

Present: Committee Members - Legislator Clattenburg (via Zoom), Legislator Dibble, Legislator Yunker, Legislator Deleo, Legislator Klotzbach, Legislator Torrey, Legislature Chair Stein, Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey, County Manager Landers, Highway Assistant County Engineer, Laura Wadhams, EMS Coordinator Yaeger, Justice for Children Program Coordinator Theresa Roth, Director of Planning Felipe Oltramari, GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson, Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur, National Service Judy Levin Meteorologist in Charge National Weather Service Buffalo Office and Michael Fries, Warning Coordinator, Meteorologist, GFLRPC Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Paul Gavin and Rich Sutherland, Jay Gsell, Student Jason Saile, Student Neva Ali True, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

The Public Service Committee Meeting was called to order by Legislature Chair Stein, who appointed Temporary Committee Chair to Legislator Dibble in absence of Committee Chair Legislator Maha. Temporary Chair Dibble appointed Legislature Chair Stein to Temporary Chair to the Committee. Legislature Chair Stein appointed Legislator Deleo as temporary committee member to fill Legislator Clattenburg vacancy. Motioned by Legislator Dibble and seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously. The meeting was held in the Legislature Chambers Room of the Old Court House located at 7 Main Street.

Minutes of the September 15, 2021 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Legislature Chair Stein reviewed appointment to Genesee County Planning Board. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Also discussed an appointment for two members to the Rochester/Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA), once approved this will be sent to the Governor for selection of one serve on the board. Laurie Oltramari, 136 Trumbull Parkway, Batavia, New York 14020 and Margaret Weissend, 475 Maple Road, Corfu, New York 14036. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Tim Yaeger introduced National Weather Service Representatives Judy Levin Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service Buffalo Office and Michael Fries, Warning Coordinator, Meteorologist to present StormReady Certification of Achievement to Genesee County Legislature. EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger accepted the Certificate.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Tim Yaeger reviewed FY21 (EMP) Program. Accepting grant funding in the amount of \$26,933 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be administered by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) on behalf of FEMA. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Tim Yaeger discussed out-of-state expense in detail.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS / Highlights of Trip

Planning –“Impacts of Social Unrest on Emergency Services – Case Study: Seattle’s CHOP”. Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities MGT342. Public Health –“Partnering with Social Media Platforms on Public Safety Issues”. Planning - “Moving on from 2020 – A Future for Emergency Management”. Training and Exercise – “Kinetic Mobile Tabletops – The Answer to Crawl, Walk, Run”. Duties of FEMA Deputy Administrator for Resilience Deputy Chief Sasha Larkin – Homeland Security for Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Training and Exercise – “Using 2020 to change the Training Dynamic”, “The Promising Future for Hybrid, Brick-and-Mortar, and Virtual EOC Operations” Disaster Tech – Paid Programming – Exhibitor Presentation. Drone Detection Technologies”. Cybersecurity – “Leveraging Emergency Management for Cybersecurity Preparedness”. The Command Post, a New Way to Communicate at Emergency Scenes”. Strategy and Policy, FirstNet Program at AT&T. Introduction to “Surfside, FL Condominium Collapse; an In-depth Discussion”, Included in this presentation was the dollar amounts spent.

Highway Department, Assistant County Engineer Laura Wadhams reviewed the following:

Close Capital Project – Airport Perimeter Fence Relocation: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Close/Amend Capital Projects – Highway/Parks/Facilities: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Amend Capital Project/Budget Amendment – T Hangar Demolition: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Award of Bid – Well C Contract B – Phase 2 Water Project: This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Amend Capital Project/Budget Amendment/Grant Acceptance – FFLOWPA Funding – Sandpit Rd BR#8M: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

2021 Budget Amendment/Grant Acceptance – County Park/Interpretive Center – MWEE Funding: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

2021 Budget Amendment/Grant Acceptance – County Park/Interpretive Center – OCFS Funding: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next

Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Garbage and Refuse Removal – Contract Renewal: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Inter-municipal Agreement – Town Snow and Ice & Mowing Contracts: This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Easements – Golden Rd Pump Station – Countywide Water Phase 2: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Easements – Albion Rd – National Fuel Gas: This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers recommended a contract with City of Batavia and District Attorney Courts Services. Two-year renewal of services between Genesee County and the City of Batavia for the County to provide for the prosecution of vehicle, traffic and penal law violations by the District Attorney in City Court related to the ADA prosecutorial services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Justice for Children Advocacy Coordinator – Theresa Roth requested to enter into a contractual agreement with John F. Coyne, M.D., F.A.A.P., with residence at 1215 Backus Road, Derby, NY 14047 to provide medical services to child-victims and administer the medical program for the Justice for Children Advocacy Center, 304 East Main Street, Batavia, NY for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 at a cost of \$2,625.00 per month. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble and seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Justice for Children Advocacy Coordinator – Theresa Roth requested to enter into a lease agreement, to be paid in full at the beginning of the lease, with Warsaw Redevelopment, LLC, 2071 Crittenden Road, Alden, NY 14004 for the rental of the office located at 31 Duncan Street, Warsaw, New York, 14569 effective November 1, 2021 through November 1, 2022. The budget impact Appropriations to the Justice for Children Advocacy Center budget are offset by revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Funds for this lease agreement are fully covered by grants from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and are included in the 2021 and 2022 Justice for Children Advocacy Center budget. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Justice for Children Advocacy Coordinator – Theresa Roth requested to enter into a lease agreement, to be paid in full at the beginning of the lease, with DeGeorge Acquisition Group,

LLC, 1067 Gateway Drive, Farmington, New York 14425 for the rental of the office located at 243 South Main Street, Suite 156, Albion, New York 14411 effective October 15, 2021 through October 15, 2022. Appropriations to the Justice for Children Advocacy Center budget are offset by revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Funds for this lease agreement are fully covered by grants from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and are included in the 2021 and 2022 Justice for Children Advocacy Center budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur discussed on behalf of the Director of Emergency Communications, Steven Sharpe the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant/Capital Project amendment. New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (NYS DHSES/OIEC) has awarded the County of Genesee sustainment funds in the amount of \$700,033 from the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) program. The grant funds can be used for a variety of reimbursements including, but not limited to, new tower / public safety radio site construction, currently budgeted operational costs (radio system maintenance, towers leases, radio system utilities), new equipment purchases (radio infrastructure improvements, programming, and interoperable user equipment), and a portion of budgeted salary expenditures. The grant period is from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022. The total award of \$700,033 will be allocated as follows: \$228,523 to the 2021 Communications Budget and \$471,510 to the Public Safety Communications Tower Capital Project. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur requested budget amendment for K9 Frankie. Frankie recently experienced health issues requiring emergency veterinary services and an extended stay in the hospital, at a total cost of \$13,188. It is requested to use gifts and donations made to the K9 Program throughout 2021 to cover the cost of Frankie's care. The budget impact will be increase in Sheriff's 2021 appropriations in the amount of \$13,188; offset by revenue received from gifts and donations to the K9 Program. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur is requesting Legislature to enter into renewal contract with New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's Office of Nutritional Services located in Rome, New York. Contract will provide the sale of food products to the Genesee County Jail through its Cook/Chill Program. Genesee County Sheriff did present a five-year renewal contract for the time period of November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2026. After review and approval from the County Attorney, it is recommended that the County enter an agreement with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's Office of Nutritional Services, for the sale of food products. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble and seconded by Legislator Deleole, carried unanimously.

Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur requesting Legislature to execute the agreement renewal between the County of Genesee and the New York State Unified Court System for the provisions of

security services at the Genesee County Courts facility for the second period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$685,247. Costs for security services at the Courts Facility are offset by revenue from the New York State Unified Court System. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker and seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

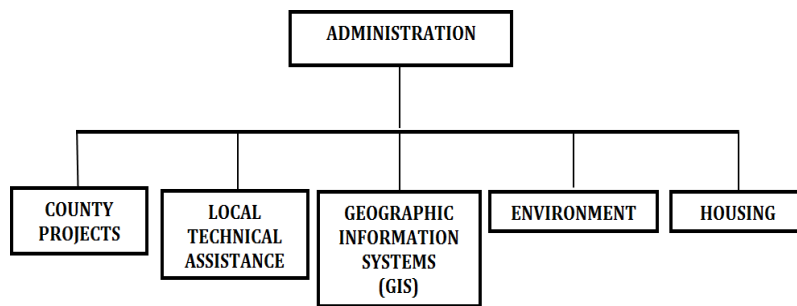
Under-sheriff Bradley Mazur requesting budget transfer for Genesee Justice. Genesee Justice did receive approval for grant budget modifications from the NYS Office of Victim Services (10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021) and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (7/1/20 - 6/30/2021). The Under-sheriff has requested to make transfers within Genesee Justice's 2021 budget as outlined below to match the grant budget modifications: FROM: Medical A.3151 8030.0000 \$9,000 TO:

General Office Sup	A.3151 4110.0000	\$ 500
Postage	A.3151 4140.0000	\$ 400
Personal Mileage	A.3151 4540.0000	\$ 200
Personal Training	A.3151 4550.0000	\$1,700
Program Expense	A.3151 4800.0000	\$6,200

This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Planning Department Review – Felipe Oltramari

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT



### 2021 Key Accomplishments

- 135 Projected County Planning Board Zoning Referrals (per NYS General Municipal Law 239 l, m, n)
- Agricultural District #4 Review – NYS Certified
- Created online enrollment system – first County in the State
- Agricultural District Annual Enrollment – NYS Certified
- Census 2020 data dissemination
- Online Registration/Ticketing system for GLOW’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronics Collection events
- Assisted in the preparation of the Six-Year Capital Improvements and Asset Acquisitions Programs
- Hosted/Sponsored over 30 Training Seminars/webinars for local officials
- Local Technical Assistance
- Village of Bergen Zoning Law
- Town of Elba Solar/Battery Storage Local Laws

### 2021 On-going Projects/Support

- Provided Mapping/GIS/Pictometry support and training to County Departments/Agencies, local municipalities, and general public
- Continuous updates to the GIS-based 911 Dispatch System
- Continued COVID-19 Dashboard
- Continued Genesee 2050 project
- Continued Resiliency Plan project
- Environmental (SEQR) Review for Jail Project

Fire Services Study mapping support

**2022 Goals – Core Support**

County Planning Board - Referrals for zoning and subdivision from the city, towns and villages

Capital Improvements and Asset Acquisitions Programs

Local Training – Provide & publicize training opportunities throughout theregion for planning and zoning officials

Local Technical Assistance – Comp Planning, Zoning, Subdivision

Water Resources Agency support

Smart Growth Plan – Water Hookup Administration

Agricultural Districts Annual Enrollment

County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Housing agencies/program support

Geographic Information System (GIS)

SEQR and NEPA Environmental Reviews

Participation in various boards/committees

**2022 Goals – Special Projects**

Genesee 2050 Project Implementation

County Resiliency Plan Implementation

Environmental Review of Water Project Phase 3

Smart Growth Plan Triennial Review

**2022 Budget**

Continue 3 FTEs (Director, Deputy Director, GIS Technician)

Requested Budget 4.5% increase over 2021

96% of budget is Salary/Fringe

**Department Review – Peggy Grayson – GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator:** The GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee is committed to providing programs that encourage and enhance local recycling and waste reduction efforts and provide alternative means of disposal for a wide array of materials in the waste stream. This is and has been done in a variety of ways. For example:

1. **Farm Pesticide and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs.** GLOW conducted Farm Pesticide Collection programs in 1995 and 1999. Starting in 1996 and annually since that time (except for 1999) GLOW provided for the disposal of household chemicals, cleaning products, vehicle fluids and other materials by conducting household hazardous waste collections. GLOW uses county highway facilities for these collections, alternating between counties. The 2021 collection was held on September 18 in Wyoming County. Eighty five of the 410 residents that were registered for the event were Genesee County residents. The 2021 program is being funded by GLOW's annual County contributions and an anticipated NYSDEC Household Hazardous Waste grant that funds 50% of the amount of spent on eligible expenses. A separate electronics collection, held one week later, also by appointment,

and also in Wyoming County, resulted in three hundred eight five (385) total registrations, of which approximately 64 are expected to be from the county. The value of these programs is in minimizing the potential contamination of area wells, streams and aquifers. The 2022 collections will be held in Genesee County.

**2. MAT-EX: Western New York Materials Exchange.** This program offers residents, businesses and institutions the opportunity to avoid landfilling and incineration of reusable, non-hazardous materials. Reuse is second only to reduction in the state's hierarchy of preferred waste management methods. Numerous tons of materials have been exchanged by Genesee County businesses through this program over the years, resulting in significant savings in terms of money and landfill space. Businesses in Genesee County that have used this program on a regular basis and have made exchanges include Liberty Pumps, GLOW itself and Chapin Manufacturing. To reduce the financial burden of the program (while reducing waste and conserving natural resources), a scanned hard copy of the catalog is produced and emailed as new listings are received. A limited number of catalogs are mailed to those who don't have internet access. Staff will continue to look at ways to improve and promote the program. Ontario County rejoined the program as a "Partner" county in February of 2020.

**3. Backyard Composting.** In 2002 GLOW reconstructed its two Backyard Composting Education Demonstration Sites, at Letchworth State Park and Genesee County Park and added a third site at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center in Wyoming County. The Beaver Meadow site has been moved and reduced in size over the years by the center and GLOW has decided to discontinue sponsorship of it. The sites are essentially self-serve. Visitors to the parks can inspect the composters at their leisure and take printed information from a "take one" box. Those calling the GLOW office for information on composting can be directed to the sites so that they can see what type of composting unit might work best for them. In May of 2020 GLOW once again ran its annual composting advertisement and promotion. Seventeen of the 67 responses came from Genesee County residents. In an effort to encourage people to visit the relocated Letchworth State Park site, a post card with four (4) questions that can only be answered by visiting the site was included in the packet. One person would receive food scrap buckets from the post card responses. While four (4) responses were received, none had visited the site, even given a second chance to do so. The buckets will be saved for the 2022 program.

**4. Waste Reduction Ad Campaign**

Two advertisements emphasizing waste reduction are placed in local media outlets. One is titled GLOW/NY Recycles and the other promotes backyard composting. This practice is continuing in 2021. The composting advertisement ran in May and the GLOW/NY Recycles ad will run in November. The compost ad offered residents a chance to win an Earth Machine backyard composter (by requesting a composting packet). The composter was won by a Wyoming County resident. The GLOW/NY Recycles ad will be run on or close to November 15. Respondents to this ad are sent a reusable Chico Bag in exchange for pledging to purchase recycled content products and recycle more (with a limit of 60 given away).

**5. Technical Assistance to Municipalities.** GLOW provides technical assistance to municipalities in the region on a variety of solid waste related topics. This assistance is often the result of an inquiry from an individual or municipality with a



disposal question. It may also be the result of information that GLOW obtained and felt would be valuable for the municipalities to have. GLOW annually sends letters to the municipalities to inform them of some of the opportunities for state grant funding. A letter concerning the proper disposal and handling of Freon is also sent to municipalities on an annual basis. Staff has also been educating the public about the new Paint Stewardship Law that was passed in late 2019 and is expected to be fully implemented by May of 2022. The goal is to provide municipalities with current, relevant information on solid waste and recycling issues.

**6. Technical Assistance to Businesses, Institutions and Residents.** GLOW provides technical assistance to businesses, institutions and residents on an as requested basis. These requests are normally made through GLOW's Recycling Hotline and consist of questions on how to dispose of trash, hazardous materials or other items. These callers are often referred to contractors and haulers in the region and/or are told about GLOW programs, such as household hazardous waste or the materials exchange programs. Staff normally fields from six or more calls per week or more, concerning household hazardous waste disposal.

**7. State Grant Reimbursements.** In March of 2021 the GLOW Committee was reimbursed for the Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWR&R) grant in the amount of \$37,605.66, covering 2020 expenses. This grant covers one half of the Recycling Coordinator position salary and fringe, along with other program expenses. These grants insure GLOW's continuity. In October of 2020 GLOW submitted the 2021 application, requesting \$41,460 with total program expenses of \$82,920 for this grant. The application was approved in February of 2021. In early July 2021 GLOW received a reimbursement of 11,050.23 for the 2018 household hazardous waste collection. In late July of 2021 GLOW received \$14,264.96 for expenses related to the 2019 household hazardous waste collection. In January of 2020 GLOW submitted a grant application in the amount of \$32,780.97 for the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The reimbursement is expected to be in the amount of \$16,390. There is no longer any State funding for electronics collections, however the Committee has continued to hold these collections, including this year's September 25<sup>th</sup> collection in Wyoming County. The 2022 collection will be held in Genesee County.

The GLOW staff currently consists of a single person; a recycling administrator. GLOW's payroll and invoicing will continue to be performed by an employee of the Genesee County IT at no charge to GLOW. In the spring of 2021 the three funding counties agreed to renew the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement (IMA) for the calendar years of 2022 and 2023. Signatures of all three (3) counties have been obtained. In 2012 contributions were adjusted to account for population changes in the region using 2010 U.S. Census figures. As a result the Genesee County contribution was reduced from \$27,000 per year to \$25,805, a reduction of \$1,195 (4.4%). The contributions will remain at those levels in 2022 and 2023.

**G/FLRPC 2021/2022 Major Accomplishments Recent Programs and Services:  
Presented by Paul Gavin and Jay Gsell**

Genesee County Legislature:

The G/FLRPC continues to transform its operations by updating its outreach efforts and targeting partners' needs. Over the last year we have hired a new CEO and several new planners. We are excited for the changes and are renewing our commitment to collaboration and providing actionable results that will benefit Genesee County. In order to maintain our fiscal stability, the Council members seek a ten percent (10%) increase in the annual county contribution. While we regret this request, the last increase in was done nearly twenty years ago (in 2002). Since that time, the CPU-I has increased 40.85%. The increase is necessitated by significant increases in operating costs, inflation, insurance, and mandated employer costs. Our preliminary 2022 budget draft also includes many operating expense reductions and continues our long-term history of strategic yet frugal budgeting and cost containment.

G/FLRPC program offerings reflected herein set the stage for other relevant regional grant opportunities such as NYS Consolidated Funding through the FLREDC, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), CARES Act funding, and anticipated Federal Infrastructure program. Our growing NYSERDA energy efficiency and effectiveness grants and statewide coordinated efforts to diversify energy resources in the State continue to be a substantial portion of our efforts.

Our legacy NYS DOS, DEC, and Federal EDA and NOAA resources are supporting economic development and C-19 recovery and resiliency planning and implementation. Our Rural broadband regional coverage objective and our semi-annual Local Government Workshops are evidence of our forward-thinking and collaborative ethos.

We continue our legacy of A-95/Article 12-B of NYS GML reviews and signoffs. Our staff provides a collegial resource to county and municipal planners, especially those who are the sole planners in their respective offices. We are a resource and can act as "sounding boards" for those seeking strategic input and find it helpful to talk "planner to planner."

## **Program Updates**

### **Economic Development Member County Services**

G/FLRPC provides ongoing services to support local, county and regional economic development planning including the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). G/FLRPC provides research and technical assistance, assistance with economic, workforce, and community development, planning, and coordination and training that promotes the economic development goals and objectives of the **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**.

The CEDS is an ongoing process which annually yields a planning document and updates the regional strategy for economic development in the nine-county region. The process coordinates regional economic development resources and the document

sets forth goals and objectives for the **Federal Economic Development District**. The outcome is the development of a strategy to achieve these goals, and a District work program designed to promote and assist in the implementation of the development strategy. In August 2021, the draft CEDS was completed and released for public comments. Those comments received were all accepted and the G/FLRPC Board approved and adopted the 2021-2025 CEDS in September 2021.

### **Regional Disaster Economic Recovery (CARES Act Funding)**

A joint effort between G/FLRPC and MRB Group is utilizing EDA funding under the CARES Act to support activities to help our region “*prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic*” and to respond to the economic injury as a result of coronavirus. The focus of our efforts so far has been (but not limited to):

- Monthly G/FLRPC newsletters updating stakeholders on G/FLRPCs current and upcoming programming, grant funding opportunities, and links to webinars and trainings
- State of the environment on regional Broadband activities and submission of an application to Northern Borders Regional Commission on behalf of Genesee and Seneca for funding towards a broadband study
- Created informational white paper on child care industry and executed the implementation of a business development training program for home-based care providers in the region;
- Created informational white paper on Retail Real Estate that examines four approaches to accommodate retail’s new normal
- Created informational white paper on direct-to-remote worker incentives across the country that discusses several incentive programs being implemented across the country, and,
- Created marketing materials for various grant programs and funding opportunities. Growing the Ag Industry Now!

The Genesee-Finger Lakes Region contains three of the top five and five of the top ten agricultural counties in New York State. As such the Region applied for and was awarded a \$3M agriculture and related business revolving loan fund. The Region’s Growing the Ag Industry Now! (GAIN!) Project is an initiative to capitalize agriculture and related businesses that are adopting new technologies, diversifying, or expanding. This program has been a great success over the region and G/FLRPC is actively working with funding partners on ways to recapitalize the fund. A recapitalization of the fund would enable greater number of loans to be made.

### **Clean Energy Communities Program**

The NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities (CEC) Program is a \$17M initiative to help local governments across the state reduce energy consumption and drive clean

energy use in their communities. Local governments that complete four out of ten identified High Impact Actions will earn the CEC designation and in the past earned access to grant funding to implement additional clean energy projects. G/FLRPC is the Finger Lakes Region CEC Coordinator.

Since the beginning of the program, forty (40) counties or municipalities in the region have been certified as CECs and most were eligible for \$1.7 million. In addition, approximately 246 High Impact Actions have been approved by NYSERDA in over 78 communities. G/FLRPC has also provided technical assistance, application assistance, trainings, and energy assessments have been accomplished in the region. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 code enforcement training will be held in Batavia. This will support communities who are actively engaging in the CEC program or are just starting to participate. Genesee County currently has two designed Clean Energy Communities and two others that have participated in the program. In the fourth quarter, we anticipate increasing our outreach to the municipalities in Genesee County.

#### **Clean Heating and Cooling Campaigns- HeatSmart Finger Lakes North**

NYSERDA supports communities across New York State in implementing community-based outreach and education campaigns for Clean Heating and Cooling. The HeatSmart Finger Lakes North program supports the residents of Genesee, Orleans, Ontario, and Wayne counties understand the technologies and their benefits. Homes and businesses install Clean Heating and Cooling technologies through locally organized community outreach. Community members can negotiate rates collectively, select an installer competitively, and decrease up-front costs by enrolling in a local campaign. G/FLRPC is conducting outreach for Genesee and Orleans counties while supporting the statewide campaign effort.

To date the HeatSmart Finger Lakes North campaign has held 5 webinars on various topics such as heat pump technology, home insulation and financing. The campaign will be holding two more webinars in quarter 4. Genesee County has 6 residents who have signed up from the HeatSmart program. In quarter 4 of this year, we anticipate increasing our outreach to the residents of Genesee County as the campaign was just approved for additional funding from NYSERDA for outreach.

#### **Land Use Monitoring Report**

The annual Regional Land Use Monitoring Report has come to a close for the 2020 building permits. This project is funded through the Genesee Transportation Council's UPWP funding. This project has been going on for many years, since roughly 2003 in its present form, collecting yearly building permit data for the region. This provides a yearly snapshot and also a database of building trends in the region per municipality. Due to changes in the response rate since the pandemic started, the Census Bureau Building Permit Survey and the NYS DOS Uniform Code Annual

Report were used in an effort to fill in data as much as possible.

The data from the 2020 building permits shows the following. The highest number of residential permits in the G-FL Region in 2020 was in the Town of Farmington (125) and followed by the Towns of Henrietta (108), Greece (100), City of Rochester (91) and Town of Penfield (81). The highest number of residential permitted units in the G-FL Region was in the City of Rochester (778), followed by the Towns of Henrietta (278), Irondequoit (270), Penfield (263), and Farmington (152).

Over the years (2011-2020), the majority residential units permitted in the MPA have been in Monroe County, the most being in the City of Rochester (2,582), the Towns of Webster (1,545), Henrietta (1,484) and Penfield (1,434). In the MPA outside of Monroe County, the Towns of Farmington (1,013), Canandaigua (780), Victor (693), in Ontario County, and the Towns of Ontario (348) and Macedon (185) in Wayne County issued permits for the largest number of residential units over the same ten year time frame.

### **Implementing Complete Streets Guidebook**

The Implementing Complete Streets guidebook project is funded through the Genesee Transportation Council's UPWP funding. This project is working with the Village of Perry as a case study community to learn their experience going through this process. Local municipalities that have recently passed complete street policies within the last 3 years will also be interviewed for their experience, challenges, and successes. The guidebook is being tailored to meet potential challenges and concerns specific to the Genesee-Finger Lakes region and is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of next year.

### ***Local Government Workshop (LGW)***

This is one of G/FLRPC's signature initiatives, providing a forum for training and information sharing since 1996. Since that time, thousands of local government officials, board members, staff, and interested citizens have attended the workshops, held twice a year. Due to the COVID pandemic, The Spring 2020 LGW was cancelled. An abbreviated Fall 2020 LGW was held with seven online sessions in November 2020. Last Spring featured an expanded schedule of eleven online sessions totaling fourteen hours of training opportunities through April and May. One hundred twelve people attended the Spring 2021 LGW and many folks attended multiple sessions. Planning is well underway for the Fall 2021 LGW, which will again be online between October 18 and November 5. We are tentatively planning for the Spring 2022 LGW to return to an in person, full day format.

### ***Municipal Assistance***

G/FLRPC is in the midst of re-invigorating other areas of municipal assistance. Drawing on the expertise of its professional planners on staff, G/FLRPC is able to

offer municipalities assistance with individual board training, assistance with site plan review, zoning and special permit applications, state environmental quality review (SEQR) processes, zoning code analysis and writing, area and topic plans (such as downtown revitalization plans or open space plans), and comprehensive planning. In addition to the above, G/FLRPC supports our stakeholders grant applications by elaborating how their proposals align with regional strategic goals.

### **GLOW One-Stop Operator**

G/FLRPC is serving as the One-Stop Operator for the GLOW WDB and resigned the contract as the One-Stop Operator on July 30, 2021. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed into law on July 22, 2014, has a focus on enhancing the current, high-quality one-stop center system by continuing to align investments in workforce, education, and economic development to regional in-demand jobs. The new law places greater emphasis on local resource coordination to better meet the needs of jobseekers, workers, and businesses. This includes the cultivation of partnerships and strategies necessary for one-stops to provide job seekers and workers with high-quality career services, education and training, and supportive services. Therefore, under WIOA the Career Centers are required to partner with a range of federally funded employment and training programs to promote the coordination of services on behalf of job seekers and businesses. The One-Stop Operator is integral in supporting the system and coordinating these services.

Over the last year G/FLRPC has facilitated three GLOW WDB meetings over the last year with an additional meeting scheduled for mid-October. At meetings partners have discussed both the challenges and wins they have seen over the last year and the adjustments they have had to make due to the pandemic. Each meeting has about 15-25 participants from the various job development partners in the GLOW region.

### **Community Action of Genesee and Orleans**

Engaging with the Community Action of Genesee and Orleans to assist in identifying funding available for the Community Action Transportation System. CATS is considering the transition to electric fleet vehicles in order to reduce maintenance costs.

### **Socio-Economic and Demographic Data**

The NYS Data Center operates through a network of Affiliate Data Centers throughout NYS. As an Affiliate Data Center, G/FLRPC maintains Census and related economic and demographic data and provides information services to local government, business and the public. Services have included outreach, support, and assistance related to Census and socio-economic and demographic data.

### **Land and Water Resources Planning**

Currently G/FLRPC has two primary water planning efforts:

- *Identifying Economic Impacts of Inundation on New York's Lake*

***Ontario Water Resources through Research and Engagement.*** This project is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Program Office and will identify economic vulnerabilities to flooding based, develop community-based strategies to improve economic resiliency, and develop communication strategies to create community buy-in and increase implementation of recommendations. G/FLRPC is part of a multidisciplinary project team lead by Syracuse University.

- ***DEC Water Quality funding.*** G/FLRPC receives funding through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's administration of federal Clean Water Act Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning funding. This funding supports regional comprehensive water quality management planning activities as described in Section 604(b) of the federal Clean Water Act. G/FLRPC uses these funds to advance four objectives:
  - Help develop and implement source water protection programs. This is a joint effort of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Department of Health. This is known as the [Drinking Water Source Protection Program \(DWSP2\)](#). G/FLRPC has been working with the Village of Warsaw on updating its drinking water source plan and will select a second community to work with in 2021 and 2022.
  - Help develop and implement nine element watershed management plan for the Seneca-Keuka Lake watershed
  - New Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit assistance. G/FLRPC provides assistance to the [Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County](#) and the [Ontario- Wayne Stormwater Coalition](#).
  - Local, regional and watershed planning. This is a general water resource related objective that allows G/FLRPC to provide planning and other water-related assistance to municipalities. In addition, G/FLRPC utilizes this funding category to attend meetings of groups such as the [Water Education Collaborative](#), county water quality coordinating committees, and watershed organizations. Finally, through this objective, G/FLRPC is able to process the intergovernmental reviews mandated by federal OMB Circular A-95 and/or Executive Order 12372.

### **Wyoming County Consolidated Zoning Code Enforcement**

Wyoming County is rare in New York State in that it consolidated administration and enforcement of the NYS Building Code from the municipal level to the county level many years ago. This project seeks to do the same with the administration and

enforcement of municipal zoning codes. The objectives are to:

- Create guidelines for implementation, an inter-municipal agreement between Wyoming County and its Partners, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for countywide zoning code enforcement
- Develop at least two uniform model zoning codes based on type of local government, current land use plans and regulations, and input from stakeholder and public participation.

This project, funded by NYS Department of State started in 2016. We are now updating and digitizing zoning maps.

#### **Additional Services, Support and Training Provided**

- Canal Recreation way Commission
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Genesee Transportation Council
- Geographic Information Sharing Special Interest Group
- New York State Association of Regional Councils
- New York State Data Center Affiliate
- Northern Borders Regional Commission
- Planning Coordination Committee
- Regional Development Corporation

#### **Publications**

- Model Intermunicipal Floodplain Overlay District Local Law
- Post-Flood Recovery Building Workshop for the Village of Sodus Point
- Regional Land Use Monitoring Report
- Solar Needs in the Finger Lakes Region

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday , November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously

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Rochelle Stein, Appointed Temporary Chair to Public Service Committee  
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