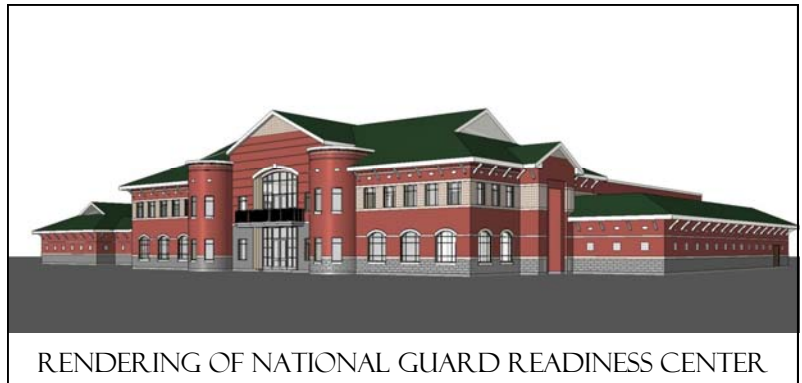


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Warren County Awarded EDA Grant to Begin Queensbury Industrial Park

The US Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration announced a \$529,000 grant award to Warren County to assist with infrastructure development work at the Queensbury Industrial Park. The nine lot, 56 acre industrial park, located off Queensbury Avenue is one of 26 certified “shovel ready build now sites” in New York State. Along with a new road, water and sewer lines will be laid, electric and gas lines and fiber optic lines will be provided and installed. The 1,800 foot road into the industrial park will lead to the future home of a 45,000 square foot National Guard Readiness Center. This \$15 million center is scheduled to be completed by June 2009. The Readiness Center will provide administrative training and supply space for the 466th Area Medical Company and 1427th Transportation Company.

The remaining acreage is being marketed at national and international trade shows to companies in fields such as medical devices, nanotechnology, biotechnology, research and development, and technology and precision manufacturing. The Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board worked with the Warren County Regional Economic Development Corporation over several months to secure the grant funds. Special assistance was provided by Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand.



RENDERING OF NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER

US Department of Commerce/ Economic Development Administration Grant Awards from 1997 to 2007

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ticonderoga Commerce Park Construction | \$ 700,000 |
| Warrensburg Water System Feasibility Study | \$ 25,000 |
| Warrensburg Sewer System Improvements | \$ 480,000 |
| Town of Plattsburgh Industrial Park Feasibility Study | \$ 25,000 |
| Plattsburgh Air Force Base Redevelopment | \$2,500,000 |
| Indian Lake Sewer System Improvements | \$ 800,000 |
| Black Point Sewer Engineering (Ticonderoga) | \$ 232,000 |
| Gateway Industrial Park Construction (Beekmantown) | \$ 700,000 |
| Town of Wells Water System Improvements | \$ 460,000 |
| North Creek Sewer Feasibility Study | \$ 12,000 |
| Chesterfield Industrial Park Construction | \$3,000,000 |
| Town of Queensbury Sewer Extension | \$ 910,000 |
| Adirondack Technology Center Construction (Glens Falls) | \$1,300,000 |
| Town of Queensbury Industrial Park Construction | \$ 529,000 |
| Town of Moriah Health Center Construction | \$ 400,000 |
| Warren/Washington County Industrial Park Expansion | <u>\$ 600,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$12,673,000 |

2006 OPERATING FUND

| <u>REVENUES</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Grants | 479,810 |
| Overhead Reimbursement | 57,314 |
| Other Income | 232 |
| Interest Income | 4,501 |
| Administrative Income | <u>12,464</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$554,321* |

*Does not include receivable grant revenue reimbursements for the 4th quarter of Calendar Year 2007

| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Payroll Expenditures: | |
| Salaries and wages | 248,932 |
| Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits | <u>85,719</u> |
| Total Payroll Expenditures | \$334,651 |
| Operating Expenditures: | |
| Pass Through of Grant Funds | 86,000 |
| Geographic Info. System | 21,359 |
| Advertising | 2,847 |
| Insurance | 7,778 |
| Dues & Meetings | 5,504 |
| Maintenance Agreements | 2,346 |
| Equipment | 4,585 |
| Postage | 2,985 |
| Printing & Supplies | 11,720 |
| Professional Fees | 76,529 |
| Rent | 18,737 |
| Telephone & Internet | 4,419 |
| Travel | <u>6,691</u> |
| Total Operating Expenditures | \$251,500 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$586,151 |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations to Our 2007 Loan Recipients

Every year the Revolving Loan Fund Committee reviews dozens of applications for loans. Each applicant is eager to create or improve an existing business that will not only generate new employment opportunities, but will also give back to their community. This year nearly \$400,000 in new loans were issued to the businesses listed below.

Adirondack Lodging

The Wingate Hotel was recently constructed in Lake George in Warren County. The Revolving Loan Fund will help purchase miscellaneous equipment necessary for lodging and event services. Approximately 25 jobs were created through this new business.



Adirondack Barbell

This fitness center is located inside the Towers building at the Fort William Henry in Lake George in Warren County. Adirondack Barbell offers a comprehensive fitness program, with equipment and instructors, for local residents. These services have been offered to the area for almost five years now and the business continues to grow. The Revolving Loan Fund will assist with much needed repairs to the Towers building, such as replacing a leaking roof and fixing water damage attributed to the roof.

Four Seasons Guide

Based out of Lake George in Warren County, this events and advertising guide is focusing on attracting year round visitors to the Lake George region. It offers events organizers and business owners an affordable venue to promote the area and their specific services. This will potentially assist numerous businesses and the surrounding area. The Revolving Loan Fund will assist the business with start up costs associated with new businesses. With the first issue already published, this business is already well on it's way.

Cloudsplitters

Located in Newcomb in Essex County, this multi-purpose business offers bike, boat and cabin rentals. Since it's inception nine years ago the business has continued to grow and thrive. The Revolving Loan Fund will help renovate existing cabins and create new ones to help expand the busi-



Nino's Pizzeria

Located in Lake Luzerne in Warren County, this restaurant is newly established and expects to open in 2008. The Revolving Loan Fund will help them with start up costs, such as renovating an existing building and purchasing new equipment. Approximately five new jobs will be created with the inception of the new business.



Valley House

This senior residence and Family-Type Adult Home, located in Schroon Lake in Essex County, offers support and light assistance to seniors, ages 55 and over. They have been in business for over 10 years and are certified by the state as a registered room and boarding house. The Revolving Loan Fund will assist with necessary repairs and updates to the facility in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment for their residents. This includes replacing many antiquated fixtures with more energy efficient ones.

ADIRONDACK/GLENS FALLS TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

Safe Routes to School

The SRTS program aims to encourage and enable children to walk and bicycle to school, and to make those modes more appealing and safe. This program is a federal-aid reimbursement program administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the New York State Department of Transportation. Qualifying applications within Warren and Washington Counties and the Town of Moreau will be prioritized by the A/GFTC. A workshop was hosted on December 11th for potential applicants and sponsors from Warren, Washington, Essex, and northern Saratoga Counties.



GLENS FALLS' CENTENNIAL CIRCLE

Aviation Road Corridor Study

Planning efforts have progressed for the Aviation Road Corridor Study. Currently A/GFTC's consultant team is working to consolidate the specific alternatives that have been identified as preferred for small sections of the roadway into a comprehensive list of recommendations. Roundabouts (such as Centennial Circle in Glens Falls, pictured at left), access consolidations, sidewalk extensions and bicycle improvements are all under consideration.

Make the Connection Program

2007 marked the first round of project solicitation for the Make the Connection Program, a set-aside for locally-sponsored small scale bicycle and pedestrian related improvements. Projects selected for funding include pavement improvements to the Warren County Bikeway and to the Betar Byway in South Glens Falls, sidewalk replacement along Skenesborough Drive in the Village of Whitehall, and a number of new sidewalk installations in various locations within the City of Glens Falls. A second round of funding will commence in 2009.

AlterNet Rides Program

The AlterNet Ways Company and A/GFTC have collaborated to develop a local internet-based carpooling service. Known as AlterNetRides, the free service includes twenty destinations in and around Glens Falls. Members can look up any of those twenty locations to see if others are offering or looking for rides to those locations. Carpooling has immediate positive impacts upon fuel consumption, pollution, and transportation-related expenses. Membership is easy, and the service can be accessed by visiting the Ride Sharing Info page at www.agftc.org.

Access Management Study

A/GFTC and its consultant team of Resource Systems Group and The Saratoga Associates, has completed a Regional Access Management Guidebook. The guidebook is designed as a reference for local municipalities to consult during the planning process when making decisions that affect land use and access to roadways. Four local corridors were selected for further study to show the many benefits of sound access management practices to the transportation system and the surrounding community. Pictured on the right is a conceptual illustration of Upper Glen Street in Queensbury with a center median, landscaping and transit amenities added.



CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATION OF UPPER GLEN STREET IN QUEENSBURY

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BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE IN HAMILTON COUNTY

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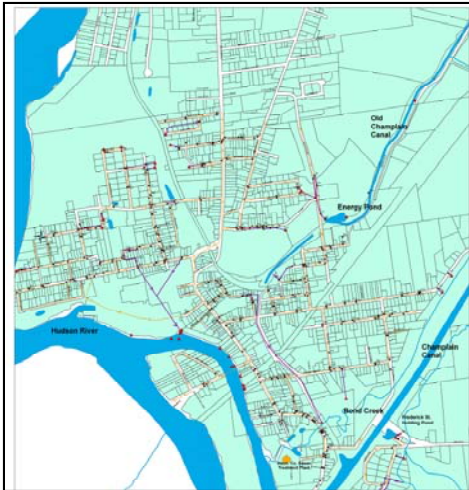
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WATER QUALITY



MAP OF FORT EDWARD

As 2007 comes to a close we approach the end of the first five year permit for the eight regulated **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** communities in Warren and Washington Counties. Through a State Water Quality Improvement Project grant the Regional Planning Board and Warren County SWCD have been able to implement numerous educational programs and offer technical assistance to each of the eight MS4s. This has included outfall and infrastructure maps, Project WET training for educators, and training for code enforcement officers and highway departments. Each MS4 must be in compliance with their permit by January 8, 2008. On that same date the MS4s will be automatically enrolled in the next five year permit. The MS4s are required to maintain existing programs and include new or modified programs as needed. The Regional Planning Board will continue to offer assistance through program support, outreach and procurement of grant funds to help offset the costs of continued implementation.

As a member of the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York, Inc (CWICNY) the Regional Planning Board chaired the 2007 **North Country Regional Stormwater Tradeshow & Conference** on October 18th at Roaring Brook Resort in Lake George. Financial and technical support were provided by the Lake George Water Conference and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Approximately 250 people from municipal and technical audiences attended the event, making it a huge success.

Also through CWICNY, the Regional Planning Board was also able to organize several **Onsite Wastewater Training** events, including two separate three day trainings for local code enforcement officials and private professionals in the wastewater field. Approximately 70 people were certified in Soils Analysis, Installation and Inspection of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems.



VENDORS AT THE TRADESHOW



2007 ADIRONDACK WATERFEST

The **2007 Adirondack Waterfest** was held Ticonderoga's Bicentennial Park on July 14th. The Greater Adirondack RC&D Council and the Regional Planning Board worked with the Ti-Main Street Partnership and several other dedicated local organizations to make this event a success. Guided tours, kayak demonstrations, a fishing derby, live music and a water slide brought thousands of people into the park. The day culminated with the Pride of Ti Duck Race. Waterfest was such a hit with local businesses, that the Ti Main Street Partnership will continue to offer the event each year as the Ticonderoga Waterfest. The 2008 Adirondack Waterfest will be held on July 18th in Gloversville.

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