce articles to entice travel to the Catskills	
Power Up SEE Project	SUNY Sullivan Not for Profit		Sustainable energy Help kids in three larger school districts attend cultural venues	N/A N/A	April 22, 2015 2015	N/A N/A	
China Tour	Thompson Group		High end Chinese restaurateurs to Sullivan County	New Development	April, 2015	Tour of Culinary Institute and Sullivan County	
Path Through History Call	Mid Hudson/Catskill Region		Plan for upcoming Heritage Faire at Locust Grove and 2015/16 marketing	History & Culture	April 17, 2015	Market Historic sites in Region	
Green Tourism Conference	Delaware Highlands Conservance/Green Hospitality		Green Sustainable program	All	April 14, 15, 2015	Provide businesses the opportunity to learn about green practices that save money and service a growing environmentally conscious visitor	
Disney Training	SUNY Sullivan, SCVA, SC Chamber		Hospitality Training for train the trainer	All	April 12-15, 2015	Offer businesses the ability to train staff to give visitors an enriched experience	
CATS Conference call	CATS Region		Regional Marketing Plan	All	2015	Increase marketing funds to reach	

Day to Day	SCVA and its members	Distribution of travel guide, place advertising, increase presence on social media, develop story lines	All	2015	targeted markets Increase visitation and spending.
Broadband	Sullivan County	Work with State, county and businesses	All	2015	Work to increase broadband in county thereby increasing business opportunities
UPDATE Eagle Express	SCVA and partners	The Eagle Express is up and running from end of June through July	Delaware River corridor	June 2015	Increased visitation along the Delaware River corridor
Craft Beer Alliance	SCVA, IDA and local craft beverage producers	Seek grant funds to promote the craft beverage industry in the Region	Agritourism	2015	Increased revenue generated by the craft beverages
Workforce Development	SCVA & SC workforce	To strategize for the increased need for workers with new developments	N/A	2015	Increase ability for residents to become employed
Sportsmen Expo	SCCC, SCVA, SC Chamber and partners	Kick off the outdoor season with an expo promoting the Sullivan County Catskills	Outdoors	March 21, 2015	Although the weather played a role in attendance this year it was still an overall success. Visitors came from as far away as New Jersey for the expo

Workforce Housing	SCVA & Montreign	Secure lodging for construction workers	Lodging	2015-2017	Increased opportunity for lodging properties revenue and sales tax by providing lodging to workers during off peak days and season.
Media Story	Bob Henderson, writer	Creation of an article on the historical and new development	All	2015	Increased awareness of new development and the promotion of the County in general
Paths Through History	Tale of Two Rivers Heritage Fair	Plans for Heritage Fair in May to promote historical sites & museums	History & Culture	May 17, 2015	Increase awareness and visitation to our historical sites and museums
SCVA Board Retreat	SCVA	Plan and strategize organization's work plan	All	March 18, 2015	Better serve the Sullivan County Catskills tourism industry through promotion and advertising.
NJCAA Championships	SUNY Sullivan & SCVA	Promotion	Event	March 12-14, 2015	Visitor spending
Bi-lingual Project	Renaissance & SCVA	Create a plan for bi-lingual visitation	All	2015	N/A
SCCC Advisory Board	SUNY Sullivan	Strategic Planning	All	March 12, 2015	College curriculum
Hospitality Consulting Team	SCVA & SC Partnership	Economic Development	All	March 12, 2015	N/A
Sullivan Leadership	SC Foundation	Education to leadership group	All	March 11, 2015	Education
Tourism Action Day	NYSH&TA, TIC	Inform State leaders on tourism industry	N/A	March 10, 2015	Education of our State leaders on

Barryville Winter Mixer	Barryville Business Assoc.	Presentation	All	March 7, 2015	importance of tourism to NYS
Renaissance Annual Event	Renaissance	Honor businesses and bring together positive attitudes	All	March 7, 2015	Meet and greet and update Barryville business
Travel Shows	SCVA & Partners	Attend travel destination shows in the target markets(Golf, Family Leisure, Sports and group)	All	2015	Beautification and collaboration
New Hotels	SCVA	Met with two developers working on smaller hotels in Sullivan County	Lodging	2015	Increase awareness of the Sullivan County Catskills to the traveling public.
Mysteryland, USA	IDT & SCVA	Working dialogue to develop the greatest economic impact of this three day festival	Event	Memorial Day weekend	Increase room inventory and sales tax revenue
Livingston Manor Business Meeting	Sullivan County, Livingston Manor, Sullivan United	Develop a CFA for development along Main Street	Community	2015	Increase tax revenue and spending
Web Site Enhancement	SCVA	To maintain cutting edge performance of the web site	All	Spring 2015	Increase business into Livingston Manor
Disney Hospitality	SUNY Sullivan SCVA, SC Chamber	Provide a comprehensive hospitality training	All	April through 2015	Continue the high profile visibility for visitors seeking information on the Catskills
					Prepare new and existing businesses and

Eat Kitchen Opening	Sullivan County Extension	program for businesses in Sullivan County Culinary	All	January 30, 2015	employees with new skill set.
Tourism Industry Coalition	TIC members	Upcoming Tourism Action Day and legislative issues	All	2015	Facilitate legislation statewide on behalf of the tourism industry
SC Trail Task Force	SC, SCVA and various partners	Plan for inter-connective trail system	Outdoors and health	2015	Establish and promote trail system for residents and visitors
Path Through History Itinerary building	NYS, Path Through History Partners	Promote the historical sites in Sullivan County	History & Culture	Ongoing	Promote the historical venues to increase revenue and visitation
2015 Travel Guide	SCVA	Promotion of the Sullivan County	All	January 2015	Increase visitation with a high impact travel guide
SCVA Winter Photo Contest	SCVA and members	Increase awareness of winter season	All	December & January	Increase visitation
2015 Travel & Trade Shows	SCVA and partners	Attend a variety of travel and trade shows promoting the Sullivan County Catskills	Outdoors, Arts & Culture, Meetings	January-June	Increase awareness of the Sullivan County Catskills as a travel destination to national and international travelers

Chelsea Cavanaugh Concert	I Love NY, SCVA, SC Chamber, Holiday Mtn., Thunder 102	Organize a concert event in January presenting a up and coming Country singer doing concerts at ski areas in NYS	Outdoor rec event	January 2015	Increase exposure of Holiday Mtn. and SC Catskills
Mysteryland, USA	IDT, Bethel Woods & SCVA	Coordination of Memorial Day weekend with Mysteryland's return	Event	Memorial Day Weekend	Increase visitation and sales tax generation
Brand USA	SCVA, CATS, I Love NY	Promote the Catskill Region to the international traveler	Outdoors, Arts & Culture	2015	Increase visitation and spending by UK and German market
TrailKeeper.org	SCVA, SC Planning, Catskill Mountainkeeper, CCE and Morgan Outdoors	Outdoor activity and health with Coordinated hikes through the year as well as self-guided from the website	Outdoor rec	On-going	Increased awareness of the hiking and biking trails in SC as well as promoting healthy lifestyles
Northeast Regional Wrestling Tournaments	SCCC & SCVA	Event	All	Jan-March 2015	Working with the organizers and local business to host 3 wrestling events with special lodging and amenity discounts.
Green Expo	Hospitality Green, Delaware Conservancy, SCVA and Regional Partners	Planning for 2 nd Expo	All	April 2015	Educate businesses on green initiatives and hospitality
Hospitality Training Sullivan Pride	SCVA, SCCC, Renaissance, BOCES, private businesses	Build a better hospitality	All	January-May	Improve visitor experience and

			experience for visitors and offer business Disney Training				quality of life for residents
2015 Bagel Festival Meeting	SCVA and Bagel Fest	Event	Event planning for the 2015 Bagel Fest		August 2015		Expand Bagel Fest and increase visitation
Farmland Protection Plan	Sullivan County	Agritourism	Develop a plan to enhance agricultural productivity and profits		2015		Increase the agricultural industry in Sullivan County
Catskill Cuisine	SCVA/CATS Region	All	Partners are in the planning stage of promoting a Catskill Cuisine event promoting agricultural product		Fall 2015		Increase awareness of farm fresh products by creating an event to highlight these products and increasing visitation and sales
VIATOR travel site	I Love NY	All	Promotion of Upstate NY through a national and international travel web site		2015		Increased promotion under the I Love NY marketing
Snowmobile Meeting	SC Trails, SC Partnership & SCVA	Winter sports	Promote the snowmobile trails and winter activity		2015		Increase promotion of snowmobile trails and winter sports

Simple View	SCVA	To stay on cutting edge of web site improvements	All	2015	Increased usage of web site and functionality for users And businesses
Wine, Brew & Spirit Trail	SCVA	Promote our many wineries, breweries and distilleries in SC	Agriculture	2015	Working with a volunteer to coordinate a trail map of wines, brews and spirits
E-Commerce	SCVA & Large Media	Promote and assist local business with sales on-line	All	On going	Increase sales and promotion for local businesses

Program Employment Data

Program	Covered Period	# of People Who Found Employment	# of Businesses	Examples of Businesses
Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth	5/25/15 – 6/24/15	61 people	41 businesses	ADP Total Source Advance Security Butler Construction Camp Rayim County of Sullivan – 13 Crystal Run Village Drug World DUSO II Inc Independent Home Care Livingston Manor Central School MB Food Processing New York Truck Parts NYC Health Hospitals Corp Pestech RBD Staffing Rocking Horse Ranch Rolling V Bus Corp -2 Schein Ice Cream Bethel Performing Arts National Bank of Delaware County Tranram Trucking US Alliance Federal Credit Willow Woods Condominium

- ❖ A workforce partners meeting was held June 16 with representatives from the Hudson Valley Trades. There will be follow up meetings with the college and Trade unions to discuss aligning respective organization’s trainings so workers can earn college credit.
- ❖ Spoke to the Monticello Interfaith Council on June 9 about the workforce services that are available with emphasis on the summer youth employment program.

- ❖ The Summer Youth Employment Program is set to start on July 6 and run through August 14. There will be approximately 65 youth working at various work sites around the county. Worksites are public/non-profit or private. Youth work 26 hours per week and earn \$8.75 per hour.

Meeting Highlights:

- 6/4 – Regional Workforce Meeting
- 6/4 – SC Child Care Council Fundraising Dinner
- 6/9 – Statewide Workforce Directors Meeting
- 6/11 – State Association Board Meeting
- 6/24 – Sullivan United Breakfast

Unemployment Rates

Month	2015 Sullivan County	2014 Sullivan County	2015 Hudson Valley	2015 New York State	2015 United States
January	7.2	8.5	5.5	6.5	6.1
February	7.0	8.6	5.3	6.4	5.8
March	6.4	7.9	4.8	5.8	5.6
April	5.8	6.7	4.5	5.5	5.1
May	5.6	6.5	4.7	5.3	5.3
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

Labor Market Profile

Resident Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Employment

SULLIVAN COUNTY

May 2015, April 2015, May 2014

Category	May 2015	Apr 2015	May 2014	Net Month	% Month	Net Year	% Year
Resident Civilian Labor Force	32,900	32,400	33,100	500	1.5%	-200	-0.6%
Employed	31,100	30,500	31,000	600	2.0%	100	0.3%
Unemployed	1,900	1,900	2,200	0	0.0%	-300	-13.6%
Sullivan County Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.9%	6.5%	-0.3		-0.9	
NYS Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.5%	6.2%	-0.2		-0.9	
US Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.1%	6.1%	0.2		-0.8	
Total Nonfarm							
Total Nonfarm	24,800	24,100	24,900	700	2.9%	-100	-0.4%
Total Private							
Total Private	18,800	18,200	18,700	600	3.3%	100	0.5%
Goods-Producing							
Goods-Producing	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction							
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing							
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Service-Providing							
Service-Providing	22,500	21,800	22,600	700	3.2%	-100	-0.4%
Private Service-Providing							
Private Service-Providing	16,500	15,900	16,400	600	3.8%	100	0.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities							
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,300	4,200	4,300	100	2.4%	0	0.0%
Information							
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities							
Financial Activities	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services							
Professional and Business Services	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Education and Health Services							
Education and Health Services	5,700	5,600	5,700	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality							
Leisure and Hospitality	2,700	2,300	2,600	400	17.4%	100	3.8%
Other Services							
Other Services	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government							
Government	6,000	5,900	6,200	100	1.7%	-200	-3.2%

COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

MAY 2015

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE
1	Columbia County	3.9	30	Oneida County	5.3
2	Saratoga County	4.1	30	Schoharie County	5.3
2	Tompkins County	4.1	30	Tioga County	5.3
4	Nassau County	4.3	35	Chenango County	5.4
4	Putnam County	4.3	35	Cortland County	5.4
6	Albany County	4.4	37	Madison County	5.5
7	Rensselaer County	4.5	38	Sullivan County	5.6
8	Ontario County	4.6	39	Greene County	5.7
8	Rockland County	4.6	39	Niagara County	5.7
8	Suffolk County	4.6	41	Broome County	5.8
8	Westchester County	4.6	41	Clinton County	5.8
12	Dutchess County	4.7	41	Essex County	5.8
12	Genesee County	4.7	44	Chautauqua County	5.9
12	Schenectady County	4.7	44	Chemung County	5.9
12	Washington County	4.7	44	Delaware County	5.9
12	Yates County	4.7	44	Herkimer County	5.9
17	Orange County	4.8	44	Richmond County	5.9
17	Ulster County	4.8	49	Cattaraugus County	6.0
19	Cayuga County	5.0	49	Orleans County	6.0
19	New York County	5.0	51	Kings County	6.1
19	Onondaga County	5.0	52	Hamilton County	6.2
19	Otsego County	5.0	52	Schuyler County	6.2
19	Seneca County	5.0	54	Jefferson County	6.3
24	Monroe County	5.1	55	Lewis County	6.4
24	Warren County	5.1	56	Franklin County	6.5
26	Erie County	5.2	56	Fulton County	6.5
26	Queens County	5.2	56	Steuben County	6.5
26	Wayne County	5.2	59	Montgomery County	6.6
26	Wyoming County	5.2	59	St. Lawrence County	6.6
30	Allegany County	5.3	61	Oswego County	6.9
30	Livingston County	5.3	62	Bronx County	8.0

Projects & Status

as of June 26, 2015

Highlights

- Plans & Progress Small Grants Program
 - 16 projects awarded funding. Contracts in progress, as are notifications and conversations with applicants that did not get selected for the first round. Fielding inquiries on Round 2.
- Agriculture
 - Ag & Farmland Protection Board completed 8 year review of Ag District 4, and review of applications for inclusion into Ag Districts 1 and 4 through the annual 30 day window. Public hearing held.
 - NYS Dept of Ag & Markets approved the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan Update, commending the overall plan and singling out the proposed agricultural business expansion and retention program, new farmer/ outreach and buy local initiatives in particular.
 - Ag Task Force continued to meet and develop; will report on progress with plan implementation at next Ag & Sustainability Committee meeting.
- Trails & River Access
 - RFP issued for installation of river access signs along the Upper Delaware, under existing LWRP grant; work to be completed this summer.
 - County Trails Committee reviewing planned river access signage as potential template for proposed project to unify County trail signage.
 - Trails Committee also developing project for O&W trail to submit for OPRHP funding through the CFA.
 - Contract completed with NYS to process with design of river access improvements in Highland; preparing CFA application to fund Skinners Falls.
 - Pond Eddy parking study is completed. Lumberland looking to move it forward possibly through this CFA round
 - Trailkeeper is implementing improvements for advanced searches and improved mapping. Several events are scheduled for the summer.
- Small Business Assistance
 - Work continues on closing loans awarded to businesses under the Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP); five are being processed through the RBEG grant for the program and five are proceeding through the County's Revolving Loan Fund.
 - Next round of MAP training, to be scheduled for this fall, has 10 applicants; program slots still open.
 - Paperwork submitted for Marantha Maple and Yasgur yogurt CDBG grant awards; awaiting NYS contract execution.
 - New brochure for revolving loan fund being drafted; will feature profiles of successful loan recipients.
 - Ongoing assistance to Narrowsburg School project.
 - Fielding new requests for assistance, including motel under new ownership on the RT97 scenic byway.
- Transportation Plan
 - Received consultant revisions to plan in response to comments received at special meeting of the executive committee, and subsequent review by DOT. Completing edits to resubmit to DOT and present to County legislature for adoption.

- Ongoing work with DPW, HR and County Manager on transportation director position.
- Zoning/Municipal technical assistance
 - Work continues on review of proposed comprehensive amendments to Mamakating’s zoning code, including review of public comments and additional materials and issues raised.
 - Tusten and Mamakating have signed on to get the assistance of a planner from The Natural Lands Trust through William Penn Foundation funding again. Lumberland is in process. The planner will assist with improving water quality issues through zoning codes. The value is up to \$10,000 per municipality.
- NYS Main Street Technical Assistance grant program for Monticello
 - 2 contracts for building assessments completed; 2 in process; work on CFA application to NYMS program
- Broadband/Telecommunications
 - Survey extended through the summer; news release issued
- 2015 CFA process
 - Ongoing participation in Mid-Hudson Regional Council meetings
 - Refined County targets for applications through the CFA process; GCAFs being prepared.
 - Meetings and technical assistance provided to potential applicants including Town of Rockland, SUNY Sullivan, Town of Fallsburg, Rivoili Theater, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Delaware River communities, Village of Monticello, Narrowsburg School, and more.
- Events
 - Water quality testing training scheduled for July 2nd at Lumberland Town Hall, 6pm through Broadhead Watershed. Data will be compiled by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, with funding provided by the William Penn Foundation
 - Initiated work with Tailwaters group out of Delaware County, Friends of the Upper Delaware and Wayne County PA to plan a basic water 101 conference for municipalities to address stormwater and water quality issues for September.

I. Admin

Task/Issue	Current Status	Notes/Issues
Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advertising for generic planner position to fill vacant position 	

III. Grants

Grants - Projects

Project Name	Description	Sponsoring Agency/\$	Lead	Current Status	Next Steps	Notes/Issues
Catskill Mountain Dairies	\$100k to assist start up in Bethel	NYS HCR CDBG Small Business (2014 award)	JW/MM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paperwork submitted; see above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting NYS response 	
RBEG – Dairy Processing RBEG	Dairy Processing Equipment Lease	USDA-RD	JW/MM			
Marantha Maple	\$50k to assist expansion in Neversink	NYS HCR CDBG Small Business (2014 award)	JW/MM			
Highland River Access	\$35k to fund final design and engineering	NYS DOS LWRP program (2014 award)	HJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract submitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting NYS response 	
RBEG Small Business Development	Microenterprise Loan Program	USDA (2014 award)	JW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See highlights above. Training complete and loans being processed 		
CDBG Small Business Development	Microenterprise Grant Program	NYS HCR CDBG (2015 award)	JW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract completed 5 applications received to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being coordinated with RBEG MAP program
Eagle Institute Nest Monitoring & Education	Pass through grant to map/monitor eagle nesting sites, and do public education	TAG from UDC	HJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress report received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> na 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In collaboration with Pike County and Delaware Highlands Conservancy
Monticello: NY Main Streets Technical Assistance	Regranting program to fund design work on Main Street improvements	NYS HCR, with Sullivan Renaissance	JW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractors now conducting assessment work on the selected properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for full NYMS submission through 2015 CFA 	

IV. Studies, Plans & Reports

Project Name	Sponsoring Agency/\$	Lead	Start Date	Due date	Current Status
Economic Development Strategic Plan	USDA - RBOG	JW/FE			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No activity this month Previous meeting raised issue of revision to respond to the casino announcement; additional text needed
Comprehensive Coordinated Transportation Plan (CCTP)	RBOG funded grant, \$75k	EC	4/1/14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See highlights section above
LWRP	NYS DOS	HJ			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final product submitted to NYS DOS for review

IV. Studies, Plans & Reports

Project Name	Sponsoring Agency/\$	Lead	Start Date	Due date	Current Status
LWRP River Access Plan	Under LWRP	HJ			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work initiated on developing an action plan for implementation, including grant requirements • Develop multi-year implementation plan for basis of ongoing funding pursuits
LWRP Parking Study	With Orange County				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed; closeout initiated

V. Committees/Task Forces/Boards

Name	Lead	Next Mtg Date	Notes/Issues/Activity
Trails Committee	FE/HJ	7/14	See highlights section, above
Broadband & Connectivity Working Group	FE/JW	tbd	
Telecommunications Task Force	FE/JW	TBD	Work to vbe resumed following CFA submissions
Emerald Corporate Center Board/ Emerald Springs Water Corp	FE/JW	TBD	RFP being issued for sketch plan of site build out potential
Ag and Farmland Protection Board	MM		Eight year ag district review; see highlights section, above
Ag Plan Implementation Task Force	MM	TBD	Group preparing presentation to Ag & Sustainability committee;
Ag Advisory Committee	MM		Previous meeting identified marketing and branding as focus for ag plan implementation.
Sullivan – Wawarsing REAP Corp	JW		Frontier Communications discussed broadband
MHREDC	FE	6/30 ongoing	Work on CFA & URI plan
Airport Commission	FE	tbd	Explore potential for hanger expansion
Transportation Subcommittee, Long Term Care Council	FE	TBD	Work with existing committee on implementation agenda

VII. GML 239 Referrals

Listing of Referrals:

For All Municipalities

For the Period 6/1/2015 to 6/25/2015

Dt Rec	Dt Request	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Referral #	Legislator
6/25/2015	7/16/2015	Natural Contents Kitchen	Special Use Permit	TUS15-012	15-0081	Scott B. Samuelson
6/25/2015	7/25/2015	Gnome Enterprises, LLC	Subdivision Review	FOR15-02	15-0078	Kathleen LaBuda
6/23/2015	7/14/2015	Timur Kostanets	Area Variance	THO15-013	15-0080	Alan Sorensen
6/23/2015	7/10/2015	Hughson Subdivision	Subdivision Review	DEL15-01	15-0079	Cindy Gieger
6/16/2015	7/16/2015	Golf at Adelaar	Site Plan Review	THO15-012	15-0077	Alan Sorensen
6/11/2015	7/1/2015	Country Burn Yum Antiques	Site Plan Review	BET15-06	15-0076	Scott B. Samuelson
6/8/2015	6/29/2015	Neversink Resort & Health Spa	Special Use Permit	NEV15-03	15-0074	Kitty Vetter
6/8/2015	6/24/2015	Congregation Iched Anash	Special Use Permit	LIB15-013	15-0073	Cindy Gieger
6/5/2015	7/1/2015	Local Law No. 1 of 2015	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Text	LUM15-04	15-0075	Kathleen LaBuda
6/1/2015	6/22/2015	East Broadway Commercial Project	Site Plan Review	MON15-04	15-0072	Alan Sorensen
6/1/2015	6/9/2015	Local Law No. 2 of 2015	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Text	NEV15-02	15-0071	Kitty Vetter

Grand Totals: 9 Municipalities 11 Referrals