

AGRICULTURE, PLANNING, TOURISM & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 24, 2023

AGRICULTURE, PLANNING, TOURISM & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ferguson
SUPERVISORS: Henke, Hall, Fedler
Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk
Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney
Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN MEETING NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – November 22, 2022
3. Soil & Water – Changes to Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Law & County Law
4. HVADC, 2022 Year End Summary – Todd Erling
5. LCLG Regional Planning Board 2022 Year End Summary, Beth Gilles
6. Planning Agency 2022 Year End Summary
7. Ag & Farm Prot. Board – Reappoint Meg Sutherland 1/1/23-12/31/26
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

Chairman Griffith called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM in the Board of Supervisors classroom, Room B214, Washington County Municipal Center, Fort Edward, NY.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted.

SOIL & WATER CHANGES TO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW & COUNTY LAW – Corrina Aldrich, District Manager addressed the following with the committee: There is draft legislation circulating that would change NY Ag & Markets law and Soil and Water Conservation law. Some of the changes include that county appointments to Soil and Water Districts would be changed to elected officials and residency would not be required. Also includes adding a tax on fertilizer and chemicals and use those funds for soil health remediation. She feels these changes would be restrictive. Many counties and districts have already passed resolutions in opposition to these changes. Corrina is requesting a resolution by the Board. A motion for a resolution to the full Board in support of keeping Soil and Water Districts as they currently are, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted.

HVADC 2022 YEAR END SUMMARY, Todd Erling, Executive Director – Report attached. Thanked the Board for their support. HVADC provides support to existing agribusinesses. They work closely with Laura Oswald and Cooperative Extension. Some highlights include Incubator Without Walls program, HVADC Agricultural Loan Fund and Hudson Valley Bounty. HVADC has been approached by New York State to implement a red meat processing program that was in last year's budget. This is a statewide program that will offer grants of \$50,000-\$250,000 to existing meat processors to expand or maintain USDA status. A motion to accept HVADC 2022 year-end report, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD 2022 YEAR END SUMMARY – Beth Gilles, Executive Director – Report Attached. LCLGRP staff submitted 41 grant applications in 2022, 10 for projects in Washington County. Grants were secured for Washington County Sewer District No. 2 capital improvement plan, Washington County Sewer District No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Village of Cambridge Complete Streets Policy Implementation Plan. Also manage several Washington County grants and assisted in Community and Economic Development and Planning efforts. Still operating their loan program with one new loan made to a Washington County business in 2022. Laura Oswald stated that the Treasurer has submitted a grant application in an opportunity for federal funds for two payments of \$50,000 over a two year period. Laura proposes using \$50,000 for technical assistance loans for small businesses in the county to be managed by the Regional Planning Board. The County Administrator has proposed using the other \$50,000 to purchase an electronic sign for the front of the County complex. Estimated cost is \$30,000-\$50,000. A motion to award \$50,000 to the Regional Planning Board for a small business loan/grant program was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Skellie and adopted. The Treasurer stated that if and when the money comes in, a resolution will be brought to the Finance meeting. A motion to allocate the other \$50,000 for an electronic sign for the front of the County complex, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted. A motion to accept LCLG Regional Planning Board 2022 year-end report, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

Laura Oswald, Economic Development Director addressed the following items:

- Planning, 2022 Year End Summary – GML §239 requires that an annual report of the Planning Agency activities be presented to the County Board of Supervisors. There were 25 referrals and 18 site plan reviews. The review of these projects requires a lot of work from the Planner. Report attached.
- Ag & Farmland Protection Board – The term for Meg Sutherland expired on December 31, 2022. A motion to reappoint Meg Sutherland to the Washington County Ag & Farmland Protection Board to a four year term, 1/1/23 – 12/31/26, was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2022 Funding Awards Washington County - handout attached. Laura put together a summary of grant applications both CFA and non CFA for the year. She included the Office of Community Renewal housing grants. None of these are for Washington County. HomeFront which was the only agency in the county with direct ownership of senior housing, is being transferred to another agency. Rebuild Saratoga is an agency getting this funding and they are partnering with Reagon Development. She is hoping some of these funds will be used in Washington County. Only grants not yet awarded are WQIP and NY Forward.
- RFP for Broadband – Laura still working on final determination on who is eligible, then go out for RFP.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk, Washington County Board of Supervisors

Report to Washington County on HVADC 2022 Activities

Program Goals

To enhance the agricultural sector in Washington County by assisting both new and existing agri-businesses and supporting policies and regulations that recognize and support the Hudson Valley's agricultural economy. Our services are designed to promote Washington County as an integral part of the Hudson Valley as an attractive, viable region for agriculture and to foster growth and development of the agricultural sector through a creative program or marketing, promotion and the provision and coordination of financial and other resources.

Scope of Services

- 1.) Technical assistance to farmers and farm-related/farm-dependent businesses applying for funding or implementing awards from various public and private sources to include but not limited to USDA Value Added Grant, USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants, SBA, EDA, NYS Consolidated Funding Applications, etc.
- 2.) Business planning services to local farmers and farm-related/farm-dependent businesses seeking to diversify production.
- 3.) Business expansion counseling to a local farmers and farm-related/farm-dependent businesses seeking to add process capacity and expand operations to make room for next generation.
- 4.) New farm and farm-related/farm-dependent businesses referrals for site search selection opportunities to locate in the county.
- 5.) Referrals to Washington County of viable agribusiness projects for consideration of funding support.
- 6.) Representation and technical support to ensure farms and farm-related/farm-dependent business interests are included in NYS Regional Economic Development Councils' plans and implementation.
- 7.) Local farm product sourcing for Hudson Valley Harvest, Field Goods and other regional commercial and institutional buyers.
- 8.) Development and promotion of farm and local business sourcing to support agri/culinary-tourism and educate the community members and markets of the role local sourcing plays in economic development through the Hudson Valley Bounty Program and regional branding.

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HVADC 2022 Programming Updates

Incubator Without Walls (IWW)

Incubator without Walls is a key feature of HVADC where new and existing agriculture-related businesses apply to receive individualized assistance. Qualified businesses that are admitted into our IWW program can tap into a wide range of services to accelerate their growth and increase their chances of long-term success. These services can include business and financial planning, value-added infrastructure services, financing and networking. Through IWW, HVADC has been able to assist over 270 farms and food businesses since 2007. The various types of services HVADC has provided through IWW include general business planning, strategic planning for growth and development, financial analysis, marketing and promotion through print, media, Facebook and Twitter, project planning, matchmaking services (i.e. referrals for consumer/chefs to appropriate farm businesses), food safety certification/planning and permitting.

Applicants to the program complete an in-take form to provide basic information about their business. HVADC staff then meets with the applicant to review and conduct an assessment of their needs. Upon completion of the assessment, HVADC develops an individualized program of services for the client. This process results in a highly effective and timely delivery of services designed to accommodate the varying schedules and availability of our clients.

IWW Clients

Comfort Clothweaving; Eric and Teegan Frisino; Greenwich

Comfort Clothweaving are artisan weavers and fiber artists inspired by the environment surrounding us we focus on feelings of comfort and the strong relationships developed through color and pattern when designing our fabric and rugs. Eric and Teegan are interested in expanding this business to include fiber milling and not just weaving and distribution. They came to HVADC with hopes of receiving business technical assistance to secure necessary financing for this project and to guide their future plans. Brian Zweig completed the business plan with Eric and they are now focused on implementation. The business is actively seeking a new location and HVADC is assisting with the site search.

Comfort Food Community; Devin Bulger; Greenwich

Comfort Food Community Food Center is the outgrowth of the Greenwich Food Pantry and became a 501c3 whose mission is to leverage the community's physical and social resources to eliminate food insecurity. This is accomplished by providing a safe and welcoming space where individuals, families, farms, schools, social agencies, and local businesses can come together to share knowledge, build skills, and enjoy good food. This non-profit has secured significant financing to start their Food Hub and agricultural support work space, but is looking for technical assistance to prepare documentation including a business plan and marketing analysis. Comfort Food Community is working with Brian Zweig and Donna Williams to further develop their business model. Donna Williams has been helping them explore various product options. Customer survey has been completed and Brian Zweig is in the process of finalizing market potential estimates for school districts based on survey information. This will be used to develop preliminary financials associated with farm-to-school operations; however, the project has stalled a bit due to some staff turnover. The project is anticipated to continue once the necessary staff transitions have taken place.

Kilcoyne Farms; Cody Kilcoyne; Hudson Falls

Kilcoyne Farms is a family owned and operated business dedicated to providing customers with quality New York State beef. All cattle are New York State sourced and processed and contain no hormones or

antibiotics. Retail sales began in June of 2005 to a very limited number of accounts. The business has grown from a small farm servicing only a few accounts, to a larger operation servicing many restaurants and institutions in the Adirondacks, Catskills, Hudson Valley, as well as the Green Mountains of Vermont. HVADC worked on planning and reviewing the business model with Kilcoyne in 2021 and developed a grant USDA grant application for the MPPEP program.

Moxie Ridge; Lee Hennessey; Argyle

Moxie Ridge Farm is a small-scale farm located on 46 acres in the highlands of Argyle. Owner Lee Hennessey is the founder, farmer and cheesemaker of this small goat dairy, state licensed creamery, and rotationally grazed meat herds. Lee approached HVADC for assistance in securing a Farm Service Agency loan. HVADC is providing help with reviewing financials and preparing projections for Lee.

HVADC Agricultural Loan Fund

HVADC has been operating this fund since 2020 as an intermediary lender for the New York Job Development Authority (JDA), which operates under Empire State Development (ESD). The Agriculture Loan Fund Program is another tool to help provide access to capital for small agribusinesses that otherwise may face limited opportunities, not only supporting the success of these businesses but also improving the economic outlook for rural and surrounding communities.

Eligible borrowers of program funds include value-added processors, food distribution companies, food aggregators, wineries, breweries, distilleries, cider producers, farms and Food Hub participants. Projects qualifying for loans primarily include the purchase of machinery and equipment used in support of the New York State agricultural industry.

Application materials for the loan fund are available at <https://www.hvadc.org/hvadc-agriculture-loan-fund-program>.

Hudson Valley Bounty (HVB)

Hudson Valley Bounty (HVB) continues to be the region's most comprehensive local farm and food portal. HVADC continues to successfully use the Hudson Valley Bounty program to promote its farmer and chef members including those in Albany County.

The Hudson Valley Bounty website experienced record traffic from tourists and new residents during the Covid pandemic, and demand for the database continues to grow. However, the site itself was constructed in a now-outdated hosting platform and requires a from-scratch redesign and rebuild to improve the user experience for producer members, consumer site visitors, and HVADC administrators. In early 2022, HVADC received a \$20,000 grant towards the redesign from Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley and Hudson River Bank and Trust, a foundational supporter of the original Columbia County Bounty program that has since expanded into HVB's current eight-county database. HVADC engaged in a competitive bid process and selected Tamarack Media to complete the redesign process. Initial conversations with Tamarack began in July 2022, and the team at Tamarack is now in the initial stages of the new site build, working closely with HVADC staff and HVADC marketing consultant Diane Greco. Launch of the new site is estimated for early 2023. The new site will include a full modernization and overhaul of both frontend and backend, resulting in a more intuitive, attractive and easy-to-navigate experience for consumers and greatly enhanced ability for producer members to update profiles, add events and photos, and drive even more traffic to the site. The new site will also include updated maps and graphics. Upon launch of the new site, HVADC will roll out a major outreach initiative to significantly increase site membership among Hudson

Valley producers and site visibility for consumers, to ensure that HVB continues to be “the source for all your local food needs”.

Participation in Hudson Valley Bounty is free, and farms and food businesses may submit their information at www.hudsonvalleybounty.com. Hudson Valley Bounty provides participants with exposure on its high-traffic website used by local consumers, tourists, chefs, farmers, wholesalers, and institutional buyers; the opportunity to be featured on Hudson Valley Bounty social media, email and newsletters, as well as access to Hudson Valley Bounty’s curated newsletters containing information on grant and financing opportunities, training workshops, events, and opportunities to promote their business or sell their product.

The Cultivator

HVADC launched a monthly newsletter in 2017 that provides insights on the work we do, our clients, our partners and other information pertinent to the work we do with farms and food related businesses. The Cultivator featured an article on [Arygle Cheese](#) in 2022. Past articles include Booth Blend Composting, Tiashoke Farms, Laura Oswald, South Dominion Vineyard, Locust Grove Smokehouse, Battenkill Fibers, Agricultural Stewardship Association, Owl Wood Farm and Lavenlair Farm and Argyle Cheese Farmer for the SUNY Adirondack Business Plan competition. Please see HVADC’s website (www.hvadc.org) to review past articles and to sign up to receive the **Cultivator** in your inbox.

Regional Opportunities for HVADC Partner Counties

HVADC staff participate in the opportunities and activities below in support of regional food systems and development of HVADC program offerings. Some activities offer direct opportunities for farms and food business in our footprints and others serve to raise awareness and promote the concept of business technical assistance for farm and food entrepreneurs. All are designed to enhance economic opportunity within the counties we serve.

Northern Border Regional Commission

HVADC is a founding member of a collaboration between the Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program, The Carrot Project, The Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation, The John Merck Fund, and more than 50 organizations that came together to create The Blueprint for New England and New York’s Hudson Valley. This network applied for funding to pursue a project that advances the agricultural economy by launching an alliance of northeast agricultural business assistance providers (the Alliance), described in The Blueprint: Building a Business Assistance Network for Farm and Food Businesses (June 2018).

In 2020, HVADC was awarded funding from the Northern Border Regional Commission through the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board’s Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program (VF&FVP) to provide business technical assistance for farm and food businesses Rensselaer, Sullivan, Washington, Greene and Saratoga Counties. **HVADC has assisted six businesses overall with this funding including the four noted above and has closed out the program in 2022.**

The Business of Cannabis – A Virtual Master Class Series

HVADC and partners Awaken.Space, Seasoned Gives, and Co-producers Women Grow, hosted the Business of Cannabis virtual master class, with the aid of funding from The American Farmland Trust. What resulted

was an incredible two-day event filled with informative panels of experts who provided the most comprehensive collection currently available of information on how the New York cannabis industry works.

The event was moderated by Founder and President of Seasoned Gives Tamika Dunkley and Founder and President of Awaken.Space John Gilstrap. Both of the business/nonprofit leaders have worked closely with HVADC and are extremely influential in fostering equity and diversity across the agricultural industry by providing entrepreneurial resources and information to underserved communities.

As part of the Cultivation Strategies panel, HVADC Deputy Director Mary Ann Johnson provided attendees with information about the resources and Business Technical Assistance (BTA) tools available to farmers looking to get into the cannabis business. She also provided information on the landscape of community support across the ag-industry. In addition, Johnson addressed the issue of aging and retiring farmers and how the potential for these new products to be of more interest to the next generation of farmers.

The two-day workshop also included a full session on land access that highlighted HVADC and American Farmland Trust services and resources. This workshop garnered nearly 200 registrations and overall the event recording has been viewed over 372 times. The nearly eight hours of content is now available to all interested parties for free online at the Women [Grow Youtube Channel](#). The first day can be viewed [here](#) and the second [here](#).

Capital Region Small Business Development Center Food Entrepreneur Educational Development (FEED)

Earlier this year, HVADC leadership and a number of affiliated clients, partners and program graduates were presenters in the Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) Food Entrepreneur Educational Development (FEED) webinar series. FEED is a dynamic program that provided guidance, resources and connections to small business owners looking to thrive in the regional food economy. HVADC collaborated with the SBDC, Cornell AgriTech, and TasteNY to present this series of seminars.

The FEED program was started by frequent HVADC collaborator, Donna Williams, SBDC client advisor. Williams is the perfect program lead for FEED, with almost 30 years of experience working at start-ups and in the food industry. Prior to joining the SBDC, Donna Williams founded Field Goods (now Hudson Harvest) after she completed agriculture economic development consulting work for Greene County.

Another presenter was Reuben Schwartz of Vital Eats, who spoke at the first FEED seminar and shared with attendees his experience growing his condiment business, as well as the ways HVADC helped along the way. Vital Eats was a graduate of the third class of HVADC's Farm and Food Funding Accelerator program and has expanded its production significantly since. Schwartz has recently been in discussion with HVADC and Williams and the SBDC about plans to expand Vital Eats' production and even offer co-packing services to other food businesses.

Hudson Valley Food Systems Coalition

The Hudson Valley Food Systems Coalition (HVFSC) is a transdisciplinary & regional coalition with representatives from Agriculture, Government, Community, Processing, Distribution, Health, Education, Food Access, Food Business, Environment, Funding, and the Culinary Arts. The mission is to realize a more equitable and regenerative Hudson Valley food system by connecting food production, processing, distribution, consumption, and waste management practices while encouraging the use of our region's food resources to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of our community. The HVFSC is open to all

interested in the Hudson Valley's regional food system. HVADC is a founding member and HVADC Deputy Director Mary Ann Johnson is current facilitator of the Land and Agriculture interest group.

On April 25, HVADC leadership presented an important webinar on the recently passed New York Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) in partnership with the HVFSC) and its Land and Agriculture Subcommittee. One of the most ambitious pieces of climate legislation in the country, the Climate Act will impact agribusiness in areas from manure management and soil health to energy, transportation, waste, and more. The Climate Act's goal is to get the state of New York to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The free virtual event, coordinated by HVADC Program Associate Avalon Bunge, included speakers from state government and agricultural leadership, with deep knowledge about the bill, including Former New York State Senator Jen Metzger, New York Farm Bureau Deputy Director of Public Policy Elizabeth Wolters, and Cornell University Associate Dean for Land-Grant Affairs Julie Suarez, with Johnson co-hosting with HVFSC founder Sarah Salem. This webinar included an in-depth question-and-answer session, myth busting about what is and isn't in the CLCPA, and important ways for farmers to make their voices heard during the public comment period.

NYS Ag & Markets Farm Bill Listening Tour

In preparation for the 2023 Farm Bill, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets held a listening tour, which traveled the state throughout the summer. Leaders, including Governor Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball, New York State Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Michelle Hinchey, and others, held the meetings with farmers, producers and industry stakeholders across New York to assess the unique needs and concerns of each region. The tour extended from Buffalo to Long Island's Suffolk County.

On August 1, HVADC Executive Director Todd Erling and Board of Directors Member Eric Ooms, who is also a multi-generation dairy farmer and Vice President of NYS Farm Bureau, attended the Hudson Valley leg of the tour in New Paltz to provide the HVADC's perspective on the Valley's regional needs and to take part in the important information gathering proceedings.

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)

In late September the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) held its 2022 NASDA Annual Meeting in Saratoga Springs - hosted by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, with Commissioner Richard Ball presiding as this year's NASDA president. The three-day conference annually brings together the highest-ranking state agriculture officials from across the U.S. and was attended by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, who offered comments on the second day of the event.

HVADC Executive Director Todd Erling attended the event, and said it was important on a number of fronts, primarily that the most influential names in American agriculture got a first-hand look at the way New York farmers do business. Looking to offer a sterling example of home-grown success, the conference, organized by Ball and his staff, offered an afternoon of offsite tours, which included a field trip to view the operation of HVADC Incubator's Without Walls client and Farm and Food Funding Accelerator participant Argyle Cheese Farmer who recently expanded their mom and pop farm operation dramatically with a new partnership with Ideal Dairy, and new dairy processing facility in Hudson Falls.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all 50 states and four U.S. territories. Their annual meeting was an opportunity for Erling to meet with leaders and key staff to discuss HVADC's priorities, especially for increasing funding for Business Technical Assistance (BTA) in new bills and legislation.

Erling noted HVADC and our peer organizations at the Agricultural Viability Alliance (The Alliance), were able to continue our call to the NASDA that Business Technical Assistance needs to be built into Farm Bill programs. Erling explained the proof of the return on investment of BTA was evident for all to see when officials met with our friends at Argyle Cheese, a stop on the tour for the NASDA officials.

This year's conference, which was themed "Still Growing," focused on opportunities presented by the 2023 Farm Bill, international trade, securing a skilled, sustainable workforce for the agricultural and food industry, and other pressing issues. The conference included several panel discussions, and a committee and business meeting, where policies were debated and voted on.

While the meeting was an opportunity for HVADC and The Alliance to raise the flag for more BTA funding, Erling said it also offered an opportunity for all members of The Alliance to reflect on the policy successes they've made so far. As a result of the letter co-signed by HVADC and 150 agricultural aid organizations, and championed by local congressional members, millions of dollars have been allocated for the creation of Regional Business Centers across the country.

Hudson Valley Farmlink Network

Agriculture and conservation groups came together to create the Hudson Valley Farmlink Network in response to farmland loss, the challenges faced by farmers in accessing farmland, and the difficulties faced by families as they try to transfer their farms. The Hudson Valley Farmlink Network is a partnership of 17 organizations, coordinated by American Farmland Trust, which offers the Hudson Valley Farmland Finder website, training and networking events, and one-on-one assistance for farmers and landowners. HVADC joined the network in 2018 and will be providing technical assistance to farmers. This effort has led to referrals from partnering organizations such as the Ag Stewardship Association to provide the services needed to reduce farmland loss and increase access to farmland for beginning farmers.

The Hudson Valley Farmlink Network serves 13 counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Sullivan, Ulster, Washington, and Westchester.

COVID-19 Support and Relief Efforts

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, HVADC undertook efforts to support the agricultural industry. HVADC assisted business with the federal relief programs, such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). HVADC currently monitors Federal efforts on the American Rescue Plan Act and the Build Back Better bill to understand opportunities through the USDA and other Federal agencies for farm and food businesses.

Grown and Certified Producer Grants

The Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation Development Council partnered with HVADC to administer funds to assist producers in the Capital Region offset capital costs associated with meeting Good Agricultural Practices certification and participation in the New York State Grown & Certified program. HMRCDC will create a one-stop-shop to deploy grant funds and other financing, combined with partner

involvement in promotion and technical assistance. Funding for this program was made available through the 2018 CFA awards in the amount of \$500,000. HVADC received seventeen applications requesting more than \$630,000 and to date has received approval for thirteen farms. This included full approvals for two Washington County farms totaling nearly \$23,643 in project funding and the projects were completed in 2020.

NYS Ag & Markets has extended this program and HVADC will be working with the new administrator, NY Farm Viability Institute to ensure farms in the HVADC footprint pursue this funding.

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Todd Erling, Executive Director, x 301 (for strategic initiatives)

Mary Ann Johnson, Deputy Director, x 302 (for technical assistance and loans)



2022 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON COUNTY

LCLGRP staff submitted 41 grant applications in 2022. 10 applications were for projects in Washington County totaling \$13.5M in requests. Four more were regional projects that included Washington County.

Washington County Grants Secured (as of 12/31/2022 – several have not been announced yet)

- Washington County Sewer District No. 2 Capital Improvement Plan (\$55,000)
- Washington County Sewer District No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Replacement (\$226,000)
- Village of Cambridge Complete Streets Policy & Implementation Plan ((\$30,000)

Washington County Grants Managed

- Washington County MS4 Mapping and Enhanced Pollution Reduction (\$272,500)
- Washington County Roadside Erosion Remediation Program (\$527,000)
- Washington County Culvert Replacement Program (\$508,000)
- Washington County Brine Maker (\$132,000)
- Washington County Fairgrounds Broadband Infrastructure Upgrade (\$511,855)

Community and Economic Development

- Town of Salem wastewater system planning and implementation
- Village of Cambridge wastewater system planning and implementation
- Canalside Energy Park

Planning Efforts

- Village of Granville Outdoor Recreation for the Main Street Economy
- Village of Argyle Drinking Water Source Protection Plan
- Town of Hebron Community Vision & Strategy
- Secured AGFTC planning assistance for Fort Ann, Village of Argyle, Village of Cambridge, and Village of Fort Edward
- Rural Workforce Transportation Plan for Warren/Washington Counties

Loan Program

- One loan made to a Washington County business in 2022 for \$175,000
- Nine Washington County loans in our portfolio totaling \$930,867 in loaned capital

Washington County Planning Agency 2022

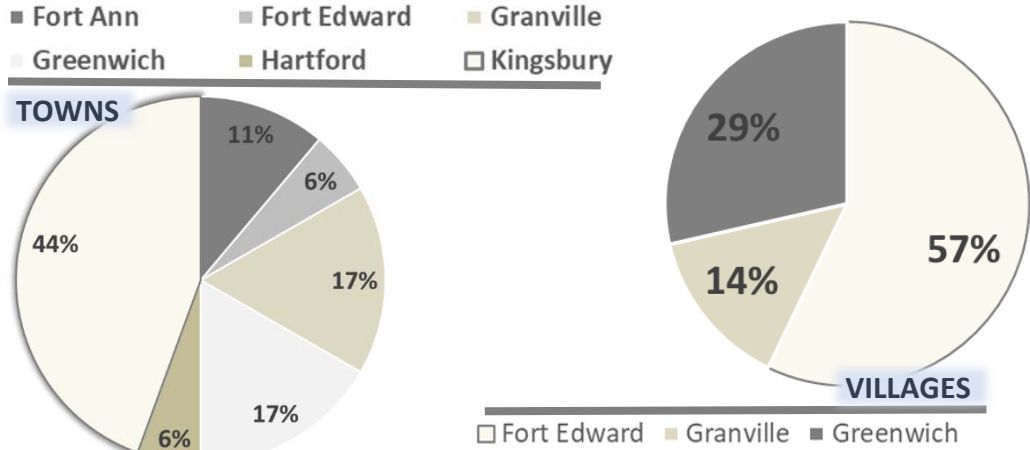
Overview

Washington County Board of Supervisors' Resolution 98 of 2017 established the Washington County Planning Agency responsible for the review of certain local planning and zoning actions pursuant to General Municipal Law Section §239(l)(m). The Planning Agency has prepared the 2022 annual report to the County Board of Supervisors as per GML §239(c). County Planning Agency members include Supervisor James S. Griffith, Chair, Agriculture, Planning Tourism and Community Development Committee; Deborah Donohue, Washington County DPW; Allison Gaddy, Senior Planner Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Planning Department Service to the Planning Agency

Incoming referrals to the Washington County Planning Agency arrive via the Washington County Planning Department. The department is responsible for managing incoming referrals by:

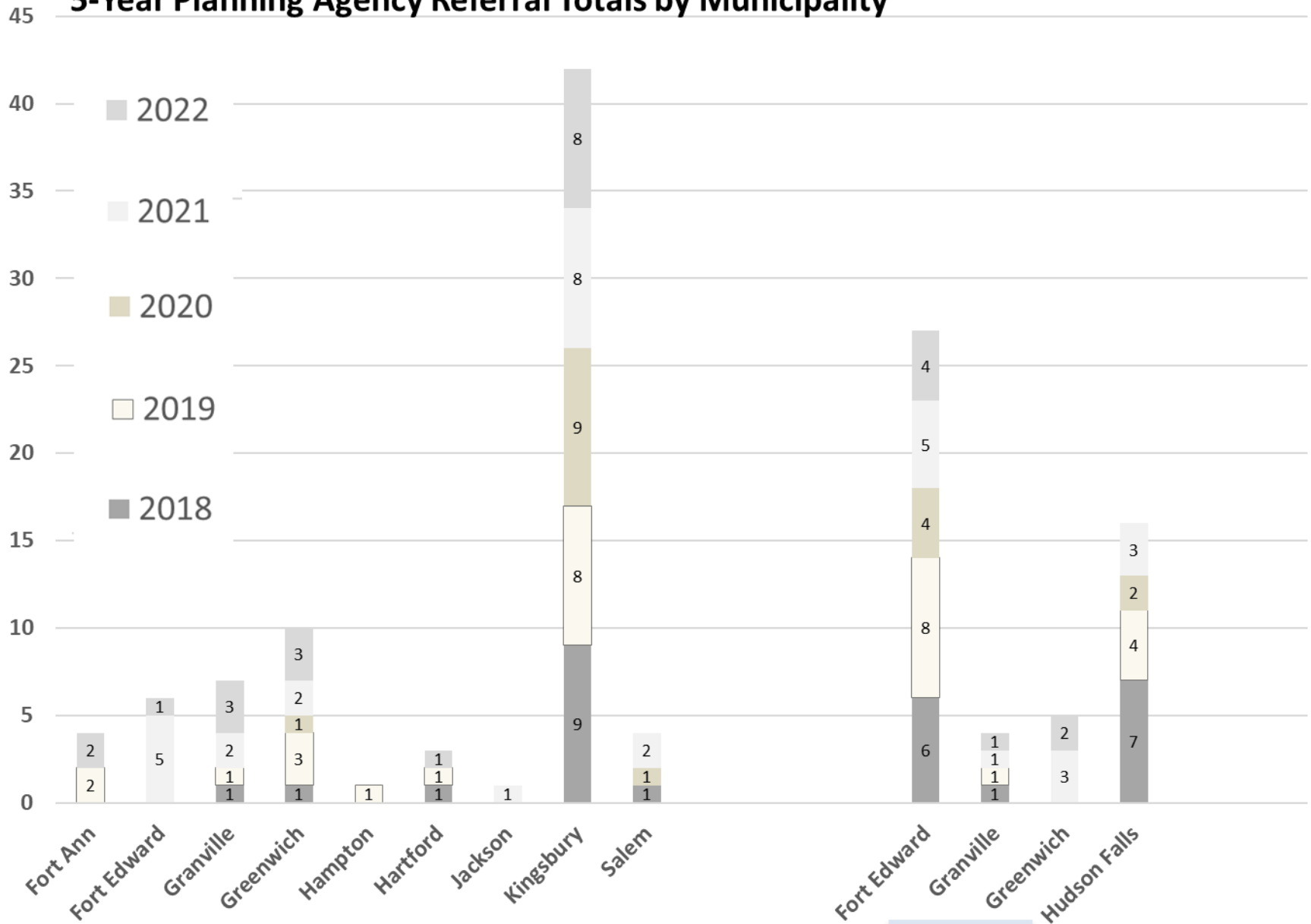
- confirming the receipt of a full statement
- reviewing/preparing materials of proposed actions referred for Agency review
- preparing/circulating a draft summary report
- maintaining Planning Agency records
- preparing/publishing meeting minutes on the county website
- preparing/ mailing notification letters of Planning Agency decisions
- preparing an annual report
- fielding local municipal board member questions
- attending to meeting logistics and communications
- maintaining Agency documentation that includes general correspondence memorandums, GML review material, notification letters of Agency determinations, documentation of final action, meeting minutes, agendas
- presenting periodically at local municipal Board meetings



2022>	By Town	Solar	Site Plan	Area Var	Use Var	Zone/LUR	LU Plans
Argyle			0	0	0		0
Cambridge			0	0	0		0
Dresden			0	0	0		0
Easton			0	0	0		0
Fort Ann	2		2	0	0		0
Fort Edward	1		0	0	1		0
Granville	3		3	0	0		0
Greenwich	3	1	2	1	0		0
Hampton			0	0	0		0
Hartford	1		1	0	0		0
Hebron			0	0	0		0
Jackson			0	0	0		0
Kingsbury	8		6	1	0	1	0
Putnam			0	0	0	0	0
Salem			0	0	0	0	0
White Creek			0	0	0	0	0
Whitehall			0	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	1	14	2	1	1	0
2022>	By Village						
Argyle			0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge			0	0	0	0	0
Fort Ann			0	0	0	0	0
Fort Edward	4		4	0	0	0	0
Granville	1		0	0	0	1	0
Greenwich	2		0	0	0	1	1
Hudson Falls			0	0	0	0	0
Whitehall			0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7		4	0	0	2	1
All	25	1	18	2	1	3	1

2022
25 REFERRALS
18 SITE PLAN REVIEWS
0 SUPS

5-Year Planning Agency Referral Totals by Municipality



TOWNS

VILLAGES

2022 Funding Awards - Washington County

	Town/Village	Amount	Project
CFA Awards			
BOA	Greenwich (V)	\$166,500	Zoning amendments/parking
CDBG	Fort Edward (V)	\$48,000	Planning/Engineering
Climate Smart Communities	Cambridge (V)	\$30,000	Route 313 Complete Streets planning
Engineering Planning (EPG)	Argyle (V)	\$30,000	Wastewater study
ESD	WC Sewer District 1	\$226,000	Industrial Park line sewer pipes
LGE (Shared Services)	Washington County	\$400,000	Shared Highway Barn Ft Ann
NYSCA - Arts	Cambridge	\$85,000	Hubbard Hall
	Salem	\$40,000	Salem Art Works
	Salem	\$30,000	Salem Stages
	Granville	\$40,000	Slate Valley Museum
OCR Housing Repair - Seniors, Veteran, Disabled			
OCR Access to Home	Rebuild Saratoga	\$103,647	Saratoga, Warren, Washington
Mfgd/Mobile Home Replace	Rebuild Saratoga	\$500,000	Saratoga, Warren, Washington
OCR Restore	Rebuild Saratoga	\$100,000	Saratoga, Warren, Washington
	Pride of Ti	\$100,000	Essex, Warren, Washington
Smart Growth Planning	Easton	\$45,400	Comprehensive Plan
Water Quality (WQIP)		?	
Canals	None		
EFC Clean Water/WIIA	None		
NY Main Street	None		
LWRP	None		
Parks	None		
NYSERDA	None		

Other State/Federal Grants

Restore NY (Round 1)	Village Hudson Falls	\$600,000	188 Main St upper floors
	Village of Greenwich	\$1,600,000	120-132 Main (fire site)

NY Forward

From \$16 bil federal earmarks in 2023 fed budget:

Greenwich \$4.4 million wastewater (Schumer/Gillibrand/Stefanik)

County \$1 million broadband (Stefanik)