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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Dan Kelleher, Special Assistant for Economic Affairs

DATE: February 1, 2017

RE: Economic Services Unit Activities for January, 2017.

Unit activities were as follows:

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative – Town of Johnsbury

The Town of Johnsbury has submitted a formal request to pursue the Agency's Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance (HEPA) Initiative. Agency staff will assist Town officials in establishing a core team to pursue the project. Over the course of the next twelve months, Agency staff will work with the Town, as well as Warren County officials, to pursue a public outreach process and to draft an economic development plan for the community.

Hamlet Economic Planning and Assistance Initiative – Town and Village of 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. Staff also facilitated a meeting of the communities' local stakeholder workgroup on November 30. Staff is currently working with Town and Village staff to draft the economic plan.

Community Outreach – Town of Keene

Staff met with newly-appointed Town of Keene Supervisor Joe Pete Wilson on January 20. Staff provided Supervisor Wilson with an overview of services available to the Town through the Agency's economic services unit.

EatADK Restaurant Week

Staff is assisting a workgroup in the development of the second annual EatADK Restaurant Week. This year, the event will feature restaurants from five towns: Wilmington, Keene, North Elba, Harrietstown and St. Armand. The event will be held from Thursday, April 27, 2017 through Thursday, May 4, 2017 and is targeted toward local and regional consumers to introduce them to new restaurants through discounted

prix fixe meals. The overall goal is stimulate additional economic activity in a traditionally “slow” period for sales at local restaurants and retailers.

J&L Site Redevelopment

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 on January 25. A workgroup of local economic development and government officials is pursuing site remediation, including the removal of existing buildings, infrastructure development, and reuse of the site. The workgroup has hired the firm Skeo Solutions to draft a redevelopment plan for 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. The Agency also provided a letter of support for a US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Cleanup grant to St. Lawrence County on December 14.

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, two recreational facilities in Essex County, a tourism accommodations project in St. Lawrence County, and a marina project in Franklin County.

Planning Division Support

Staff are assisting the Planning Division in the development of the 2017 Local Government Day conference in Lake Placid, Essex County.

State Lands Support

Economic Services staff is supporting the State Lands Unit in its development of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the classification of newly acquired State lands.