



# Environmental Funding Opportunities



New York State  
Department of State

**communities**  
**+ waterfronts**



REVITALIZATION



EFFICIENCY



SUSTAINABILITY

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# Expanding Partnerships

- Long-term relationships
- Aggressive integration of state and federal programs
- Effective deployment of resources
- Leveraging local and regional opportunities



# Sustaining Successful Communities

- Maximizing cost efficiencies
- Leveraging local assets
- Collaborating and partnering
- Capitalizing on opportunities



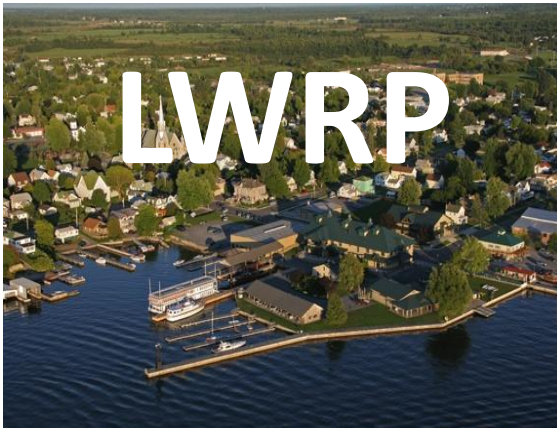
# Department of State Assistance

- Experience
- Grant funding
- Proven approaches to success





# Department of State Community Development Programs



# Local Government Efficiency Program (LGE)



- Improve service delivery
- Increase competitiveness
- Reduce local costs
- Coordinate solutions
- Focus resources

# LGE Assistance

Information for voters and officials

Government  
Reorganization

Service  
Efficiencies

New competitive advantages

Options to reduce local costs

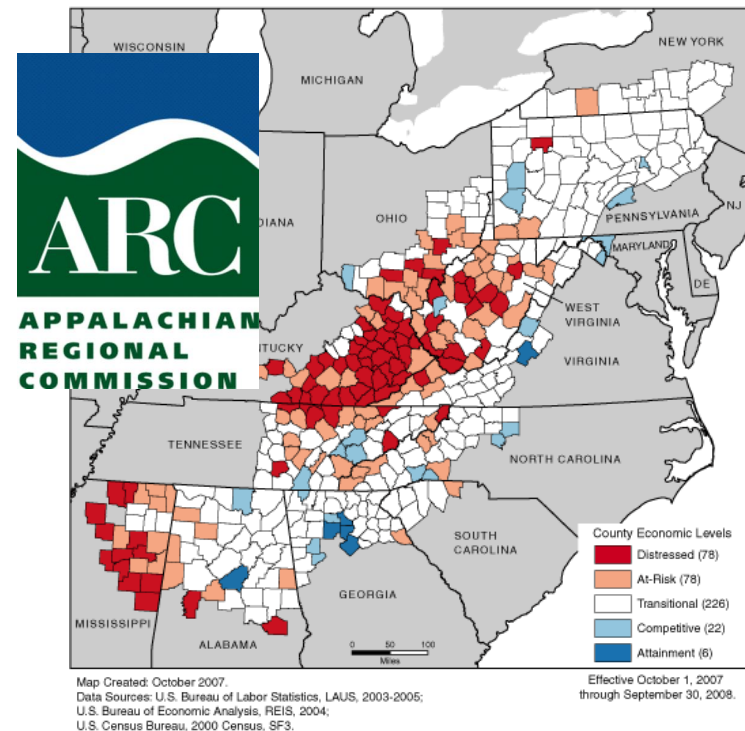
# Local Government Efficiency Projects

Grants	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09
Awards	22	72	67	88	46
Amount	\$2.446 M	\$13.622M	\$13.695M	\$11.322M	\$4.992M
Estimated Savings	N/A	\$160.42M	\$84.73M	\$106.54M	\$66.67M
Savings Ratio	N/A	\$11.78/1	\$6.19/1	\$9.29/1	\$16/1



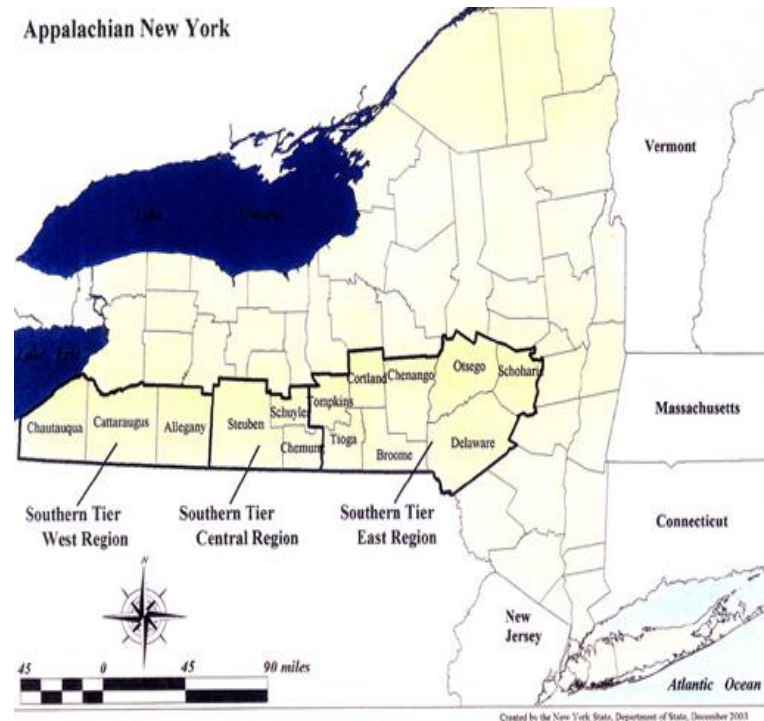
# Appalachian Regional Commission

- Increase job opportunities and income
- Strengthen community capacity
- Develop and improve infrastructure
- Reduce isolation



# Appalachian Regional Commission

- Municipalities and non profits
- Continuous applications
- 50/50 matching grants
- Planning and implementation



# Sustainable Infrastructure and Community Development

- Infrastructure defines a communities capacity to accommodate sustainable growth and development.
- Planning for sustainable infrastructure often requires a regional approach
- Collaboration and intermunicipal cooperation can help to improved cost and delivery of services

# Town of Glenville

## Joint Sewer Project in Saratoga and Schenectady Counties



# Challenges

- Inefficient treatment plants
  - Alplaus treatment plant
  - Old Knott Farm treatment facility
- High debt service
- Eliminate failing septic systems and extend new sewer lines





# Outcome

- Shared treatment, operation and maintenance
- Rehabilitation and expansion of the Alplaus Sewer District No. 1 system
- \$255,789 debt service savings
- 2.5 full time positions
- \$771,275 in personnel savings



# Tompkins County Water Study

- Countywide Inter-municipal Water Study



# Challenges

- Limited funding for infrastructure improvements
- Availability of affordable housing
- Revitalization of town and village centers
- Cost effective solutions to address the county's needs

# Outcome

- Share Capacity
- Equipping areas for development
  - 8 of the rural centers in 0-5 years
  - 5 rural centers in 5-10 years
  - 9 rural centers in 10+ years
- 6,000 additional units over first 5 years in rural centers

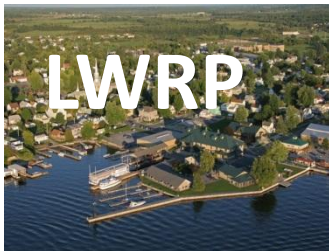
# Schuyler County/Village of Watkins Glen

- County Agri-Tourism Initiative
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Watkins Glen First Street Reconstruction
- Watkins Glen Marketing Strategy





# Village of Rouses Point



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Abandoned Barge Canal Dock to the new  
Montgomery Street Pier



# Village of Rouses Point



## Shoreline Walkway

# Village of Rouses Point

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Plan Vision



## Downtown Lake Access



# Village of Rouses Point



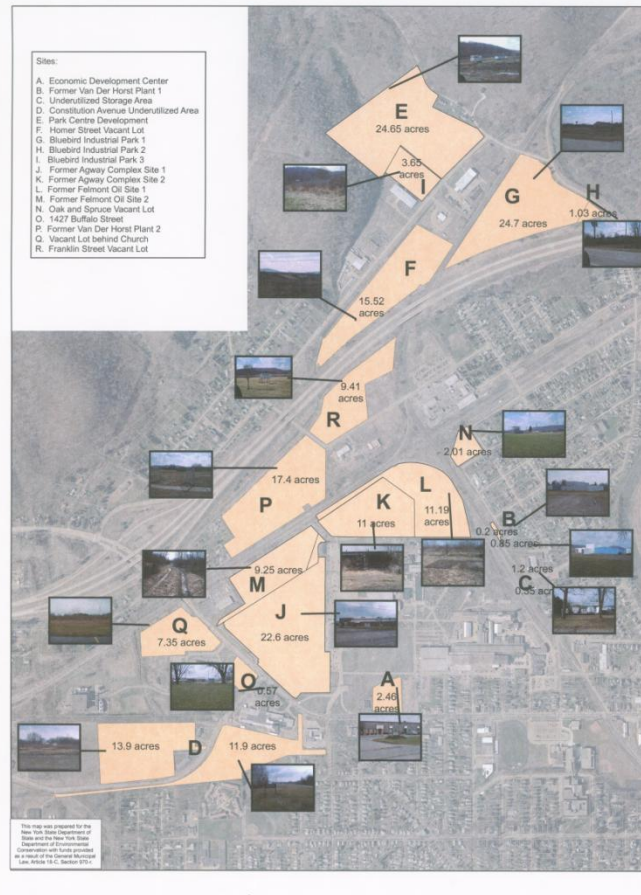
## Joint Infrastructure Management



# City of Olean



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- 500 acre study area strategically in northwestern sector of City.

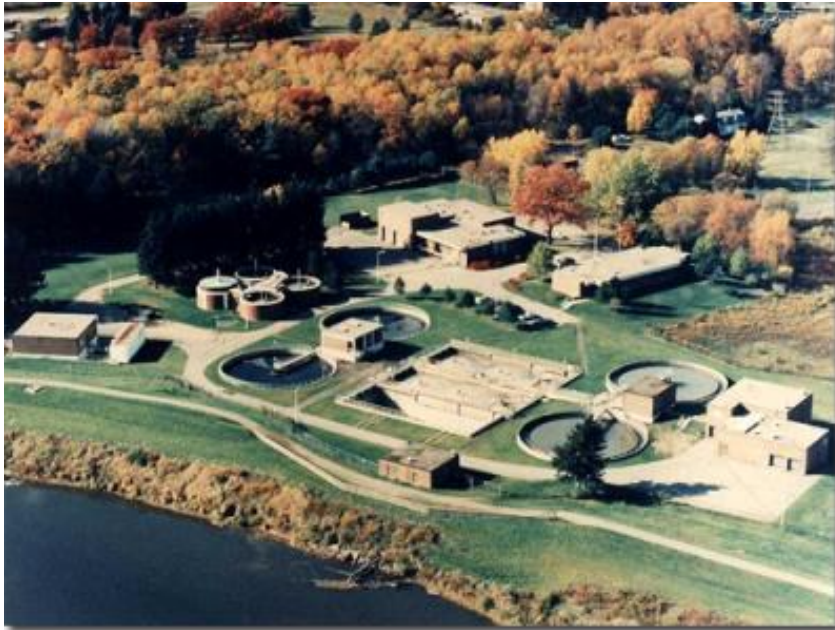
- Extensive history heavy manufacturing

- Only opportunity for significant new development within city boundaries

- Key infrastructure to support redevelopment in place

## Brownfield Redevelopment

# City of Olean



- Ensuring appropriate infrastructure for community development
- Providing opportunity for re-use of land
- Developing partnerships with state and federal agencies
  - Department of State
  - New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
  - New York State Office of Community Renewal
  - Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board

## Water and Wastewater Management



New York State Department of State

# **2011-2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

# Proposed Funding

- Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant Program **\$35,000,000**
- Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit
- Local Government Efficiency Grant Program **\$4,000,000**
- Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program **\$40,000,000**



# Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant

- Reorganization as defined by GML Article 17-A
- Maximum award is **\$100,000**:
  - \$50,000 maximum for a study, with \$25,000 in expedited funds for petitioned local governments.
  - \$50,000 maximum for planning or implementation of a municipal re-organization.

# Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit

- Increased local government **annual** aid, equal to 15% of the combined real property tax levy of the municipalities
- Aid not to exceed one million dollars.
- Consolidation or dissolution on or after April 1, 2007.
- At least 50% of such aid shall be used for property tax relief.

# Local Government Efficiency Grant

- Awards for financial savings and operational efficiencies.
  - **\$200,000** per municipality
  - up to **\$1,000,000**
  - \$25,000 per municipality for planning component of project

# Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program

- Recognition of improvements to the efficiency of governmental operations that have produced quantifiable recurring financial savings
- Reduced the tax burden on residents.
- Projects **implemented** after January 1, 2010.
- Funding is for a maximum of **\$25 per resident or \$5,000,000**





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