

ALLEGANY COUNTY PLANNER 2014 Annual Report

The Allegany County Planning Office consists of one County Planner and part-time secretarial assistance. The office is located at the Crossroads Center. The office maintains a website www.alleganyplanning.com dedicated to County Planning activities. During 2014 a wide variety of projects were worked on and completed. Many of these were in support of Development activities in the County. The Town of Wellsville, the Town and Village of Almond, Town of Amity are working on revising their Comprehensive Plans and the Town of Alma continued work on their Comprehensive Plan, Town of Burns and Village of Canaseraga completed a new Comprehensive Plans. Town of Amity reconstituted their Planning Board this year.

The County Comprehensive Plan was recognized by two statewide organizations as the top Comprehensive Plan in New York, New York Planning Federation and the Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association presented awards to Allegany County. The Plan is available on-line at www.alleganyplanning.com

The Planner continues to work in conjunction with the related offices in the county including: Soil & Water, Emergency Management, Southern Tier West, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tourism and Development offices. During the year the following items were undertaken.

GENERAL PLANNING: Participated in the Meetings of Comprehensive Plan Implementation Group, IDA, Facilities & Communications Committee, Planning & Economic Development Committee, Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, Genesee River Wilds, Allegany County Planning Board, and the Hazard Mitigation group. Created many GIS maps in support of the County Comprehensive Plan, trails development, blueways development, river access parks, EMS needs, election districts, tourism and health. Assisted Towns and Villages with Zoning and Comprehensive Plan development. Started work on the Comprehensive Plan School grant project. Reviewed projects under General Municipal Law Section 239 and reported to the Allegany County Planning Board. Assisted with grant applications through consultants for Towns, Villages and County needs. Wellsville NYS Rt 417 East waterline was notified of funding this year and they started the preliminary work. Participated in the smart growth review of NYS CFA grant applications for WNY. Analyzed various issues including census, population, labor, hazard mitigation, Stormwater, historic bridges and development. Worked on efficiency efforts including working Houghton College on analysis of certain types of services being provided by municipalities and developing RFP for a future consultant on this effort.

COMMUNICATIONS: Worked in association with the 911 service, CONXX, Southern Tier West, KHEOPS, other county departments on the ConnectNY Grant project for a \$1,000,000 wireless broadband project. Extensive work was done on this project in 2014. The new Gateway web portal was finalized and presented to the Legislature.

DEVELOPMENT: Assisted the IDA with various projects including the Crossroads Development, Industrial parks, Hotspots, technology transfer, mapping, Park and Ride at the Crossroads Center, Agriculture development in Allegany County, and new web portal for marketing of the county.

Respectfully submitted, H. Kier Dirlam County Planner