

Livingston County Planning Department 2014 Annual Report



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Mission Statement & List of Services

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Mission Statement

The Livingston County Planning Department serves to promote the sound and orderly physical growth of Livingston County and its constituent municipalities. The Department provides technical planning guidance and assistance to the County Administrator and County Board of Supervisors and implements projects and programs designed to improve the built and natural environment, economy, and physical infrastructure. The Department extends professional services to local municipalities and other public and private entities in the areas of land use planning and zoning, grants, community development, GIS mapping, research and data development, and infrastructure development.

List of Services

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)

1. Provide staff support to the AFPB.
2. Work on activities that implement the County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, including development and maintenance of the Annual Work Plan.
3. Coordinate with the Genesee Valley Conservancy on the application process to the NYS Purchase of Development Rights program.
4. Coordinate the eight-year renewals for the County's three Agricultural Districts.
5. Coordinate the 303-b Annual Petition Process for additions to Agricultural Districts.
6. Coordinate Notice of Intent review process for the AFPB.

Capital Improvement Program & Projects

1. Provide assistance to the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors on the planning process for the Capital Improvement Plan and associated reports.
2. Provide County Administration and Board of Supervisors with planning and coordination assistance on capital projects, as needed.

Conesus Lake Watershed Council

1. Provide staff support to the Conesus Lake Watershed Council and Committees (Technical, Public Education and Outreach, Agricultural)
2. Work on activities to implement the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan, including development and maintenance of the Annual Work Plan.
3. Administer the Conesus Lake Aquatic Weeds Strategy (CLAWS) Program through the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance. Participate on the Water Resources Board.
4. Administer subcontracts to the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District, SUNY Research Foundation and other contractors as needed.
5. Administer state, federal and other grants in support of activities that implement the Plan.

Committees

1. Represent the County on various County and Regional Committees:
 - a. Livingston County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

- b. Genesee Transportation Council: Board, Planning Committee, TIP Development Committee, United Planning Development Committee
- c. Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council: Council, Executive Committee, Planning Coordination Committee
- d. NYSAC Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming
- e. NYS Planning Directors Association (President through 2014)
- f. Regional Economic Development Council, Sustainability Work Group
- g. Department of Health: ACHIEVE Committee
- h. Genesee Valley Health Partnership: Chronic Disease Subcommittee, Access to Care Subcommittee
- i. Livingston County Suicide Prevention Task Force
- j. 911 Coordination Committee
- k. New York State Association of Environmental Management Councils

County Environmental Management Council (EMC)

- 1. Provide staff support to the EMC.
- 2. Develop and maintain the EMC Annual Work Plan.
- 3. Update the County's Natural Resources Inventory.
- 4. Assist the EMC with the Annual Earth Day Award.

County Planning Board

- 1. Provide staff support to the County Planning Board for NYS General Municipal Law 239 reviews.

E911 Addressing with Sheriff's Office

- 1. Coordinate with the Sheriff's Office on reviewing and approving address change forms and right-of-way naming forms.

GIS Mapping

- 1. Provide emergency mapping for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as needed.
- 2. Provide county agencies and local municipalities with mapping and technical assistance requests.
- 3. Manage the County Intranet Mapping Program.
- 4. Provide staff support to the GIS Steering Committee and User Group.
- 5. Manage with ITS the Sheriff's Office/911 Center New World mapping updates.
- 6. New Project 2014: Work with County Administration and ITS on launching of a County Internet Project.

Land Use Training

- 1. Administer the Livingston Education and Training Series (LET'S Plan!) for municipal planning and zoning officials.

NYS Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program

- 1. Administer the NYS Snowmobile Grant for the two snowmobile clubs in Livingston County (Caledonia Trailblazers, Hill and Valley Riders).

Technical Assistance – County, Municipal & Public

1. Provide technical assistance to county agencies, agencies affiliated with the county, municipalities, and the public upon request. Technical assistance consists of research, data development, and general land use and zoning assistance.

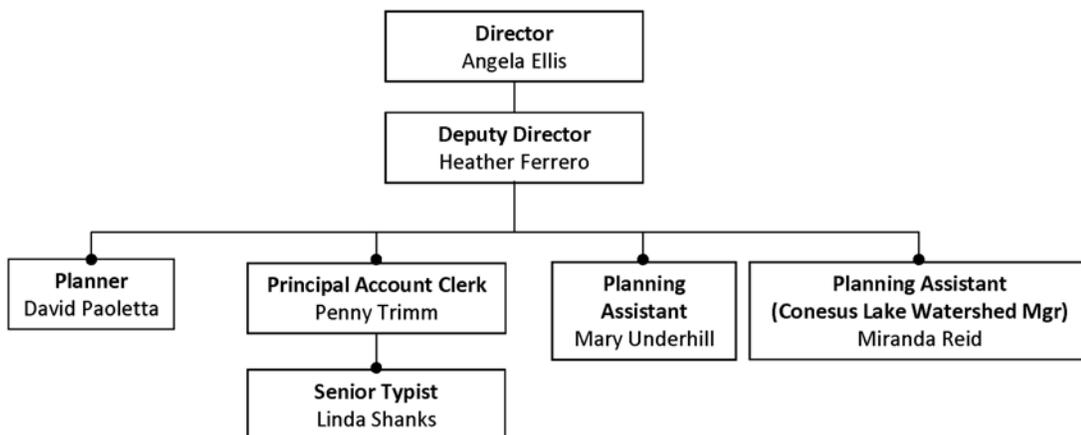
Transportation Connectivity Plan

1. Provide staff support to county projects, programs and activities that implement the recommendations in the Transportation Connectivity Plan.
2. Provide staff support to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and work groups (Community Development, Environmental, and Public Transportation).
3. Develop and maintain the Annual Work Plan.

Staff Organizational Chart

The Planning Department has seven employees, including the Planning Director. The organizational chart on the following page shows staff distribution.

Livingston County Planning Department Organizational Chart 2014



2014 Grant and Program Awards and Administration

LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2014 STATE & FEDERAL GRANT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

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Funding Agency and Grant	Awarded and under contract	Awarded and NOT under contract
Genesee Transportation Council/Federal Highway Administration (GTC/FHWA)		
Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study	\$ 60,000.00	
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (NYSDAM)		
Farmland Protection Implementation Grant / AG PDR – Sunny Knoll	\$ 1,385,690.00	
Farmland Protection Implementation Grant / AG PDR – Triple H	\$ 1,721,756.00	
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)		
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 20	\$ 44,175.00	
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 21	\$ 38,250.00	
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 22	\$ 38,250.00	
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 23		\$ 38,250.00
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 24		\$ 49,920.00
NYS Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)		
PSAP 2012-2013 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)	\$ 305,767.00	
PSAP 2013-2014 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)	\$ 89,253.00	
SICG Round 3 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant	\$ 5,994,854.00	
NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)		
EPF Streambank Remediation – Phase I	\$ 765,738.00	
EPF Streambank Remediation – Phase II	\$ 716,264.00	
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)		
NYS Snowmobile Grant-In-Aid Program	\$ 18,900.00	
Scott's Products		
Long Point Park Rain Garden	\$ 5,000.00	
Planning Subtotals	\$ 11,183,897.00	\$ 88,170.00
2014 PLANNING DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$11,272,067.00

Professional Training

The Livingston County Planning Department Staff accrued 160.5 hours of professional development training in 2014.

Coordination, Collaboration & Partnerships

In 2014, the Livingston County Planning Department continued its work with many County, regional and state committees and organizations. The ties that the Department has formed with these committees and organizations have been beneficial for the parties involved, and have served not only to broaden the Department's scope of service, but also to diversify the nature and areas of assistance the Department provides. The following is a list of local, County, regional, and state committees and organizations the Planning Department participated in or assisted in 2014:

Livingston County

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Livingston County ACHIEVE
- Genesee Valley Health Partnership
 - Chronic Disease Committee
 - Access to Healthcare Committee
 - Suicide Prevention Committee
- Livingston County Housing Task Force
- Livingston County Chamber of Commerce

Regional

- Finger Lakes/Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance
- Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM)
- Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Sustainability Work Group
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Section – American Planning Association
- Genesee Transportation Council, including;
 - Genesee Transportation Council Board
 - Planning Committee
 - Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Development Committee
 - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Committee
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, including:
 - Executive Committee
 - Planning Council
 - Planning Coordination Committee
- Geographic Information Sharing/Special Interest Group (GIS/SIG)
- SAGE Commission – Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency
Transportation Work Group

New York State

- The New York State Association of County Planning Directors
- NYS Association of Counties Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming

Planning Department Programs

Conesus Lake Aquatic Weeds Strategy (CLAWS) Program

2014 Program Summary

Administered and closed out CLAWS 21 grant (\$38,250). Funds provided through the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA).

- Summer 2014 Bathing Beach Monitoring Program (26 samples)
- Purchased materials for a County Highway Department streambank remediation project on the south bank of North Gully in the Town of Livonia, west of East Lake Road. A 30-foot portion of a 60-foot concrete bank wall fell into the creek during the extreme rain events in Spring/Summer 2014, and the remaining 30 feet was severely undercut. The Highway Department replaced the wall with 60 feet of corrugated sheet piling to stabilize the streambank and to protect the road culvert on East Lake Road.

North Gully Streambank Remediation (County Highway Project)



before

after

2015 Goals

- Close out CLAWS 22 grant (\$38,250) by March 31, 2015.
- Continue funding activities through the CLAWS 23 & 24 grants.
- Close out CLAWS 23 grant (\$38,250) by December 31, 2015.

Enhanced 911 and Public Safety

The Planning Department assisted the E911 Communications Center in the local addressing processes. As part of this effort, the Deputy Planning Director, Planning Assistant and the Sheriff's Dispatch Office jointly reviewed applications for right-of-way naming forms and address forms. Additionally, the Planning Department is responsible for entering approved right-of-way naming and address information into the County database and for notifying the U.S. Post Office, Real Property Tax Services, and area utility companies.

While the process is still ongoing, these cooperative efforts have ultimately improved County addressing and have helped to facilitate E911 Communications operations.

2014 Program Summary

- The Planning Department working with the Sheriff's Office processed more than 180 local address assignments.

2015 Goals

- Continue working on the local addressing and right-of-way naming process jointly with the Sheriff's Office and Real Property Tax Services.

GIS Mapping

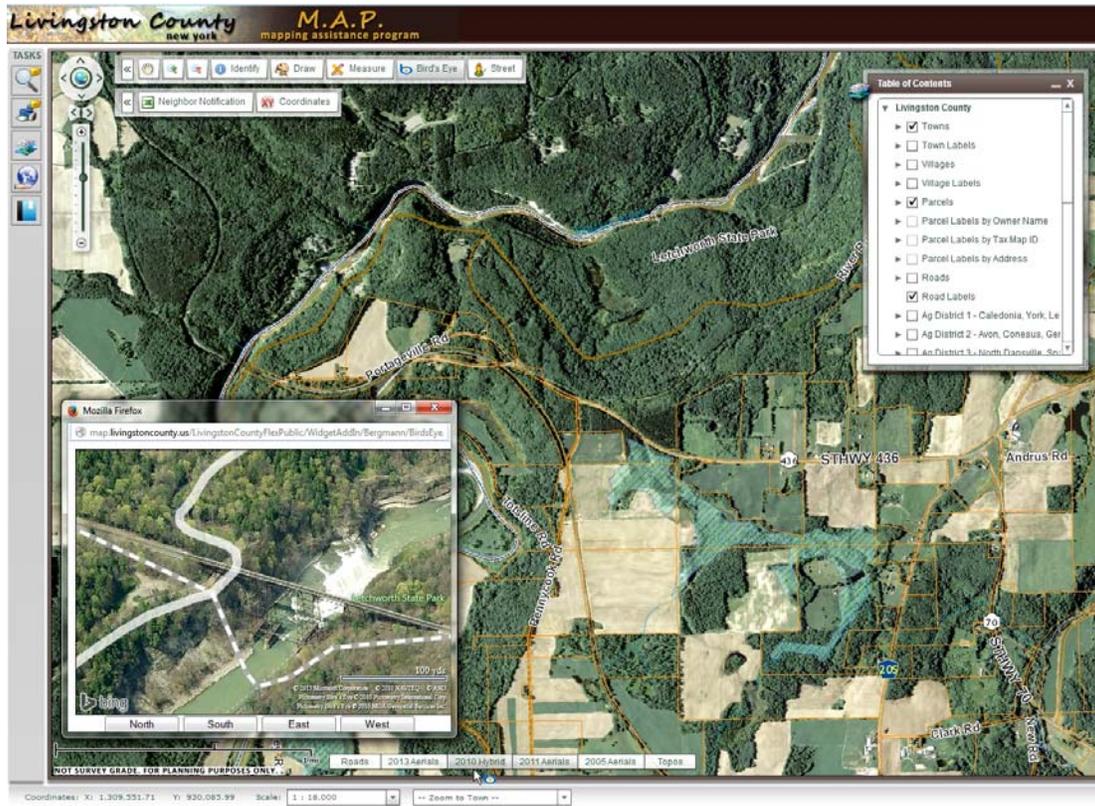
2014 Program Summary

- Contracted and worked with Bergmann Associates to develop an Internet mapping portal for the Livingston County Mapping Assistance Program (MAP).
- Created and provided staff support to the Livingston County GIS Steering Committee (Administration, ITS and Planning) to address GIS policy issues. Held one meeting in 2014.
- Created and provided staff support to the Livingston County GIS User Group to implement/update the GIS Needs Assessment and to serve as a data sharing group for departments involved in GIS mapping (Planning, Department of Health, Highway, ITS, Real Property Tax Services). Held three meetings in 2014.
- Provided mapping assistance detailed in the Technical Assistance section of this annual report.

2015 Goals

- Launch Internet mapping portal for the Livingston County Mapping Assistance Program (MAP).
- Provide mapping assistance to County Departments, municipalities and the public as requested.

Internet Mapping



Web address: map.livingstoncounty.us/LivingstonCountyFlexPublic

“LET’S Plan!” Training Program

2014 Program Summary

Sponsored 6 free workshops, the Genesee Valley Conservancy Livingston County Agriculture Tour and County Planning Board in-house trainings that provided **482.5** hours of training to participants, including **290** hours of training credit to municipal planning and zoning officials.

- "Overview of the Updated SEQR Forms, Workbook & Mapping Application," February 27, 2014, Caledonia.
- "Dansville Transportation & Industrial & Commercial Access Study Open House," July 21, 2014, Dansville
- "Introduction to Comprehensive Plans," August 21, 2014, Avon
- "Introduction to Comprehensive Plans," October 14, 2014, Leicester
- "Code Enforcement Officer Site Plan Review Workshop," November 18, 2014, Genesee
- "Introduction to SEQR," December 3, 2014, Livonia

2015 Goals

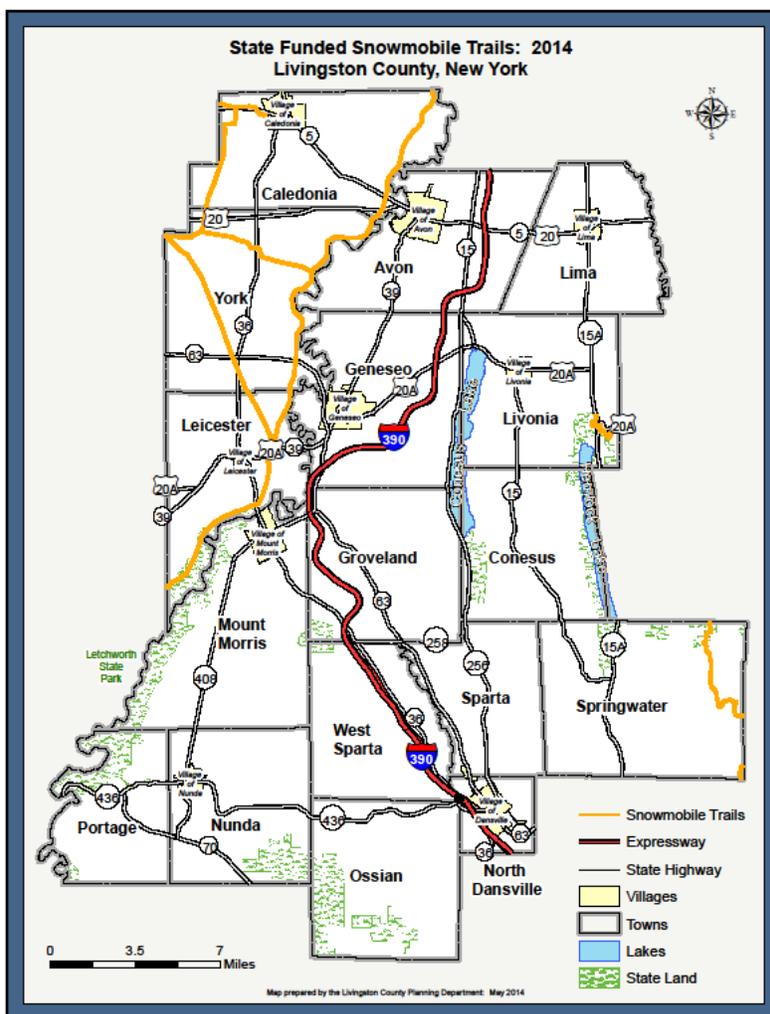
Sponsor at least three free workshops and County Planning Board in-house trainings for municipal planning and zoning officials.

NYS Snowmobile Trail Grant Program

The New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors that engage in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP), through the Grants Management Bureau, administers this program. The authorization for the program is based in Article 27 of the NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

2014 Program Summary

- Awarded \$18,900 NYS Snowmobile 2014-2015 Grant-in-Aid for maintenance of 60 miles of snowmobile trails in the Towns of Caledonia, Leicester, Livonia, Springwater, & York.
- Contracted with two snowmobile clubs - Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and Hill & Valley Riders Snowmobile Club - for maintenance of the snowmobile trail network.
- Administered and closed out 2013-2014 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid contract (\$18,900).





Snowmobile trail grooming, Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club

2015 Goals

- Administer and close out 2014-2015 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid contract.
- Apply for 2015-2016 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid program for maintenance of at least 60 miles of snowmobile trails.
- Contract with Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and Hill & Valley Riders Snowmobile Club for maintenance of the snowmobile trail network.



**Genesee Valley Greenway Bridge over the Genesee River, Mt. Morris
Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club**

Technical Assistance

The Planning Department provided technical assistance to Livingston County municipalities, county departments and agencies, and the general public in a wide array of planning concerns, including: land use, infrastructure, housing, transportation, environmental management, community development, state and federal programs, site planning, zoning codes administration, comprehensive planning and implementation, citizen participation, and other related issues.

2014 Program Summary

The following is a list of some of the activities for which the Planning Department provided technical assistance in 2014:

Technical Assistance - County Departments

Board of Elections

- Updated Village Election District maps.

County Administrator

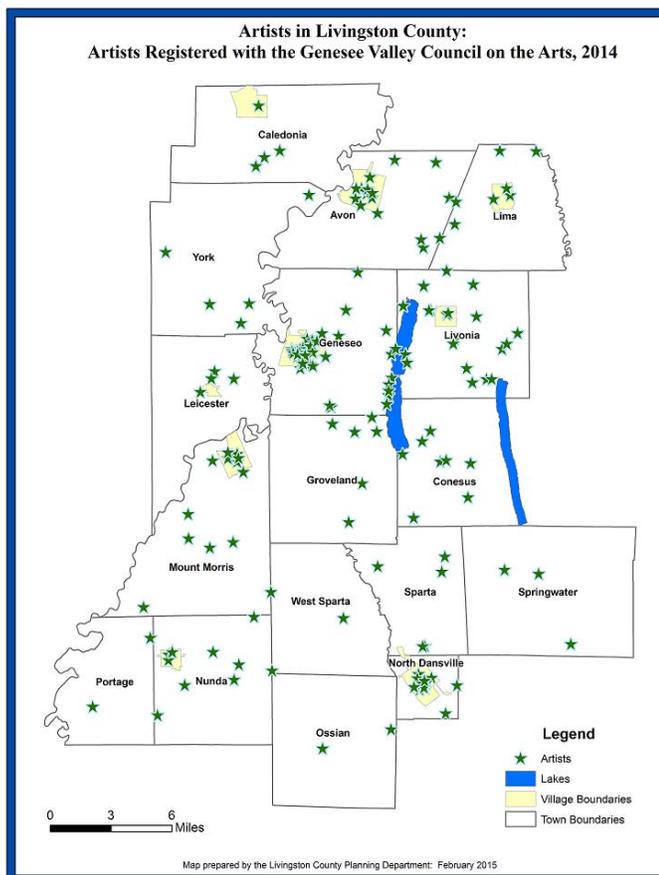
- Assisted County Administrator with development of the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Worked with Blue Springs Energy and NYSERDA on the completion of the Livingston County Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaic Study.
- Assisted with Wilcox Press Subdivision Project in the Village of Dansville.
- Worked with the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts on the development of a Livingston County Cultural Resources Plan.

Department of Health

- Tobacco Free Zone maps for the Department of Health.
- Watershed Inspector maps for 2013 Watershed Inspection Program Annual Report.
- Taste of Livingston County restaurant map.

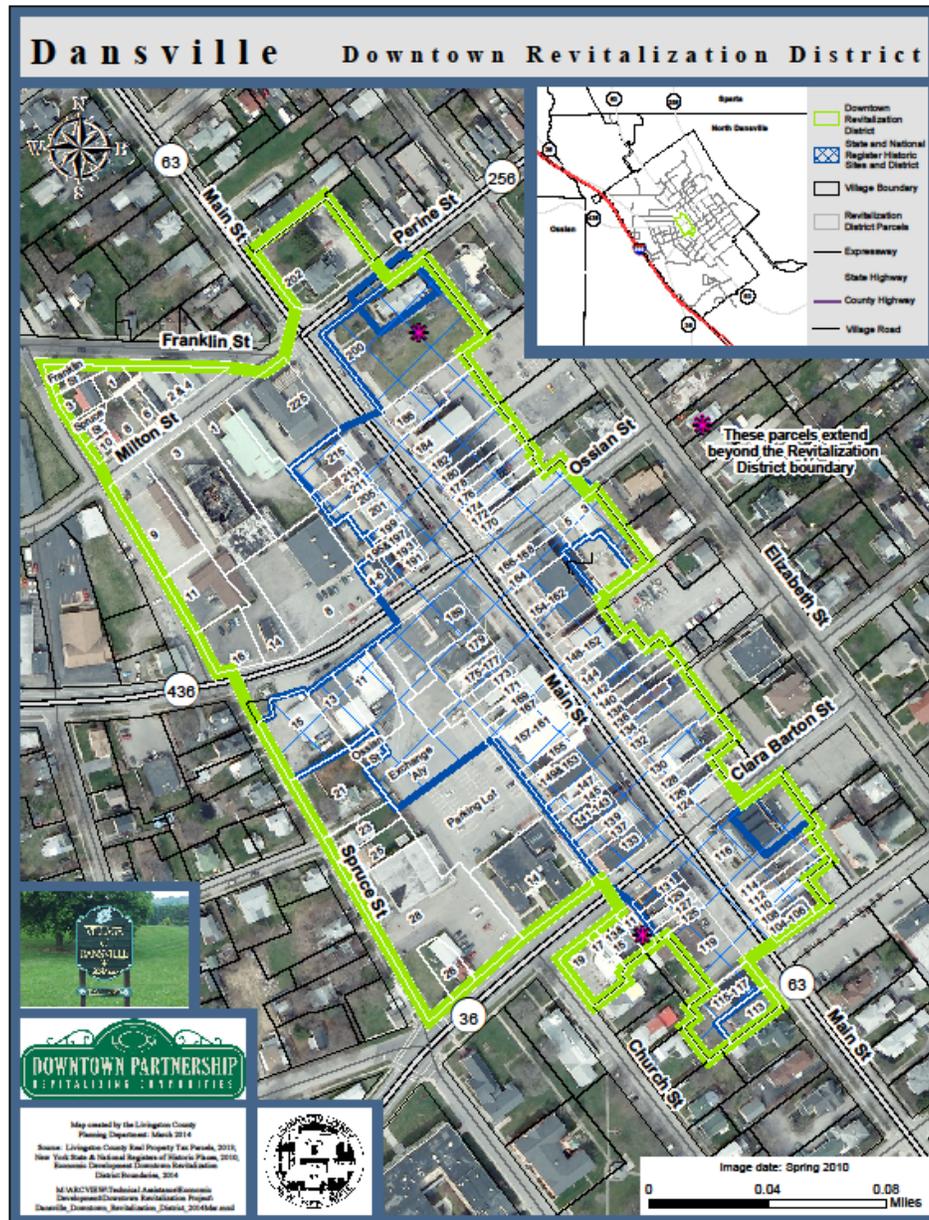
District Attorney

- Created trial maps.



Economic Development

- Participated in Economic Development project scoping and procedures meetings for businesses interested in locating or operating in Livingston County.
- Created environmental maps of all Livingston County IDA industrial parks and base maps updates for Villages participating in the downtown revitalization program.
- Annual report mapping.



Emergency Management

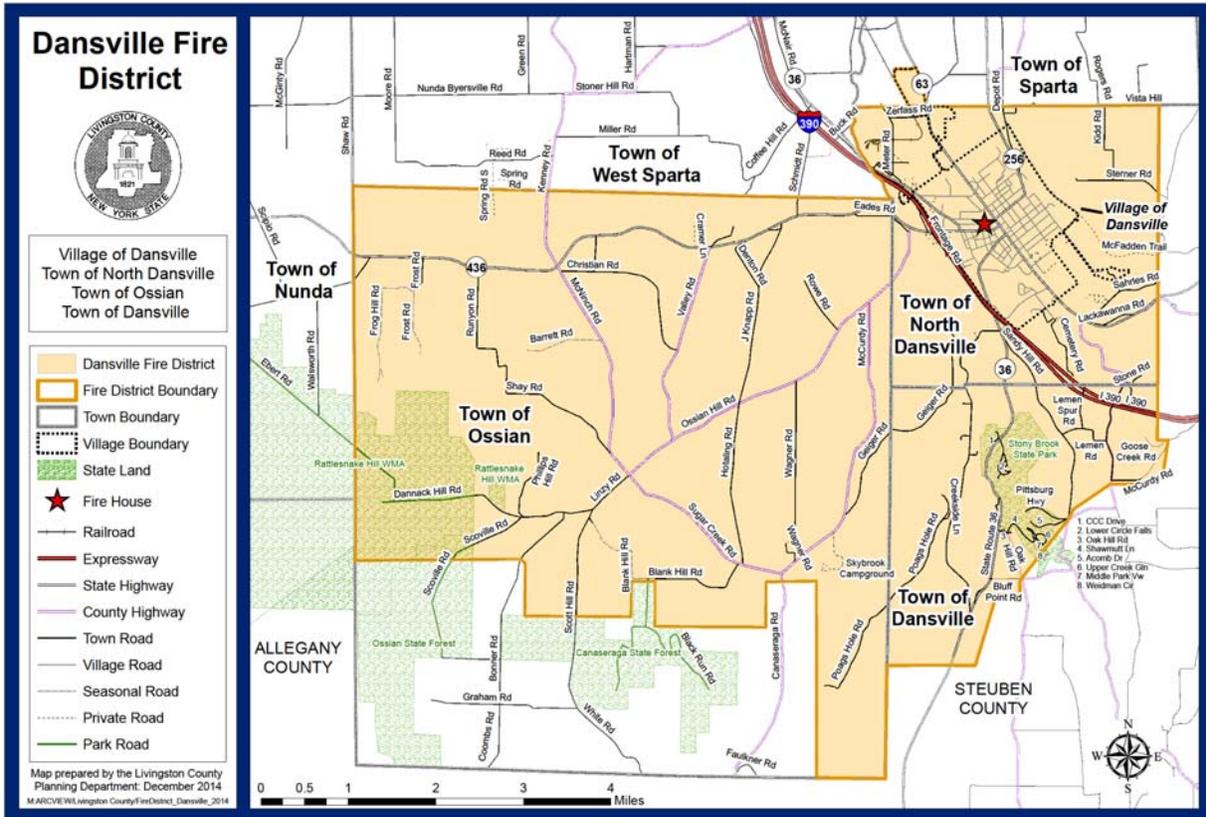
- Staffed the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the March 2014 blizzard and provided maps for emergency drills at the EOC.
- Created and distributed a map showing all roads located in a floodplain.
- Created and updated facilities maps for Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members.
- Provided Census data for grant application.

Probation

- Intranet M.A.P. assistance and training.

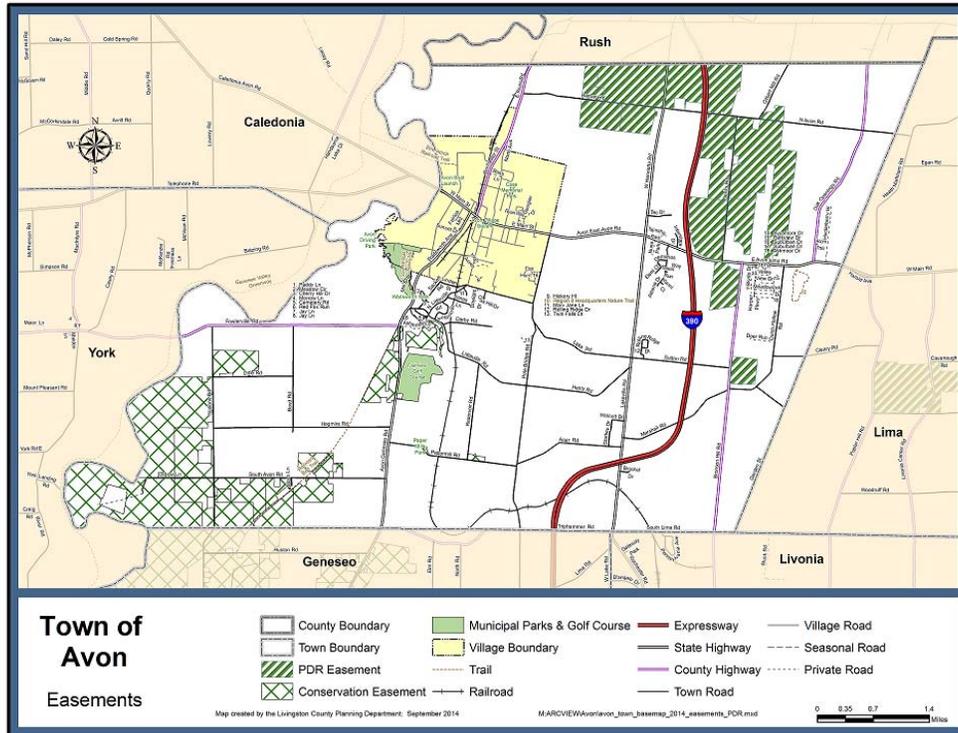
Sheriff's Office

- Updated the three-car patrol map.
- Updated and maintained the base map for the Sheriff's Office NewWorld mapping system.
- Worked with the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Services and Emergency Medical Services to update Ambulance Districts and Fire Territories boundary maps.



Technical Assistance – Municipalities

- Created Comprehensive Plan maps for the Town of Avon.
- Created and presented parcel based zoning maps to the Village of Avon Planning Board and Board of Trustees.
- Participated in a Town of Conesus project scoping and procedures meeting for a restaurant in the Town of Conesus.
- Participated on the Town of Geneseo Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee.
- Participated on the Town of Geneseo Zoning Update Committee.
- SEQR process assistance and maps for potential Cumminsville rezoning in the Town of North Dansville.
- Created an updated map of the West Sparta Town Hall property.
- Created a Streams, Waterlines & Hydrants map for the Town of York.



Technical Assistance – Public and Other Agencies

- Created fire box maps for the Avon Fire Department.
- Assisted realtors and the public with FEMA floodplain map requests upon request.
- Created a County Trail map and resources list for Chamber of Commerce Motorcoach FAM Tour.
- Assisted the public with Census data requests.
- Provided Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Guide map edits.
- Assist Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) with acquisition of local municipal building permit data for the GFLRPC Land Use Monitoring Report.

2015 Goals

- Complete Wilcox Press subdivision review process and assist County Administrator with transferring property back to the tax rolls.
- Assist County Administrator with development of the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Work with County Administrator on activities that help implement the NYSEDA study and other additional county projects that improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs at county facilities.
- Work with the Council on the Arts to finalize the Cultural Resources Plan and find grants to support implementation efforts, including assistance with renovating the County Auditorium at Building 1.
- Provide a complete set of updated emergency maps to Emergency Management Services for use at the Emergency Operations Center during drills and EOC activations.
- Update Board of Elections election district maps to reflect changes in election district boundaries.
- Work with interested municipalities to convert zoning maps to parcel based zoning maps.
- Continue to participate in municipal planning projects as requested.
- Continue to provide technical assistance to County departments and the public as requested.

Boards & Committees

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)

Overview

The Livingston County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) was created on June 9, 1993, by Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 93-158, pursuant to Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law. The Board acts to help preserve existing farmland.

Board Membership

Edward Blodgett, Active Farmer (3 yrs. of service)
Christopher Cicero, Livingston County Farm Bureau (16 yrs. of service)
Les Cole, Agribusiness (21 yrs. of service)
Angela Ellis, Planning Director (6 yrs. of service)
David LeFeber, Active Farmer (12 yrs. of service)
Joseph Pukos, Real Property Tax Services Director (7 yrs. of service)
Mark Schuster, Livingston County Board of Supervisors (7 yrs. of service)
Robert Sturm, Active Farmer (14 yrs. of service)
David Thorp, Cornell Cooperative Extension (21 yrs. of service)
Donald Walker, Active Farmer (21 yrs. of service)
Jon White, Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation Committee & *Chairman*
(21 yrs. of service)

Board Overview. The primary functions of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board are to:

- Advise the County on the establishment, modification, continuation, or termination of an Agricultural District.
- Oversee implementation of the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
- Oversee the County Purchase of Development Rights Program.
- Assess and approve municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans.
- Request the Commissioner to review any State agency rules or regulations that the Board identifies as affecting the agricultural activities in a district.
- Review Notice of Intent Filings (NOI) and makes recommendations as to the effect and reasonableness of proposed actions.

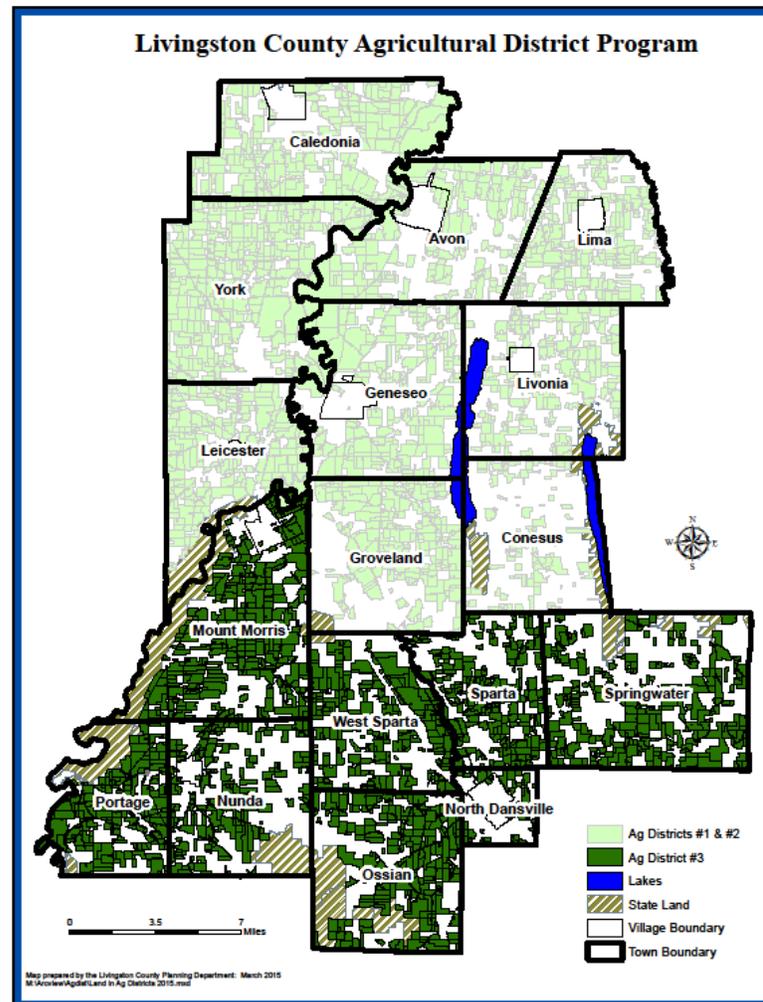
2014 Program Summary

- In 2014, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board developed an Annual Work Program to implement the recommendations in the Livingston County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. The proposed work program for 2015 is included as an Appendix to this report.
- The Planning Department and Economic Development Office continued working collaboratively on funding opportunities, projects and activities that help support the viability of agriculture in the County. This included participation in:
 - A multi-county application to the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council for a proposed FL-REDC Agricultural Loan Pool program.
 - A multi-county application to the Genesee Transportation Council United Planning Work Program for a Regional Transportation and Food Systems Analysis project to identify and inventory the stakeholders involved with food production, processing, storage/warehousing, distribution, and post consumption and summarize the transportation and land use opportunities and issues.
- Board members supported and attended the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce Farmer & Neighbor Dinner event. Mulligan Farms was selected as the 2014 Farm of the Year.
- Attended the February and September meetings of the New York State Association of Counties Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming in New York State. New York State county leaders meet to discuss critical issues facing New York's farmers and review recommendations to help the farm industry in New York. The Task Force looks at agricultural issues from two perspectives: strengthening the farm economy and protecting our farmland for future generations. The Livingston County Board of Supervisors representative on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board currently serves as the County's representative on the Task Force. The Planning Director also serves on the Task Force.
- Supported the Genesee Valley Conservancy Decision-Makers Tour on September 25, 2014. Planning and zoning officials attending the event each earned 8 hours of educational training credit.
- Provided technical assistance to the general public and various businesses, agencies and organizations on the Agricultural District Program, statistics on agriculture in the County, and mapping of agricultural resources and assets in the County.
- Completed renewal of Agricultural District #3 (Towns of Mount Morris, North Dansville, Nunda, Ossian, Portage, Sparta, Springwater and West Sparta, and the Villages of Dansville, Mount Morris and Nunda). See table that follows.

Ag District #3 renewal statistics

	Previous District	Renewed District
Number of Owners	762	777
Number of Parcels	1337	1404
Number of Acres	85,980	86,017
Difference in Acreage		+37

- Per section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the AFPB reviewed requests for inclusion and reported its recommendation for three parcels of land to be included in Livingston County agricultural districts. Following the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and State approval, this resulted in the addition of 14.41 acres of predominantly viable agricultural lands to the County Agricultural Districts in the Towns of Livonia and York.

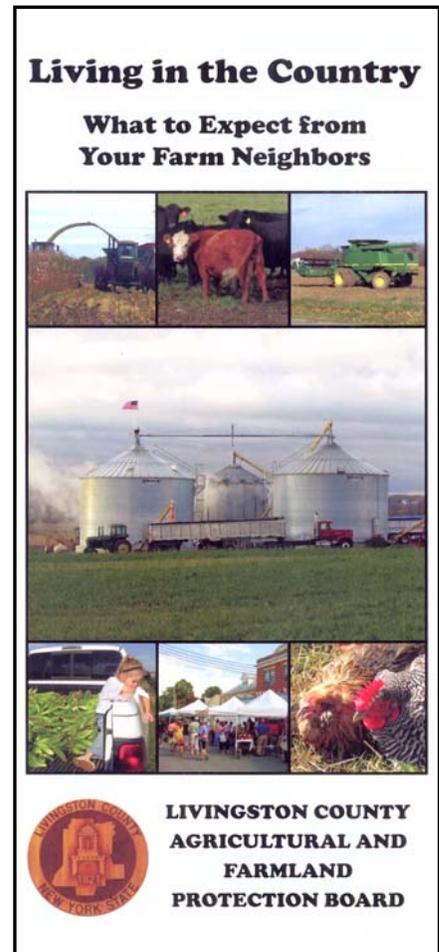


- In 2008, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors accepted the pre-applications for the two highest-scoring farms in the 2008 Livingston County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program selection process: Triple H Farms in the Towns of Geneseo and Leicester, and Sunny Knoll Farms in the Town of Lima. The Board of Supervisors authorized the submission of applications for these two farms to the NYS PDR Program. The Genesee Valley Conservancy (GVC) prepared the applications on behalf of the County. Subsequently, the State awarded the County \$2.28 million to protect these two farms. Project partners have been working since then to complete the projects, and this work continued in 2014. It is anticipated that the Triple H and Sunny Knoll projects will be completed in 2015.
- The AFPB reviewed two Notice of Intents from the Town of York.
- The Planning Department provided technical assistance to the towns of Geneseo, Mt. Morris, and Sparta on the development of their Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans.

- The Planning Department started work on an economic impact fact sheet about Livingston County Agriculture.
- Developed and distributed a Farmer/Neighbor brochure “Living in the Country” for non-agricultural affiliated community members on what to expect from their farm neighbors. The brochures and a community letter were sent to real estate agencies and other interested groups and agencies (i.e., the Conesus Lake Association for Welcome Kits, CCE, Soil and Water Conservation District, County Planning Board and EMC members, and so forth).

2015 Goals

- Update Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board webpage with additional resources including maps of prime soils, data on land use trends, Census of Agriculture, local right to farm laws and additional information.
- Refer projects to the Growing Ag Industry Now revolving loan fund managed by G/FLRPC.
 - \$300,000 available to Livingston County projects
- Support agricultural events
 - Livingston County Chamber of Commerce Farmer and Neighbor Dinner
 - Livingston County Farm Bureau’s Farm Fest
 - Genesee Valley Conservancy’s Local Decision Maker’s Tour
- Participate in the Regional Transportation and Food Systems Analysis project to identify and inventory the stakeholders involved with food production, processing, storage/warehousing, distribution, and post consumption and summarize the transportation and land use opportunities and issues.
- Continued participation on the NYSAC Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming.
- Research policy issues at the direction of the AFPB and the Board of Supervisors.
- Represent agriculture through participation on the Community Development and Environmental Work Groups of the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Provide assistance to the Towns of Geneseo, Mt. Morris, and Sparta on their Agriculture and Farmland Protection projects.
- Support the Purchase of Development Rights Program
 - Assist the GVC with closing out the Triple H Farm and Sunny Knoll Farm projects.
 - Provide support to the GVC on the Pleasant Hill and Moore Farm projects.
 - Work with the GVC on the pre-application process for submission to NYS Agriculture and Markets for the 2015 Program.
- Publicize the economic impact of agriculture in Livingston County through design and distribution of public education resources.
- Conduct the 303-b process from September through December to review petitions to join an existing Agricultural District.



Conesus Lake Watershed Council (CLWC)



Overview

The Livingston County Conesus Lake Watershed Council (CLWC) was established in 2003 to oversee the implementation of the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan (2003).

Council Membership. Membership is comprised of elected officials representing both municipalities with land area inside the watershed in addition to municipalities that use the lake as a public drinking water supply.

Voting Members

- Livingston County:** Ian Coyle, County Administrator (6 yrs. of service)
- Town of Conesus:** Brenda Donohue, Supervisor, CLWC Vice-Chairman (8 yrs. of service)
- Town of Geneseo:** William Wadsworth, Supervisor, CLWC Chairman (6 yrs. of service)
- Town of Groveland:** William Carman, Supervisor (1 yr. of service)
- Town of Livonia:** Eric Gott, Supervisor (8 yrs. of service)
- Town of Sparta:** Mark Schuster, Supervisor (11 yrs. of service)
- Village of Avon:** Kirk Vanderbilt (11 yrs. of service) representing Mayor Thomas Freeman
- Village of Geneseo:** Richard Hatheway, Mayor (11 yrs. of service)
- Village of Livonia:** Robert Leader (5 yrs. of service) representing Mayor Calvin Lathan

Non-voting Members

- Conesus Lake Association:** Gene Bolster, Water Quality Committee Chair (2 yrs. of service)
- Livingston County Department of Health:** Jennifer Rodriguez, Director (2 yrs. of service)
- Livingston County Planning Department:** Angela Ellis, Director (6 yrs. of service)

2014 Program Summary

Implementation of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan recommendations:

- Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs)
 - Installation of six terraces (1,625 feet)
 - Installation of 3,380 feet of underground outlet (six risers) in the Conesus Lake watershed.

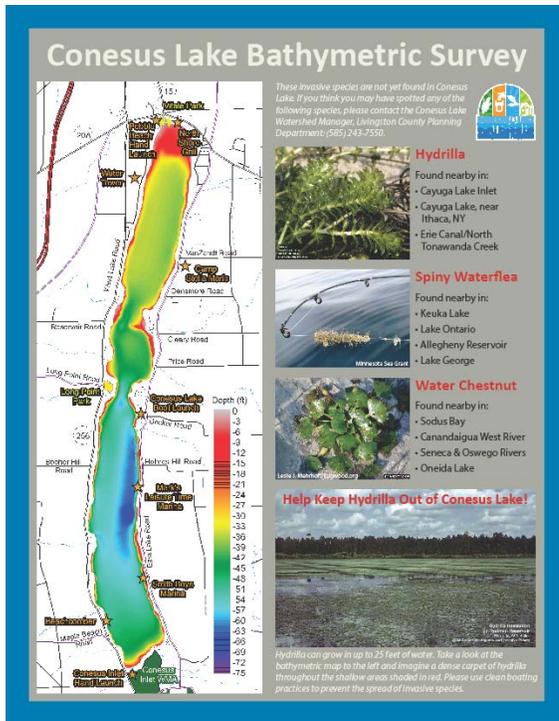
- Summer 2014 SUNY Brockport/SUNY Geneseo water quality monitoring of the lake.

- Provided technical assistance to the Conesus Lake Association's 2014 invasive species rake toss and dive surveys and Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Program. The CLA held two volunteer training sessions in June. The Sheriff's Marine Patrol was trained on invasive species identification in September.



Installation of six terraces and underground drainage in the Conesus Lake watershed

- Continued participation in the Finger Lakes PRISM. The Watershed Manager is a member of both the Aquatic Working Group and the Steering Committee and participated in the development of the PRISM strategic plan.
- Public Education
 - Created signage for three aquatic invasive species disposal stations at State boat launch sites on Conesus Lake.
 - The Conesus Lake Watershed Manager presented on invasive species prevention at the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Boater Safety course.
 - Created and published a waterproof invasive species education piece that also showed the bathymetry (depth) of Conesus Lake.

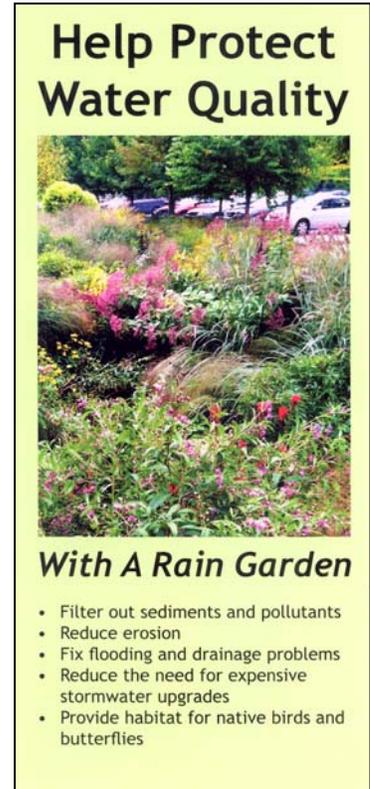


- Created and printed four kiosk panels for a new kiosk at Long Point Park in the Town of Geneseo. The panel content included Long Point Park history, Welcome to the Park, Watershed Map/BMPs and Lake Ecology.

Long Point Park kiosk



- Created and funded a watercraft steward program for invasive species prevention and education at the East Lake Road Boat Launch in partnership with the Conesus Lake Association, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County, and Livingston County Workforce Development Office.
- Co-sponsored the "Code Enforcement Officer Site Plan Review Workshop" on November 18, 2014, addressing the review of site plans for the inclusion of stormwater and erosion control measures.
- Created and published the 2013 Annual Report Card to document the activities and progress of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan Implementation.
- Designed and printed a rain garden brochure aimed at acquainting landowners with rain gardens and native plants. Funding for the brochure came from a Scott's Products grant. The project was completed in partnership with the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Designed an educational pedestal kiosk sign for the Long Point Park rain garden using funds from a Scott's Products grant. Project partners included the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Town of Geneseo.
- Administered two Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grants for streambank remediation on five streams in the Conesus Lake watershed. As part of the grant, the Town of Geneseo installed streambank remediation measures on Long Point Creek east of West Lake Road.



Rain Garden Brochure

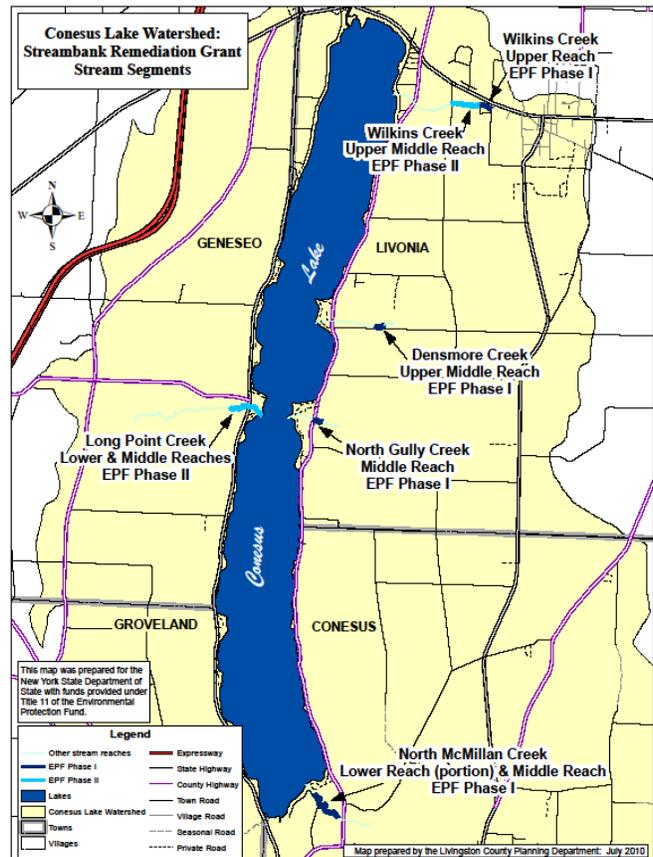


Long Point Creek Streambank Remediation

2015 Goals

Implementation of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan recommendations:

- Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Summer 2015 Bathing Beach Monitoring.
- 2014 Annual Report Card publication and presentation.
- Summer 2015 SUNY Brockport/Geneseo water quality monitoring of the lake.
- Review and Update of Blue Green Algae Rapid Response Plan and educational materials.
- Assist CLA with Shoreline Cleanup and invasive species related programs.
- Continue administration of the two EPF streambank remediation grants.
 - Signage for blue-green algae health alerts at State Boat Launch, Vitale Park and Long Point Park.
 - Publish the Conesus Lake Watershed Characterization Report Update Executive Summary.
 - Streamside landowner/stormwater public education campaign.
 - Support and provide technical assistance for the Conesus Lake Watercraft Steward Program.
- Public Education



Environmental Management Council (EMC)

Overview

The Livingston County Environmental Management Council (EMC) was formed in 1979 as a County-appointed body that advises the Livingston County Board of Supervisors on matters affecting the environment. Its charge is to work cooperatively with the Board of Supervisors, local municipalities, and citizens of the County on the protection, preservation, development, and use of the County's natural resources.

Council Membership. The EMC membership is comprised of representatives from three broad categories of agriculture, business, and general citizenry.

Agriculture

Robert Donnan, Town of York (28 yrs. of service)
Benjamin Gajewski, Genesee Valley Conservancy/Geneseo (1 yr. of service)
David H. Swanson, Town of Mount Morris (32 yrs. of service)
Susan Walker, Town of Springwater (20 yrs. of service)

General Citizens

Ray Case, Conesus Lake Association & *Chairman* (4 yrs. of service)
Barry Ganzhorn, Village of Caledonia (6 yrs. of service)
William McCleary, Town of Livonia (16 yrs. of service)
David W. Parish, Village of Geneseo (32 yrs. of service)
Alex Pierce, Town of Nunda & *Secretary* (1 yr. of service)
Wendy Stevenson, Town of Springwater (6 yrs. of service)

Industry-Commerce

John Hassett, ARKEMA & *Vice Chairman* (2 yrs. of service)

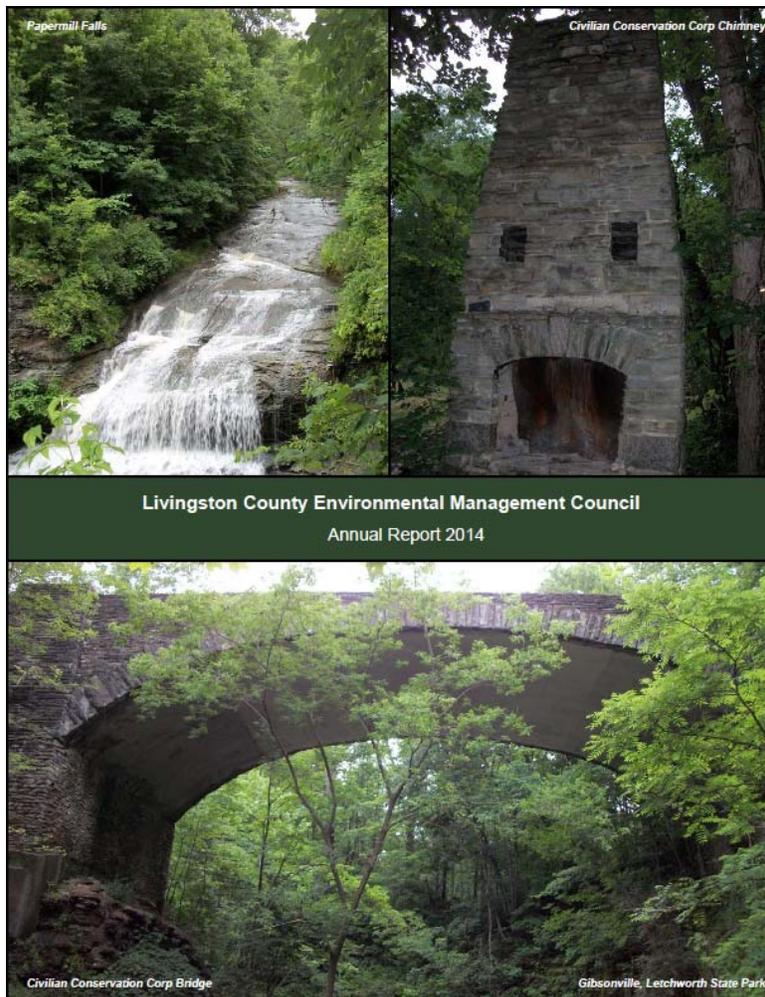
2014 Program Summary

- Sponsored 3 programs that provided 51 hours of education to Committee members and public participants. Co-sponsored two "LET's Plan!" training workshops that provided 64 hours of training credit to municipal planning and zoning officials.
 - o "Conesus Lake Watershed Invasive Species Presentation," January 22, 2014, Geneseo
 - o "SEQR Form Training for the EMC," March 26, 2014, Geneseo
 - o "Letchworth State Park Tour," July 23, 2014
 - o "Code Enforcement Officer Site Plan Review Workshop," November 18, 2014, Geneseo
 - o "Introduction to SEQR," December 3, 2014, Livonia
- Contributed to the 2014 Livingston County EMC webpage update.

- Awarded the 2014 Livingston County Environmental Management Council Earth Day Award to Davies Nagel of Piffard for more than 33 years of dedicated service to the education of youth, his passion for nature, and his willingness to share this enthusiasm with the community.
- Participated in the Genesee Transportation Council Regional Trails Initiative Project.
- Participated in the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee Environmental Work Group. Attended one meeting in 2014.
- Participated in the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Rights-of-Way Project, serving on the Project Advisory Committee. Attended one meeting in 2014.



EMC Chairman Ray Case and 2014 Earth Day Award Recipient Davies Nagel



2015 Goals

- Sponsor at least two free educational programs and co-sponsor at least one free training workshops for municipal planning and zoning officials.
- Select and honor the 2015 Livingston County Environmental Management Council Earth Day Award recipient.
- Continue to act as a resource for Livingston County by providing educational and environmental communications and by participating on county and regional committees.

Letchworth Tour, July 2014



Portageville Bridge



Waterline Falls



A view from the bridge built by the CCC during the Great Depression.

Livingston County Planning Board

Overview

The Livingston County Planning Board plays a key advisory role in inter-community and countywide land use issues. Section 239 l, m & n of the New York State General Municipal Law requires municipal boards to refer certain development applications and proposed zoning changes to the County Planning Board for review before taking final action. The purpose of the law is to encourage local decision-makers to consider the inter-community and countywide impacts of local land use changes and add a regional perspective to local land use decisions.

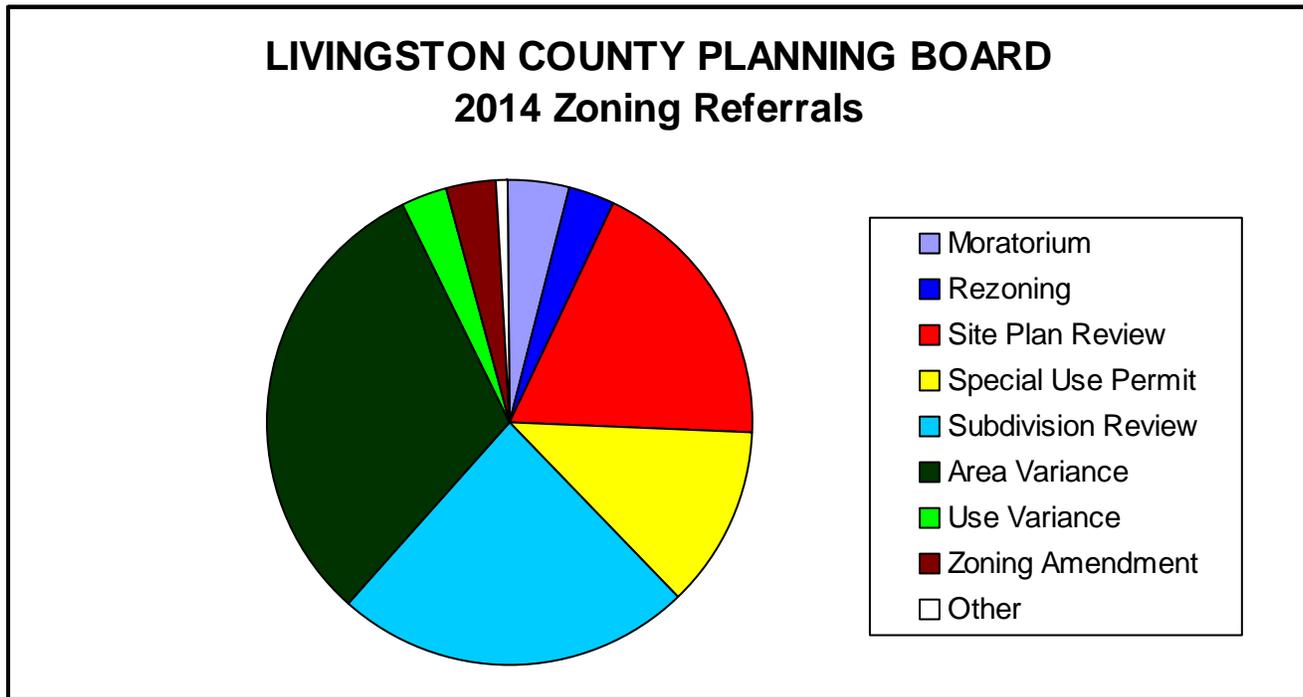
The Livingston County Planning Department aids the County Planning Board in their advisory role by providing and organizing relevant information on the proposed action or referral.

Board Membership. The County Planning Board is comprised of 26 members representing almost every Town and Village in Livingston County plus alternate at-large members.

James Root, Town of Avon (1 yr. of service)
Bonnie Taylor-Davis, Village of Avon & **Secretary** (12 yrs. of service)
C. Joan Crunden, Town of Caledonia (10 yrs. of service)
Steve Polo, Village of Caledonia (7 yrs. of service)
Betty Marble, Town of Conesus (18 yrs. of service)
Craig Macauley, Town of Geneseo (7 yrs. of service)
Stewart Leffler, Village of Geneseo (1 yr. of service)
Ruth Lea, Town of Groveland (18 yrs. of service)
Barry Caplan, Town of Leicester (17 yrs. of service)
Karen Roffe, Village of Leicester (11 yrs. of service)
Dennis Neenan, Town of Lima (24 yrs. of service)
Barry Ingalsbe, Village of Lima (19 yrs. of service)
William Weber, Town of Livonia (4 yrs. of service)
Joanne Palmer, Village of Livonia (28 yrs. of service)
Cathie Gehrig, Town of Mount Morris & **Chairperson** (10 yrs. of service)
Kevin Fahey, Village of Mount Morris (8 yrs. of service)
Vacant, Town of North Dansville
Timothy Brinduse, Village of Dansville (12 yrs. of service)
Jeffrey Long, Town of Nunda (6 yrs. of service)
Vacant, Village of Nunda
Joan M. Wamp, Town of Ossian (18 yrs. of service)
Brian Fahey, Town of Portage & **Vice Chairperson** (4 yrs. of service)
Vacant, Town of Sparta
Havilah Toland, Town of Springwater (24 yrs. of service)
Susan Erdle, Town of West Sparta (12 yrs. of service)
David Sliker, Town of York (2 yrs. of service)
Bruce Dehm, Alternate #1 (7 yrs. of service)

2014 Program Summary

- The County Planning Board held 9 meetings in 2014, and the Board and Planning Department reviewed 115 zoning referrals.
- County Planning Board members earned 118 hours of land use training in 2014.
- County Planning Department Staff presented an in-house training session on the Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan at the April 2014 County Planning Board meeting.



2015 Goals

- Develop a Complete Application Checklist for County Planning Referrals to ensure that all referrals include sufficient information for a thorough review by Planning Department Staff and the County Planning Board.
- Update the 1992 Model Agreement to exempt certain local zoning and subdivision applications from referral to and review by the County Planning Board.
- Continue County Planning Board reviews according to General Municipal Law Sections 239-1, m and n.
- Conduct at least two in-house land use training sessions at County Planning Board meetings in 2015.
- Create maps of parcels that are within the 500-foot triggers of County Planning Board review.

Transportation Advisory Committee



Overview

The Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed in 2014 to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the 2013 Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan. The TAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Livingston County Board of Supervisors on matters related to transportation. The Committee also promotes intergovernmental and multi-agency cooperation for addressing transportation needs and issues.

The TAC has three subcommittees in the form of Work Groups. These include: (1) Public Transportation; (2) Community Development; and (3) Environmental. Each Work Group has an individual TAC approved Work Program that addresses transportation issues associated with the group's areas of focus. The TAC and its three Work Groups administer individual projects and/or collaborate with other agencies in facilitating project implementation. All projects identified in the individual Work Programs are either activities that implement specific recommendations of the Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan or are consistent with one or more of the goals of the plan, which include:

- Goal 1:** Provide a sustainable transportation network that provides facilities for and encourages use by all modes, with particular emphasis on pedestrians and bicycles.
- Goal 2:** Improve safety for all modes and users of the transportation system through system design, innovative technology, and education.
- Goal 3:** Improve freight transportation infrastructure and access.
- Goal 4:** Provide comprehensive and innovative public transportation services through RTS Livingston and other human service and transportation providers.
- Goal 5:** Promote efficient, innovative, and sustainable system management, maintenance, and operations.
- Goal 6:** Preserve, protect, and enhance the County's quality of life, natural environment, cultural heritage, and community appearance.

Committee Membership. The TAC had 19 members in 2014. The membership is comprised of representatives of the County Board of Supervisors, County Departments, and various transit/transportation and human service agencies that serve Livingston County. Staff support for the TAC and its three Work Groups is provided by the County Planning Department.

2014 Membership

Gerald Deming, Livingston County Public Services Committee
Charles DiPasquale, Livingston County Public Services Committee
Ian Coyle, Livingston County Administrator
Crystal Benjamin, RGRTA
Tabitha Brewster, Catholic Charities
Diane Deane, Livingston County Department of Social Services
Kelly Fitzpatrick, RTS Livingston
Benjamin Gajewski, Genesee Valley Conservancy
Daniel Hallowell, NYSDOT
Donald Higgins, Livingston County Highway Department
Laura Lane, Livingston County Chamber of Commerce
Julie Marshall, Livingston County Economic Development
Patricia Johnson, Livingston County Traffic Safety Board
Richard Perrin, Genesee Transportation Council
Chris Peterson, ARC of Livingston-Wyoming
John Prospero, ARC of Livingston-Wyoming
Jennifer Rodriguez, Livingston County Department of Health
Kaaren Smith, Livingston County Office for the Aging
Ryan Snyder, Livingston County Workforce Development

2014 Program Summary

In 2014, the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was involved in a variety of transportation related projects including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Public Transportation User Toolkit**

The Public Transportation Work Group started work on developing a clearinghouse mechanism in the form of a single point-of-entry information system in order to facilitate the accessibility of information regarding the availability of transportation services from various transportation service providers in the County.

- **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative**

Participated in the Genesee Transportation Council update of the Regional Trails Initiative to reflect changes in trail development, funding sources, and design guidelines. Staff assisted with the inventory of existing physical, environmental, and demographic conditions and with the assessment of needs of current and potential trail users.

- **Village of Avon Walkability Audit**

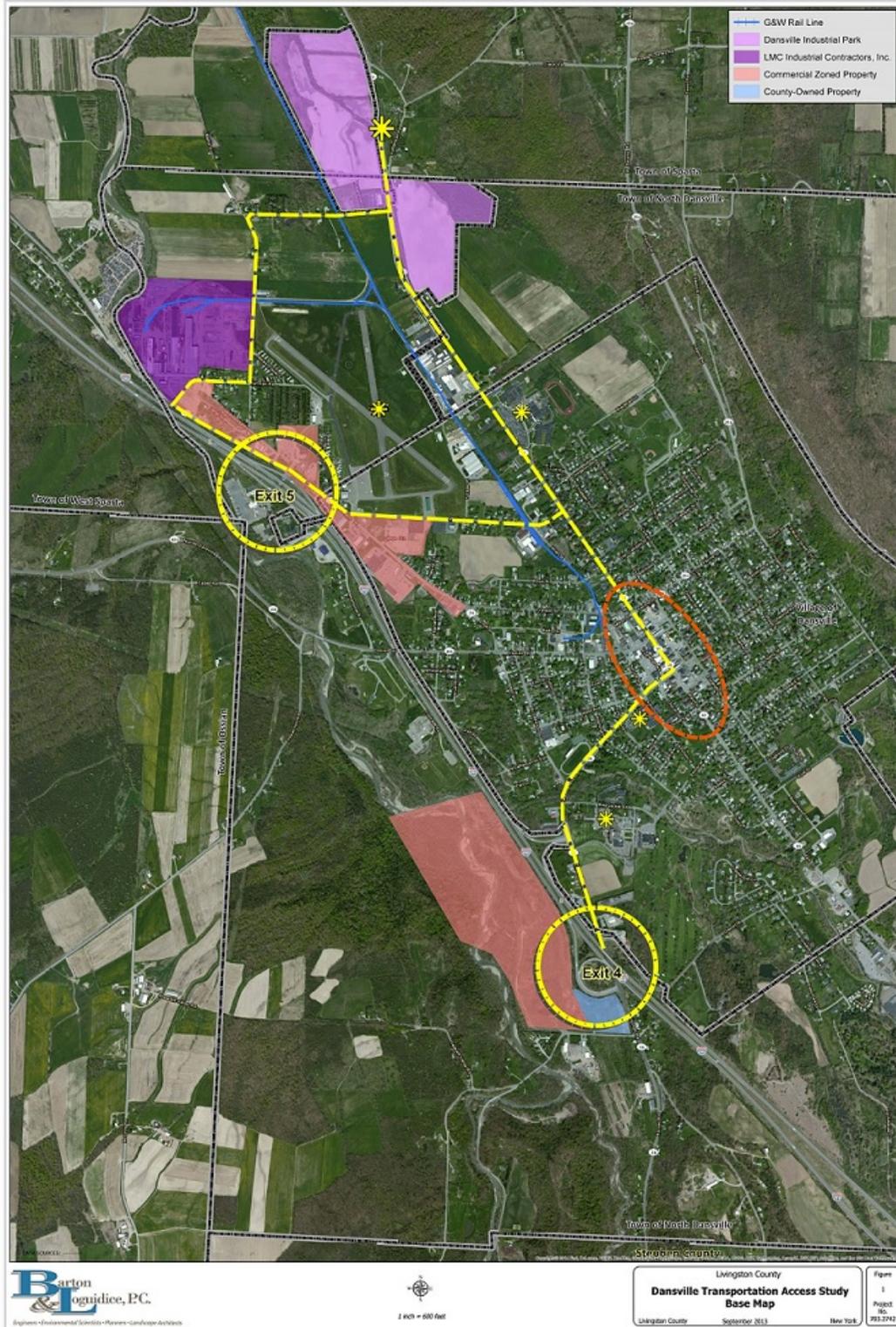
Participated in the windshield survey as part of the audit aimed at developing an action plan to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort in the village downtown, on main streets, and to and from activity centers.

- **GFLRPC Regional Rights-of-Way (ROW) Inventory**

The objective of this project is to identify and analyze key rail and utility corridors that are no longer used for their original intent that have the potential for future transportation related uses. In 2014, Planning Department staff worked with GFLRPC on development of a parcel inventory.

- **Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study**

A Project Steering Committee worked on the development of transportation access alternatives and improvements in order to promote economic development in and around the targeted study area, which includes I-390 Exits 4 and 5, the Dansville Airport and the Livingston County Industrial Park. The Planning Department serves as Project Manager.



- **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment.** Planning Department staff assisted the Genesee Transportation Council with determining the vulnerability of transportation infrastructure assets and associated operations to natural and human-caused hazards. A Technical Memorandum was drafted.

2015 Goals

In 2015, the TAC will continue to work on and participate in projects undertaken in 2014 that are currently in progress and will initiate new projects that are identified in the three approved 2015 Work Group Work Programs including, but not limited to, the following:

Community Development Work Group:

- Complete the Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study and commence the I-390 Exit 4 Development Initiative Project intended to promote and facilitate appropriate development in the vicinity of I-390 Exit 4 in Dansville.
- Work with the Economic Development and stakeholders on the Livonia Gateway Project.
- Provide support to the Economic Development as needed in the completion of Rochester & Southern Railroad Rehabilitation Project (including rail line improvements between Dansville and Mt. Morris).
- Work with the Town of York on a student pedestrian safety program, hamlet design guidelines, and associated infrastructure improvements or enhancements in the vicinity of York Central School and the intersection of State Route 36 and State Route 63.

Public Transportation Work Group:

- Participate in the RGRTA Regional Operational Service Audit (UPWP Project) of the County's public transportation system to identify improvements, maximize efficiency, minimize costs, and provide a positive customer experience.
- Work on the development of a Public Transportation Tool Kit. The Work Group has decided that the Toolkit will be a single point-of-entry information system that would allow the general public to obtain information on how to secure transportation service from one location to another. The Toolkit will use a main website approach. Information will also be made available through hard copy sources such as pamphlets, flyers, and various directories.

Environmental Work Group:

- Work with the Emergency Management Office and the Sheriff's Office on a Livingston County Emergency Traffic Management Plan: Evacuation Routes & Special Event Plans.
- Participate in the Village of Geneseo Walkability Audit aimed at developing an action plan to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort in village downtown, on main streets, and to and from activity centers.
- Continue participating in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative.
- Continue participating in the GFLRPC Regional Rights-of-Way (ROW) Inventory Project.

Planning Department Special Projects

County Emergency Communications System Upgrade Project

Overview

Livingston County is undertaking a comprehensive initiative to modernize its current emergency communications system. The stated primary goals of the initiative are:

1. To develop a regional seamless wireless communications infrastructure and land mobile radio system (LMRS) that meets first responder needs within Livingston County, the Finger Lakes NY Interoperable Communications Consortium region, New York State and federal agencies.
2. To improve the effectiveness of the County's governance structure and standard operating procedures for emergency response.
3. To provide required training and exercises to ensure proper regional and state interoperability and coordination.



2014 Project Summary

The Planning Department is providing technical, fiscal and grant management assistance to the project as a member and co-leader of the Project Management Team. The Planning Department is assisting with four NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services grants:

Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program – Round 3 (SICG3) (\$5,994,854). This funding is being used for upgrade and replacement of the radio system, construction of radio towers and shelters, and installation of emergency generators.

Public Safety Answering Point Grant Program (PSAP)

- FFY 2012 (\$305,767) – Replacement of radio console system in the 911 Center.

- FFY 2013 (89,253) – Replacement of computer and hardware equipment in support of the 911 Center, Secondary PSAP at the EOC, EOC workstation and the mobile command post.
- FFY 2014 (\$169,874) – Funding in support of personal services for operation of the 911 Center.

2015 Goals

- SICG 3 and PSAP 2012: Continue work on the radio system upgrade project, including selection of vendors and start of new site construction. The Planning Department will be submitting a request for a grant extension for SICG 3 to the State in August 2015.
- PSAP 2013 and PSAP 2014: Complete work and close out grants.
- Apply to the SICG Round 4 for a third radio tower, additional interoperability items between Ontario and Genesee counties, and upgrade of the New World System.

**APPENDICES:
2015 WORK PLANS**

Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)

Conesus Lake Watershed Council (CLWC)

Environmental Management Council (EMC)

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Community Development Work Group
Environmental Work Group
Public Transportation Work Group**

Livingston County
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2015 Work Plan

2015 Work Plan							
Recommendation 1: Develop an Agribusiness Retention, Expansion, and Attraction Plan							
#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
1	1-B	H	Develop a targeted marketing plan focusing on strategic advantages of Livingston County.	Continue efforts to update the website and provide links to important resources for agri-business and public.	Planning	On-going	Items to be added in 2015: Maps of prime soils; data on land use trends; Census of Agriculture; local Right to Farm Laws; important links and resources
Recommendation 2: Enhance Business Development Programs and More Fully Incorporate the Interests of the Agriculture Industry.							
#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
2	2-A	MH	Develop a feedback mechanism to incorporate agribusiness needs in county development programming.	The Planning Department will work with Economic Development to incorporate agribusiness needs in county development programming: Regional Economic Development Council and LCDC	Economic Development Department	On-going	Economic Development Office participated in the multi-county application to the REDC for a proposed FL-REDC Agricultural Loan Pool program. The GAIN (Growing the Ag Industry Now) Revolving Loan Fund was approved. The RLF will be managed by the GFLRPC. The County will refer appropriate projects to GFL. The total award was \$3M. Of this amount, \$300,000 is available to Livingston County.
3	2-B	MH	Support and expand Chamber of Commerce and other program activities that enhance business growth and understanding of agricultural industry needs.	Support the Chamber of Commerce Farmer & Neighbor Dinner Event.	AFPB	1st Qtr	Farmer and Neighbor Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015.
4	2-C	ML	Enhance the public relations network and partnerships with other agencies that have an active public outreach program.	The Planning Department, Economic Development Office, County Chamber of Commerce, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Genesee Valley Conservancy will work together on activities that promote agriculture.	BOS, AFPB, Planning, Econ Development, Chamber of Commerce, CCE, GVC	On-going	Participate in the Regional Transportation and Food Systems Analysis project to identify and inventory the stakeholders involved with food production, processing, storage/warehousing, distribution, and post consumption and summarize the transportation and land use opportunities and issues. The results of the project can be used by county agencies to help connect farmers with the marketplace and promote additional ag development in the County.

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#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
Recommendation 5: Develop a Regulatory and Policy Action Program							
5	5-A	H	Work to ensure fair treatment of both farm owners and agricultural labor at the federal and state levels.	New York State Association of Counties Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming in New York State. New York State county leaders meet to discuss critical issues facing New York's farmers and review recommendations to help the farm industry in New York. The Task Force is looking at agricultural issues from two perspectives: strengthening the farm economy and protecting our farmland for future generations. The Livingston County Board of Supervisors representative on the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board currently serves as the County's representative on the Task Force. The members of the Task Force are charged with advocating and supporting agriculture as a strong economic driver in NYS. The fair treatment of farm owners and agricultural labor is an issue for the NYSAC BRTF.	BOS, AFPB, Planning	on-going	Continue participation on the Task Force. The Task Force is now a Standing Committee of NYSAC.
Recommendation 6: Support Entrepreneurship and On-Farm Skills Development							
#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
6	6-A	H	Facilitate the development of formal "masterminding" roundtables of farmers, agribusinesses, and other related industries that may benefit from periodic meetings to discuss business and management issues, market development, and other relevant topics.	Revisit the discussion items from the April 18, 2013, meeting and prepare progress report on key items.	BOS, AFPB, Planning Department	2nd-3rd Qtr	A SUNY Geneseo intern is currently researching legislative updates for the AFPB.
Recommendation 9: Support Farm Friendly County Based Land Use Policies and Programs							
#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
7	9-A	M	Improve coordination in the development of regionally significant infrastructure improvements and target future infrastructure siting away from agricultural areas.	<i>Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan</i> . The Plan was completed in December 2013. Represent agriculture on the community development and environmental work groups. Particular focus will be on implementation activities that help strengthen the transportation infrastructure for farming operations.	Genesee Transportation Council, Planning Department	On-going	The Community Development Work Group and Environmental Work Group met in December 2014. Next meetings are planned for March 2015. Related projects include: Dansville Transportation & Industrial & Commercial Access Study; Rochester & Southern Railroad Rehabilitation Project; Livonia Gateway Park Road Project; Evacuation Route Planning; and Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment.

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#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
8	9-C	H		Conduct annual 303-b Petition Process	Planning Department, AFPB, BOS	4th Qtr	
Recommendation 10: Actively Support Town Based Agricultural Planning							
9	10-A	HH	Encourage and promote more comprehensive inclusion of agriculture in town level comprehensive planning which may include supporting town requests for state funding support.	The County Planning Department provides grant writing and in-kind match (non-cash) technical and mapping assistance to the towns in the development of their comprehensive plans.	Planning Department	On-going	The Planning Department will provide assistance to the Town of Springwater for development of a comprehensive plan.
10	10-B	HH	Provide County support through in-kind and cash match to town level applications for New York Agriculture and Markets technical assistance grants for Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans, Quality Communities Grants, and other grant programs available for town level agricultural planning.	The County Planning Department will continue to provide grant writing and in-kind match (non-cash) technical and mapping assistance to the towns in the development of their municipal agricultural protection plans, funded through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Planning Grant. Grantwriting assistance through Planning or the County's Grantsman is also available.	Planning Department	On-going	Planning Department staff participated in the consultant selection process for the Genesee Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan and is participating on the Project Steering Committee. Planning staff met with representatives from the town of Mt. Morris to discuss the consultant selection process and process for developing the Plan. The Town of Sparta was just awarded funding for development of an Ag and Farmland Protection Plan. The Planning Department will assist with the planning process for this project.
Recommendation 12: Support a Purchase of Development Rights Program in the County							
#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
11	12-A	HH	Support the establishment of a purchase of development rights program in towns or by the County to maintain the balance of protected farmland within core production areas.	Since 2007, the County and the AFPB have partnered with the Genesee Valley Conservancy on a county purchase of development rights program. Continue to work with GVC to complete the Sunny Knoll and Triple H Farm projects and begin the Moore Farm and Pleasant Hill Farm projects.	County Board of Supervisors, AFPB, Genesee Valley Conservancy	On-going	The GVC continues work with the landowners on these projects. It is expected that the Sunny Knoll and Triple H projects will be closed out in 2015. The Moore Farm and Pleasant Hill Farm projects will begin in 2015.
12	12-B	HH		Conduct the 2015 Livingston County Purchase of Development Rights Program Pre-application Process	BOS, AFPB, GVC	2nd Qtr	The request for pre-applications was issued in January. Two pre-application workshops were held in January. The pre-application deadline is February 20, 2015.

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#	Rec. #	Priority	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (2015/On-Going)	Status/Comments
Recommendation 13: Promote Understanding and Appreciation of Livingston County Agriculture to the Non-Farm Public							
13	13-A	M	Publicize the economic and environmental benefits of Livingston County farms. Have appropriate sections of the AFPP and other outreach materials available at public offices. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS, FSA, and Planning should have publications designed for county residents available for distribution.	Planning Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and GVC work collaboratively on the development of brochures customized to Livingston County agricultural and public education needs.	Planning Department, Economic Devt, CCE, GVC, Chamber of Commerce	1st Qtr	Planning staff has prepared a draft economic impacts brochure which is currently being circulated to county agencies for comments.
14	13-C	M	Expand and improve events such as the annual Farm-Neighbor Dinner as well as adding new events appropriate to meet Livingston County's needs by evaluation models used in other areas of the State such as Saratoga County's Sundae on the Farm; Erie County's Family, Food, and Farm Tour; Genesee County's Local Decision Maker's Tour and others.	The Genesee Valley Conservancy started an annual Local Decision-Makers Tour in 2009 to reinforce awareness and the importance of viable agricultural operations in the County. In 2010, the County provided support to the Genesee Valley Conservancy Local Decision-Maker's Tour by certifying the event for municipal planning and zoning training credits. The Planning Department will provide GVC with support to continue this successful effort.	Genesee Valley Conservancy	On-going	

**Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan
2015 Work Program**

Priority	Rec. #	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (Qtrs)	Status/Comments
High	H-1	Conduct an annual monitoring program of Conesus Lake and its watershed. An annual monitoring meeting should be held to coordinate the monitoring program.	Confer with Liz Moran and SUNY professors and LCDOH on 2015 Conesus Lake monitoring plan.	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1	
High	H-2	Prepare and distribute an annual Conesus Lake and Watershed Report Card.	Continue contracting with EcoLogic for Annual Report Card compilation.	Livingston County Planning Department/EcoLogic	Q1 & Q4	
High	H-2	Prepare and distribute an annual Conesus Lake and Watershed Report Card.	Provide annual report and monitoring data to NYSDEC	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1	
High	G-2	Develop and implement a program for cleaning accumulated aquatic plants and algae along the shoreline of Conesus Lake	Review and update the Blue Green Algae Early Detection and Rapid Response Plan	Livingston County Planning Department/Livingston County Department of Health	Q1-Q2	
High	G-2	Develop and implement a program for cleaning accumulated aquatic plants and algae along the shoreline of Conesus Lake	Initiate a shoreline cleanup program using existing Workforce Development programs.	CLA/Livingston County Planning Department/LCDOH	Q1-Q3	
High	G-1	Investigate and implement effective methods to control the spread of non-native (exotic) organisms	Continue and coordinate a Watercraft Steward Program for the NYSOPRHP Boat Launch on East Lake Road.	Livingston County Planning Department, CLA, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Q1-Q3	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Develop a public education campaign to address streamside and shoreline stormwater management	Livingston County Planning Department, LCDOH, CLA, Technical Committee, PE&O Committee	Q1-Q3	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Conduct an educational workshop on rain gardens and other lake friendly landscaping practices.	Livingston County Planning Department	Q2-Q3	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Address various audiences with erosion and sediment control public education measures	Livingston County Planning Department, LCDOH	Q2-Q3	

Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan 2015 Work Program

Priority	Rec. #	Description	Work Tasks	Lead Agency	Completion Timeline (Qtrs)	Status/Comments
High	G-1	Investigate and implement effective methods to control the spread of non-native (exotic) organisms	Provide technical assistance to the Conesus Lake Association's 2015 invasive species rake-toss and dive surveys.	Livingston County Planning Department/CLA	Q3	
High	G-4	Initiate effort to determine if increased stocking of walleye fingerlings, or other species, would be an effective biological control in Conesus Lake.	Continue stocking walleye fingerlings.	NYSDEC/CLA	Q3-Q4	
High	H-1	Conduct an annual monitoring program of Conesus Lake and its watershed. An annual monitoring meeting should be held to coordinate the monitoring program	Conduct annual monitoring program.	Livingston County Planning Department/SUNY Geneseo/SUNY Brockport/LCDOH	Q3-Q4	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMP's for lake and watershed residents	Maintain the Planning Department website as an up to date source of public education and outreach information.	Livingston County Planning Department/PE&O Committee	Q1-Q4	
High	C-1	Develop and implement program to restore and stabilize streambanks in the watershed	Assist Towns of Livonia and Conesus with EPF streambank remediation grant (Phase 1).	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1-Q4	
High	C-1	Develop and implement program to restore and stabilize streambanks in the watershed	Assist Towns of Livonia and Geneseo with EPF streambank remediation grant (Phase 2).	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1-Q4	
High	B-1	Secure funding to help mitigate the financial impacts of changes in agricultural practices on the producers.	Continue to use existing funding sources and look for new funding sources for ag BMPs.	Ag agencies & CLWC Ag Committee	Q1-Q4	
High	B-2	Implement practices that will reduce nonpoint source pollution from farms.	Continued implementation of ag BMPs.	Watershed Farmers/Liv. Co. SWCD/USDA NRCS	Q1-Q4	
High	C-1	Develop and implement program to restore and stabilize streambanks in the watershed.	Streambank buffer initiative - focus efforts on watershed areas that are not currently buffered.	USDA NRCS, CLWC Ag Committee, Livingston County Planning Department, Watershed Manager	Q1-Q4	
High	all	Secure funding outside of the EPF funding source to implement CLWMP activities	Investigate and apply for funds from grants opportunities as they arise (key areas: streambank restoration, leaf pick-up equipment & program, agricultural waste removal).	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1-Q4	

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High	A-1	Review and amend zoning regulations to improve consistency in near-lake areas.	Continue to provide technical assistance to the Towns of Geneseo and Springwater regarding zoning and watershed issues.	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1-Q4	
High	G-1	Investigate and implement effective methods to control the spread of non-native (exotic) organisms	Provide technical assistance to the Conesus Lake Association's 2015 Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Program and Marine Patrol training.	Livingston County Planning Department/CLA	Q1-Q4	
High	G-1	Investigate and implement effective methods to control the spread of non-native (exotic) organisms	Continued participation in 2015 Finger Lakes PRISM activities.	Livingston County Planning Department	Q1-Q4	
High	G-1	Investigate and implement effective methods to control the spread of non-native (exotic) organisms	Implement public education and programming at the NYSOPRHP East Lake Road Boat Launch and NYSDEC cartop launches that address boats and trailers as vectors of invasive species spread.	Livingston County Planning Department, CLWC Technical Committee, CLWC PE&O Committee, CLA	Q1-Q4	
High	E-2	Develop a public education campaign promoting invasive species awareness	Hold workshops and presentations to reach general and target audiences with invasive species awareness message. Attend festivals with a Conesus Lake Watershed Council/Invasive Species Prevention informational booth.	Livingston County Planning Department, CLWC Technical Committee, CLA	Q1-Q4	
Medium	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Work in partnership with the CLA and its Water Quality Committee on public education efforts.	PE&O Committee	Q1-Q4	
Medium	C-3	Develop public education campaigns on the impact of human activities on the health of the Lake.	Support the Conesus Lake Association's Conesus Campaign to educate lakeside and watershed residents on lake-friendly best management practices.	PE&O Committee/CLA	Q1-Q4	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Develop educational material on the effect of landscaping practices on water quality.	Livingston County Planning Department, Technical Committee, PE&O Committee	Q1-Q4	
High	A-3	Develop public education campaigns on BMPs for lake and watershed residents.	Conduct educational workshops and presentations on lake ecology and water quality for youth audiences.	Livingston County Planning Department, LCDOH, CLA, Technical Committee, PE&O Committee	Q1-Q4	

Environmental Management Council Work Plan: 2015

Mission Statement:

The charge of the Livingston County Environmental Management Council is to work cooperatively with the Board of Supervisors, local municipalities, and citizens of the County on the protection, preservation, development, and use of the County's natural resources.

2015 Activities:

#	Description	Work Tasks	Lead/responsibility	Anticipated Completion (Qtrs)
	Education			
A-1	Provide educational programs or materials on environmental topics of concern or interest. Target audiences include municipal officials, environmental or governmental agencies and community at large. Advertise by flyer, community calendars, Livingston County website, newspapers, Pioneer Library system, and other media outlets as identified.	Sustainability Talk & Tour. Potential partners: SUNY Geneseo, President's Commission on Environmental Sustainability; Greater Rochester Enterprise; GFL (Regional Sustainability Plan); DEC Climate Smart Communities & Livingston County Planning Department. Consider community members living sustainably as speakers.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q1
A-2		Provide educational materials and resources related to the Emerald Ash Borer to municipalities and community members. Include notifications related to infestations and redistribution of Livingston County Ash Tree Inventories and supporting documents.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q1
A-3		USACE Mt Morris Dam Discovery Series, disseminate information, casual promotion.	David W. Parish, others	Q1
A-4		Create green business directory. Identify green products or services offered, or green practices in place for the businesses. Promotion of directory/businesses.	Ray Case, Mary Underhill PD	Q1 - Q2
A-5		Develop promotional materials for workshops, presentations, etc. May include press releases, educational pieces, flyers, website information.	All members	Q1 - Q4
A-6		Distribute promotional materials for workshops and presentations to: (may include) Supervisors; Mayors; T/V Clerks; Monroe & Steuben County EMC; Monroe, Genesee, Ontario, Wyoming, Steuben, Allegany County Planning Departments; Pioneer Library System via Pat Galbraith at Bell Memorial; Media- Livingston County News, Genesee Sun, Genesee Country Express, Dansville online; County Planning Board, past training participants; County & municipal historians; Code Enforcement Officers; Highway Superintendent, Public Works.	All members	Q1 - Q4
A-7		Provide access to community-based educational materials, resources, training on the protection and stewardship of natural resources.	Mary Underhill, all members	Q1 - Q4
A-8		Investigate DEC Adopt-a-Watershed program and determine feasibility for local community involvement.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q2
A-9		Obtain & disseminate energy alternatives information from NYSERDA/CEI.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q3
A-10		Annual Letchworth State Park tour, attend and promote.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q3 - July
	Membership			
B-1	Ongoing membership recruitment with representation in three broad categories of agriculture, industry and general citizenry.	Work on activities that recruit new members, especially business members.	All members	Q1 - Q4
B-2	Ongoing membership recruitment of students with representation from SUNY or other college/university.	Work on activities that recruit new members, including students.	All members	Q1 - Q4

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	Earth Day Award			
C-1	Provide recognition to others for outstanding achievements in preserving or improving Livingston County's environment or educating others about Livingston County's environment.	Assemble Earth Day Award nominating subcommittee, set date and meeting location, review nomination materials and select nominee.	All members	Q1 - Mar
	Website Content			
D-1	Continue to enhance awareness of the EMC, and promote access to local and regional environmental resources.	Update information on EMC webpage as needed.	open	Q1 - Q4
	Environmental Inventory			
E-1	Prepare and disseminate Livingston County environmental information and data. To be used as a local planning and project review tool, for county and regional project assessment, and to increase community awareness of natural resources.	Work on update to the Livingston County Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). Identify new resources & those needing updates, such as Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Culturally Significant Areas, or other sensitive areas.	Heather Ferrero, Mary Underhill, PD	Q1 - Q2
	Regulatory Environment			
F-1	Assemble and report information on the status of regulatory permitting and redevelopment programs that may have an impact on local communities.	Report on NYSDEC Environmental Permits.	Barry Ganzhorn	Q1 - Q4
F-2		Report on State and Federal Proposed Regulations.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q1 - Q4
F-3		Report on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Clean-up program.	Heather Ferrero, Mary Underhill, PD	Q1 - Q4
	County/Regional Projects & Communication			
G-1		Prepare EMC Annual Report, 2014, review and approve. Disseminate to Supervisors; Mayors; Clerks; Monroe & Steuben Co EMC; Pioneer Library via Pat Galbraith at Bell Memorial Library; Letchworth State Park, Douglas Bassett; 2014 Earth Day Award Recipient.	All members	Q1 - Jan
G-2		Participate in Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee Environmental Work Group.	Wendy Stevenson	Q1 - Q4
G-3		Participate in the Genesee Transportation Council Regional Trails Initiative Project.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q1 - Q4
G-4		Participate in the Finger Lakes Regional Rights-of-Way project.	Mary Underhill, PD	Q1 - Q4
G-5		Livingston County Facilities improvements - provide input on County energy projects as needed.	Angela Ellis, PD	Q1 - Q4
G-6		Update on the Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan (CLWMP) and water quality issues.	Heather Ferrero, PD	Q1 - Q4
G-7		EMC will continue dialogue with Board of Supervisors through the Public Services Committee to maintain communications, foster good relations and gain a better understanding of how the EMC can best serve the County's environmental needs. The Planning Department will communicate bi-monthly activities of the EMC to the Board of Supervisors & Public Services Committee.	Angela Ellis, PD	Q1 - Q4
	Participation in Other Activities			
H-1	Participation on committees, and in meetings and events, as needed. EMC members will report back to the EMC on their findings/participation.	Continue participation in public hearings and other meetings regarding the Portageville Bridge project.	David Parish	Q1 - Q4
H-2		Participation in Monroe County EMC meetings and programs, as interested. Report back to the EMC on their findings/ participation. Livingston County EMC members will receive Monroe County EMC agenda/meeting notices/materials.	All members	Q1 - Q4



Livingston County Transportation Connectivity Plan (TCP)

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Community Development Work Group: 2015 Work Program

Project Description		TCP Goal(s) Addressed ¹	Lead Agency	Status / Comments
1.	Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study (UPWP Project)	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3	Livingston County	On-going - Objective: Develop transportation access alternatives / improvements in order to promote economic development in and around the targeted study area. Next Steps: Finalize Draft Document; Initiate Implementation.
2.	I-390 Exit 4 Development Initiative	Goal 1 Goal 3	Livingston County	Strategy development stage – Objective: To promote and facilitate appropriate development in the vicinity of I-390 Exit 4 in Dansville. The project will include the development of a Marketing Strategy that is being developed by Livingston County Economic Development.
3.	Rochester & Southern Railroad Rehabilitation Project	Goal 3 Goal 6	G & W Railroad / NYSDOT	The development of needed rail line improvements between Dansville and Mt. Morris.
4.	OFA Seniors Nutrition Enhancement Program	Goal 4	Livingston County	Development stage – Objective: Facilitate senior patronage of local restaurants through meal subsidies and group transportation coordination.
5.	Livonia Gateway Park Road Project	Goal 1 Goal 3	Livingston County	Strategy development stage – Objective: The development of Gateway Park Road and associated transportation system improvements to promote development in Town’s northwest quadrant.

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Environmental Work Group: 2015 Work Program

Project Description	TCP Goal(s) Addressed ¹	Lead Agency	Status / Comments
1. Livingston County Emergency Traffic Management Plan: Evacuation Routes & Special Event Plans	Goal 5	Livingston County	Strategy development stage – Objective: To develop a plan that addresses traffic management including evacuation routes for emergency situations and traffic control for larger scale special events.
2. Avon Walkability Audit (UPWP Project)	Goal 1 Goal 2	GTC	On-going – Objective: Develop an action plan to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort in village downtown, on main streets, and to and from activity centers.
3. Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative (UPWP Project)	Goal 1 Goal 4 Goal 6	GTC	On-going - Objective: Update the Regional Trails Initiative to reflect changes in trail development, funding sources and design guidelines. Inventory existing physical, environmental, and demographic conditions. Assess needs of current and potential trail users.
4. G/FLRPC Regional Rights-of-Way (ROW) Inventory (UPWP Project)	Goal 6	G/FLRPC	On-going - Objective: To identify and analyze key rail and utility corridors that are no longer used for their original intent that have the potential for future transportation related uses. Develop corridor preservation strategies.
5. Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment (UPWP Project)	Goal 5	GTC	On-going: To determine the vulnerability of transportation infrastructure assets and associated operations to natural and human-caused hazards. Propose solutions for preventing and/or mitigating the impacts of hazard events on those assets.
6. York Walk to School Student Safety Program	Goal 1 Goal 2	Livingston County / Town of York	Strategy development stage – Objective: To develop student pedestrian safety program and associated infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of York Central School and the intersection of SR 36 and SR 63.
7. Genesee-Susquehanna Greenway Project	Goal 6	Genesee River Wilds	On-going – Objective: Involves strategy of using greenways as a toehold for expanding forested riparian buffers along the Genesee River. Secure more funding and stakeholder support for creating these buffers by transforming the Genesee River corridor into a system of economically productive nature parks and greenways.

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Public Transportation Work Group: 2015 Work Program

Project Description		TCP Goal(s) Addressed ¹	Lead Agency	Status / Comments
1.	Public Transportation User Toolkit	Goal 4	Livingston County	Strategy development stage – Objective: To provide a clearinghouse / mechanism in order to facilitate the accessibility of information regarding the availability of transportation services from various transportation service providers in the County.
2.	RGRTA Regional Operational Service Audit (UPWP Project)	Goal 1 Goal 4 Goal 5	RGRTA	Development stage – Objective: To conduct a comprehensive audit of the County’s public transportation system to identify improvements, maximize efficiency, minimize costs, and provide a positive customer experience.

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