

**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**  
**November 16, 2016**

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
  - October 19, 2016
- 2. Craig Clark, Economic Development/ Industrial Development Agency**
  - Monthly Report
- 3. H. Kier Dirlam, Planning Director**
  - Monthly Report
- 4. Gretchen Hanchett, GGAC Executive Director**
  - Monthly Report
- 5. Reita Sobeck-Lynch, Employment & Training Director**
  - Monthly Report
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Good of the Order**
- 9. Adjournment**

**Alfred State College**  
**November 2016**  
**Report for Economic Development**

- We continue to work with GE on the GE Lufkin facility, there is one company that has talked directly to the ACIDA Executive Director. We continue to talk to state and federal legislator's staff, ESD, and Governor staff regarding transition to having a manufacturing operation continue or manufacturing company start up in that facility soon.
- The economic strategy and objectives approved April 25<sup>th</sup> by the Legislature are being implemented including marketing.
- Website consultant continues working on developing the new Allegany County website that will include an improved economic development website. We are now transitioning pages to the new website.
- SELECT USA follow up continues with one potential company working with ESD to discuss relocation. We are now planning for the June 2017 event.
- The Allegany Development Team is planning to meet with human resource directors on how we can better connect regarding new employees in the county.
- We continue responding to notices from Invest Buffalo Niagara as they are looking for property and leads for companies that want to reside in Western NY.
- State Book international free mini website is being updated with our information for use by site selectors.
- Attended the Fall Forum of the Site Selectors Guild in October 2016 and will attend the March 2017 event. Made great connections and discussed opportunities with several site selectors. The goal is to have a site selector in Allegany County in late fall or early spring.
- The next Allegany County Economic Development Steering Committee is being held November 1 to discuss progress and assisting in using the Athens, Ohio model for developing better ways to attract current students and alumni to develop businesses and to be employed in existing businesses in the county.
- BDCC group \$4 million EDA grant reviewed by Senator Schumer and Congressman Reed's economic development staff has been submitted. We are working with governor's staff on additional funding.
- We are continuing work on a POWER + ARC grant for coal impacted communities. The BDCC appears to be a great project for the long term solution for coal impacted communities affected across the ARC region.
- Friendship engineer has noted that they will be able to determine the available water by installing a new valve on the water tank. This will allow us to finalize the crossroads waterline project details.
- We are discussing with the Seneca Nation leaders on developing a partnership on filling the Tracewell building with a manufacturer.

- We are working to finalize letters of intent from hotel developers based on data submitted. We have a couple of investors who have called and show interest in the truck stop.
- Meetings continue regarding the biomass to energy project and the project is working on venture capital investors.

Summary: GE Lufkin project still a priority.

BDCC progressing.

Data for website is being refined.

Data for hotel developers is complete.

Full economic development plan is being implemented.

For the November 16, 2016 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee  
Here are a few items that have occurred in the last month or status updates on major projects:

**1. Allegany County Planning Board:**

A. There is a training session for tonight November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads in the evening on regulating Signs.

**2. Planning:**

A. **Comprehensive Planning School** – We have met with Wellsville and their plan is in good shape with edits scheduled to be completed in December.

B. **Comprehensive Plan Update** – There are three public forum sessions scheduled for November to provide public input to the County's plan. The Dates are November 10, 14, 15. The notices were sent out to all Clerks, as well as press releases. This project is now the prime project we are working on.

**3. Broadband Project**

A. **Tower Construction** is progressing in a positive manner. Currently the Rushford, Bolivar and Grove Towers are up. Alma Site work is complete. CONXX has installed all equipment and made connections as feasible given the current state of construction.

**4. Business and Development:**

A. GE donation of the Lufkin Building has been a top priority at the office.



**Planning & Development Committee Tourism Report;**  
**Gretchen Hanchett**  
**11/16**

Tourism: Many of the same long term projects moving forward.

**1. Tourism/Tourism Projects**

- a. Watchful wild life program.
  - a. Continued Work on updating Website to highlight "Watchful Wildlife" program
  - b. Collecting trail cam videos from outside sources to move the program forward
  - c. Looking into developing a Trails and outdoor recreation section in the travel guide.
  - d. Working with Deb to redesign our billboards

**2. Chautauqua/Allegany Regional challenge next year. (Invite media, travel industry, travel writers)**

**3. Part 2 "I love NY" grant process for 2017**

**4. Travel Guide**

- **New additions**
- **Adding a section on Allegany County recreations and trails on the website.**
- **Updating Map to reflect this section more**

**5. Tourism/Chamber:**

- **FBR**
- **Garlic Festival**
- **Tough Mudder**
- **Swain Swap Stomp**
- **2016 Governor Tourisms Summit**
- **Three chamber Christmas event**

**6. Some Upcoming Events;**

**Much more coming... check out the**

**calendar [www.discoveralleganycounty.com](http://www.discoveralleganycounty.com)**

- **Swain Oktoberfest Beer Tasting Event Oct 22**

**7. Economic Development Team efforts:**

- a. **Overview breakfast with County Realtors**
  - **Ambassador program**
  - **Allegany County's Development Strategic Plan**
  - **Resources**
  - **Young Professional group**

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## November 2016 Report

**Front Door Traffic:** 620

**Employment:** 3 customers were employed full time at 3 businesses  
3 customers was employed part time at 3 businesses

**Unemployment:** 17 new unemployment claims opened~ 4 fired; 13 layoffs. These were from construction, manufacturing, healthcare, military, food service and office setting.  
September Rates: Allegany County 4.9%; NYS 5.1% and US 4.8%

**DSS:** September data is not available at this time. Services provided: Family Assistance~ ; Safety Net Family~ ; Safety Net~ ; SNAP~  
Safety Net Employment Assessment Class: 13 assessed; 12 denied; 3 completed; 1 exempt and 2 re-applied for assistance.  
TEAP Contract: None at this time  
Non- Custodial Parent (NCP) Program, support collection: 28 active participants

**WIOA Youth Program:** Working with 25 youth for a variety of services with 2 enrolled and one beginning a work experience starting on 10/10/16. One customer is taking the certified Nursing Assistant class at Highland Park in November.

**Training:** There were 4 enrolled in training and 1 completed CDL-B and obtained his license.

**Trade Act:** Outreach services were provided to 8 customers and 5 are enrolled in training.

**Veterans:** One Veteran utilized our service for assistance with SNAP benefits.

**Business Services:** 3 new business contacts, and 29 services provided to 17 businesses for job listings and follow up, matching, referrals, skills testing and WIOA Youth Work Experience Program.

**Economic Development Team:** Meeting weekly and compiling data on workforce development for the website and working on the Strategic Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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