

# Livingston County Planning Department 2015 Annual Report



**"It's What We Do."**

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# Mission Statement & List of Services

## 2015

### 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 Program 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, Regional, and State Committees:
  - a. Department of Health: Livingston County ACHIEVE
  - b. Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance
  - c. Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) – Steering Committee and Aquatic Working Group
  - d. Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Sustainability Work Group
  - e. Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council: Planning Council, Executive Committee, Planning Coordination Committee
  - f. Genesee/Finger Lakes Section – American Planning Association
  - g. Genesee Transportation Council: Board, Planning Committee, Transportation Improvement Plan Development Committee, Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development Committee
  - h. Genesee Valley Health Partnership: Chronic Disease Subcommittee, Access to Healthcare Subcommittee; Suicide Prevention Task Force
  - i. Geographic Information Sharing/Special Interest Group (GIS/SIG)
  - j. Livingston County Chamber of Commerce
  - k. Livingston County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
  - l. Livingston County Housing Task Force
  - m. New York State Association of Counties Standing Committee on Agriculture
  - n. New York State Association of County Planning Directors (President through 2015)
  - o. New York State Association of Environmental Management Councils
  - p. SAGE Commission – Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency Transportation Work Group

## **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 and municipal local addressing officials 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 and Internet Mapping Programs.
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.

### 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

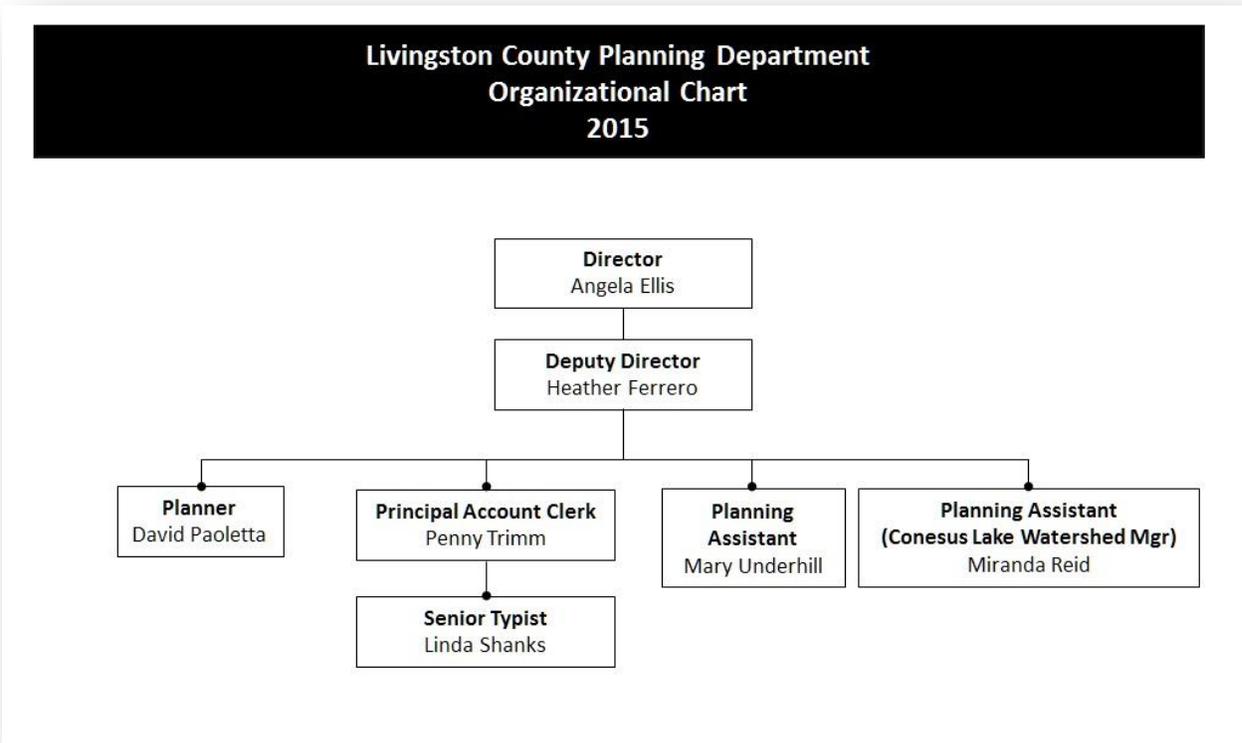
1. Provide technical assistance to county agencies, agencies affiliated with the county, municipalities, and the public upon request. Technical assistance consists of research, data development, and general land use and zoning assistance.

### 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 following organizational chart shows staff distribution.



**LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
2015 STATE & FEDERAL GRANT AND PROGRAM AWARDS**

Funding Agency and Grant	Awarded and under contract	Awarded and NOT under contract
<b>NYS Department of Agriculture &amp; Markets (NYSDAM)</b>		
Farmland Protection Implementation Grant / AG PDR - Sunny Knoll	\$ 1,385,690.00	
Farmland Protection Implementation Grant / AG PDR - Triple H	\$ 1,721,756.00	
<b>NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)</b>		
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	
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 25		\$ 59,915.18
Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance / CLAWS 26		\$ 67,200.00
<b>NYS Department of Homeland Security &amp; Emergency Services (DHSES)</b>		
PSAP 2012-2013 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)	\$ 305,767.00	
PSAP 2013-2014 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)	\$ 89,253.00	
PSAP 2014 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)	\$ 169,874.00	
SICG Round 3 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant	\$ 5,994,854.00	
SICG Round 4 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant		\$ 3,500,000.00
PSAP 2015-2016 Sustainment Grant (Public Safety Answering Point)		\$ 167,362.00
<b>NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)</b>		
EPF Streambank Remediation - Phase I	\$ 765,738.00	
EPF Streambank Remediation - Phase II	\$ 716,264.00	
<b>NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP)</b>		
NYS Snowmobile 2015-2016 Grant-In-Aid Program	\$ 20,100.00	
<b>Planning Subtotals</b>	<b>\$ 11,295,716.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,794,477.18</b>

**2015 PLANNING DEPARTMENT TOTAL \$15,090,193.18**

## Professional Training

The Livingston County Planning Department Staff accrued 66.5 hours of professional development training in 2015.

## Coordination, Collaboration & Partnerships

In 2015, 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 2015:

### Livingston County

- Department of Health: Livingston County ACHIEVE
- Genesee Valley Health Partnership
  - Chronic Disease Committee
  - Access to Healthcare Committee
  - Suicide Prevention Task Force
- Livingston County Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Group
- Livingston County Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Livingston County Housing Task Force

### Regional

- Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA)
- Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM)
- Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council Sustainability Work Group
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, including:
  - Executive Committee
  - Planning Council
  - Planning Coordination Committee
- 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
- Geographic Information Sharing/Special Interest Group (GIS/SIG)

### New York State

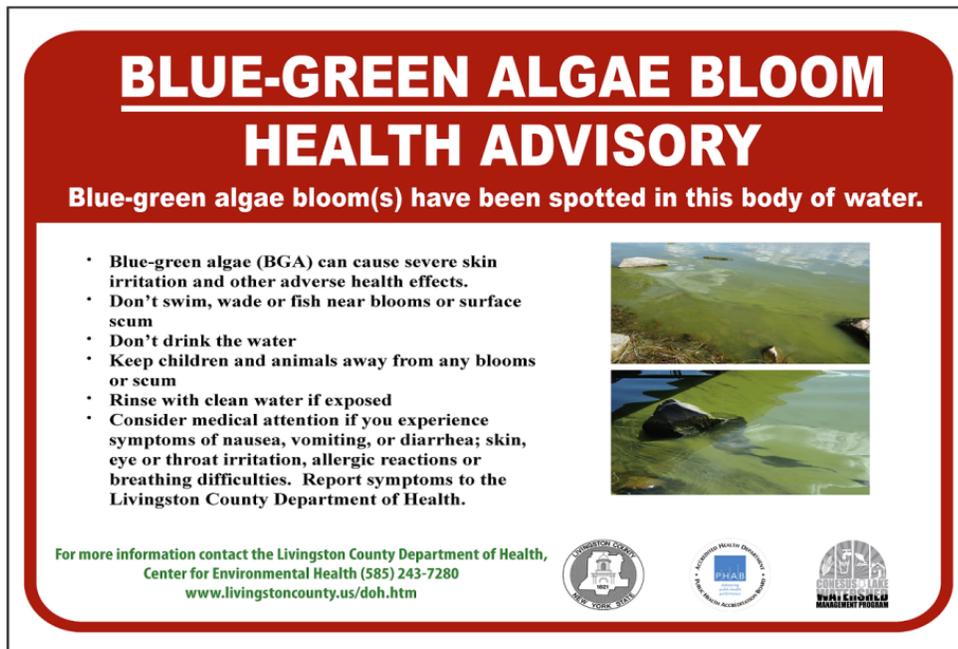
- The New York State Association of County Planning Directors
- NYS Association of Counties, Committee on Agriculture

# Conesus Lake Aquatic Weeds Strategy (CLAWS) Program

## 2015 Program Summary

Funding for many Livingston County projects on Conesus Lake is provided through the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA).

- Administered and completed the CLAWS 22 and CLAWS 23 grants.
- Administered the CLAWS 24 grant.
- Paid for Summer 2015 Bathing Beach Monitoring Program sample analysis (47 samples).
- Purchased hydroseeding materials for a County Highway Department.
- Purchased nine aluminum signs used by the Livingston County Department of Health to alert the public to blue-green algae (BGA) blooms in the lake. Plastic outdoor brochure holders were also purchased to attach to the sign post with the BGA signs with additional information brochures for the public.



*Livingston County Department of Health advisory sign for blue-green algae blooms on Conesus Lake*

## 2016 Goals

- Close out CLAWS 24 grant by November 30, 2016.
- Continue funding activities through the CLAWS 25 & 26 grants,
  - Summer 2016 Bathing Beach Monitoring Program sample analysis
  - Streambank remediation activities included in the 2008-2009 Environmental Protection Fun Streambank grant program

## Enhanced 911 and Public Safety



The Planning Department assisted the E911 Communications Center in the local addressing processes. As part of this effort, and in coordination with Local Addressing Officials, the Deputy Planning Director, Planning Assistants, the Sheriff's Office and the Real Property Tax Services Department 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.

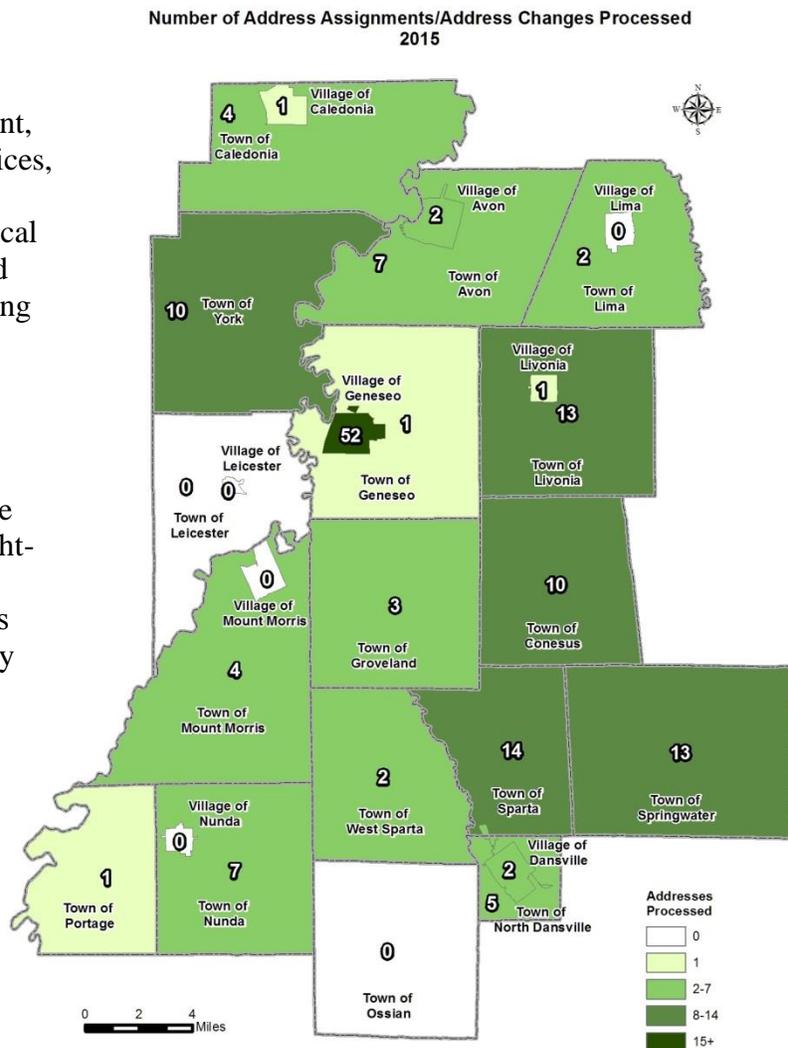
While the process is still ongoing, these cooperative efforts have ultimately improved County addressing and have helped to facilitate E911 Communications operations.

### 2015 Program Summary

- The Planning Department, Real Property Tax Services, and the Sheriff's Office jointly processed 155 local address assignments and three right-of-way naming requests.

### 2016 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

## 2015 Program Summary

- Launched and maintained the Internet and Intranet mapping portals for the Livingston County Mapping Assistance Program (MAP).
- 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 two meetings.
- Highlights of mapping assistance provided:

### Livingston County Board of Elections

- Updates of Town and Village Election District maps

### Livingston County Administrator

- Livingston County Distressed Areas map

### Livingston County Department of Health

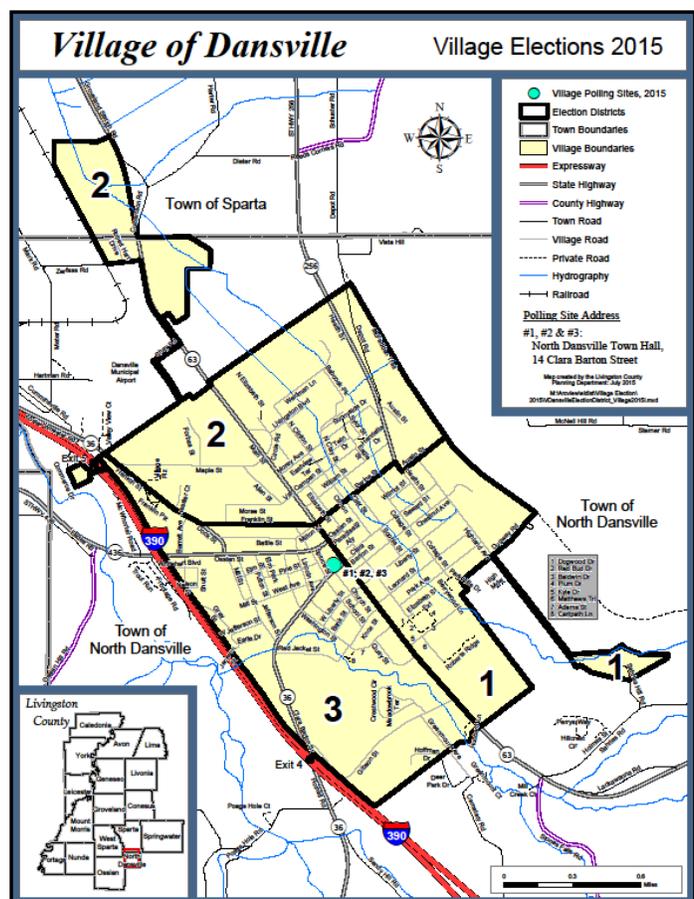
- Watershed Inspector maps for 2015 Watershed Inspection Program Annual Report
- Taste of Livingston County restaurant map
- 5K Run/Walk map
- Reproductive Health Location maps
- Lead Levels maps
- Emergency Preparedness maps

### Livingston County District Attorney

- Trial maps

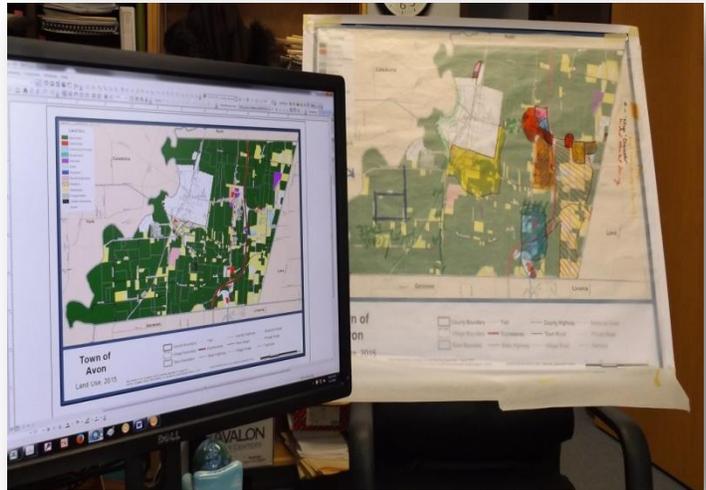
### Livingston County Economic Development Office/IDA

- Mapping assistance for the Livonia Gateway Park Project
- Annual report mapping
- Update of Avon and Caledonia Downtown Revitalization maps
- Leicester Downtown Revitalization maps
- New York Main Street maps of Livonia and Caledonia
- Mapping assistance for Village of Dansville brochure





- Village of Dansville
  - ❖ “Roads with Floodplains” map update
  - ❖ “Roads with Hydrography” and Parks map update
  - ❖ “Roads with Aerial Imagery” maps for all parks
- Town of Geneseo
  - ❖ Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan maps
- Town of Groveland
  - ❖ Town Road map update
- Town of Leicester
  - ❖ Draft Town “Zoning Map with Parcels”
  - ❖ Town Roads map
- Town of Lima
  - ❖ Draft of “Parcel-Based Zoning” map
- Town of Livonia
  - ❖ Town Zoning Map update
- Town of Mount Morris
  - ❖ Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan maps
  - ❖ Town “Roads with Topography” map update
- Village of Mount Morris
  - ❖ Road maps update
  - ❖ Floodplain maps update
  - ❖ Elevation maps update
- Town of North Dansville
  - ❖ Zoning map update
- Town of Portage
  - ❖ “Roads with Floodplains” map update
- Town of Sparta
  - ❖ Residential Parcels map
- Town of Springwater
  - ❖ Comprehensive Plan maps
- Town of West Sparta
  - ❖ Town “Roads with Topography” map update



Public and Other Agencies

- Avon Fire Department
  - ❖ Fire Call Box maps
- Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
  - ❖ Mapping assistance with Regional Rights-of-Way Project

- Council on the Arts
  - ❖ “Artists in Livingston County” map
- Genesee Transportation Council
  - ❖ Mapping assistance for Regional Trails Initiative update
- Livingston County Chamber of Commerce
  - ❖ Hemlock Fairgrounds map
- Livingston County Correctional Facility
  - ❖ Mapping assistance
- Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority
  - ❖ Mapping assistance
- SUNY Geneseo
  - ❖ Emergency maps update

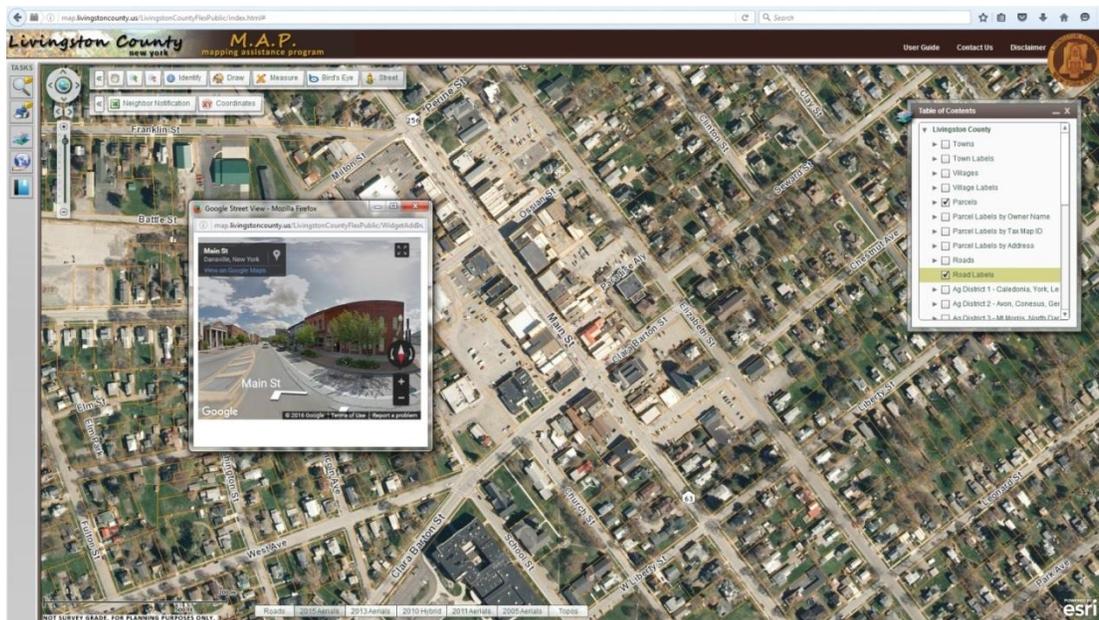
Livingston County Planning Department

- GIS support maps for:
  - ❖ County Planning Board
  - ❖ Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
  - ❖ Environmental Management Council
  - ❖ Transportation Advisory Committee

**2016 Goals**

- Maintain Internet and Intranet mapping portals for the Livingston County Mapping Assistance Program (MAP).
- Provide mapping assistance to County Departments, municipalities and the public as requested.
- Hold at least one GIS User Group (Planning, Department of Health, Highway, ITS, Real Property Tax Services) meeting in 2016.

**Internet Mapping**



**Web address: [map.livingstoncounty.us/LivingstonCountyFlexPublic](http://map.livingstoncounty.us/LivingstonCountyFlexPublic)**

## **“LET’S Plan!” Training Program**

### **2015 Program Summary**

Provided 6 training sessions, provided an additional 4 training sessions at County Planning Board meetings, and co-sponsored the Genesee Valley Conservancy Livingston County Agriculture Tour. In total, **631.5** training hours were provided to participants, including **378.5** training hours to municipal planning and zoning officials. The workshops included:

- "County Planning Board Basics", February 12, 2015, Geneseo
- "Livingston County Mapping Tools & Website Resources", March 12, 2015, Geneseo
- "Tools to Make Land Use Review Easier & Livingston County Planning Board Zoning Referral Process Overview", June 29, 2015, Geneseo
- "Energy Efficient Municipal Projects Workshop", November 18, 2015, SUNY Geneseo
- "Steep Slope Development Workshop," December 3, 2015, Conesus
- "SEQR Basics Workshop", December 14, 2015, North Dansville



*“Steep Slope Development Workshop” in Conesus*

### **2016 Goals**

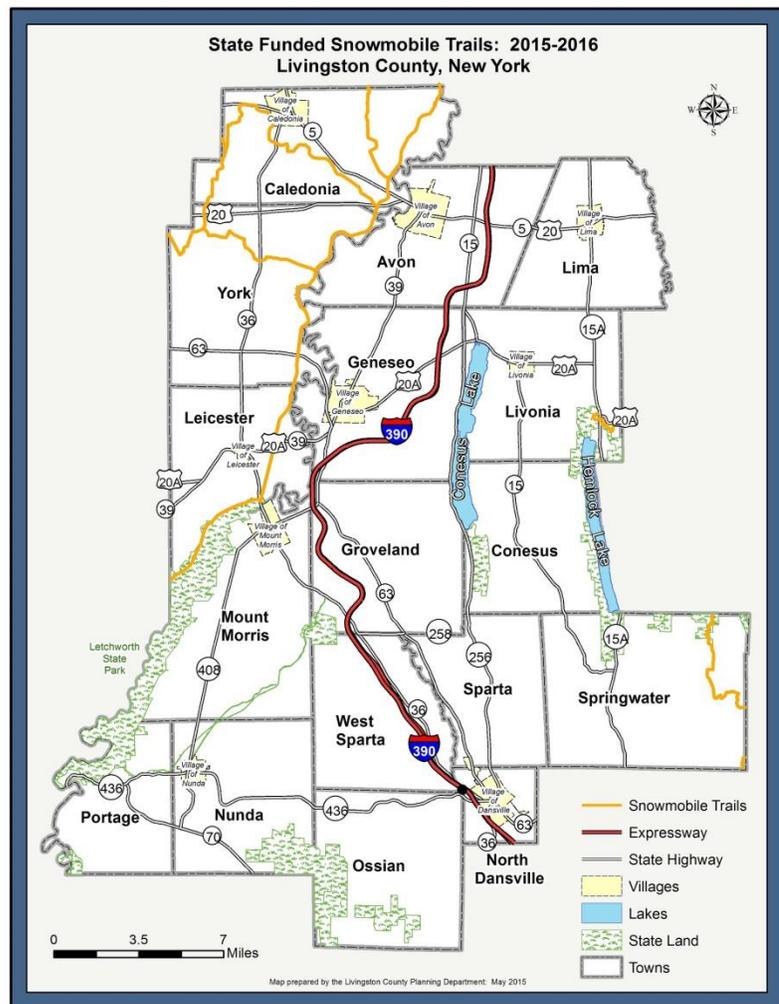
Sponsor at least three workshops and provide trainings at County Planning Board meetings for municipal planning and zoning officials.

# 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. Livingston County partners with two snowmobile clubs – Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and Hill & Valley Snowmobile Club.

## 2015 Program Summary

- Livingston County Program was awarded \$20,100 NYS Snowmobile 2015-2016 Grant-in-Aid for maintenance of 60 miles of snowmobile trails
- Contracted with two snowmobile clubs - Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club and Hill & Valley Riders Snowmobile Club - for maintenance of the snowmobile trail network in the Towns of Caledonia, Leicester, Livonia, Springwater, & York.
- Administered and completed 2014-2015 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid contract (\$18,900), in partnership with the Clubs.





**Snowmobile trail grooming, Caledonia Trailblazers Snowmobile Club**

### **2016 Goals**

- Administer and complete 2015-2016 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid contract.
- Apply for 2016-2017 NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid program for maintenance of at least 60 miles of snowmobile trails in partnership with the Caledonia Trailblazers and Hill & Valley Snowmobile Clubs.
- 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.

### **2015 Program Summary**

The following is a highlight of the activities for which the Planning Department provided technical assistance in 2015:

#### **Technical Assistance - County Departments**

##### *Board of Elections*

- Training on large format scanner

##### *County Administrator*

- Assisted with Wilcox Press Subdivision Project in the Village of Dansville.
- Assisted County Administrator with the creation of the 2015 Capital Improvement Program.

##### *Economic Development/IDA*

- Participated in three project scoping meetings.

#### **Technical Assistance – Municipalities**

- Participated on the Town of Geneseo Zoning Update Steering Committee.
- Participated on the Town of Springwater Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
- Assisted with Town of York Project Garden development review.

#### **Technical Assistance – Public and Other Agencies**

- Assisted realtors and the public with FEMA floodplain map inquiries, Agricultural District inquiries, and Internet mapping requests upon request.
- Assisted the public with Census data requests.
- Assisted the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) with the acquisition of local municipal building permit data for the GFLRPC Land Use Monitoring Report.

### **2016 Goals**

- Assist County Administrator with development of the 2016 Capital Improvement Program.
- 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 protect farmland and farming operations in Livingston County.

#### 2015 Board Membership

Edwin Blodgett, Active Farmer (4 yrs. of service)

Christopher Cicero, Livingston County Farm Bureau (17 yrs. of service)

Les Cole, Agribusiness (22 yrs. of service)

Angela Ellis, Planning Director (8 yrs. of service)

David LeFeber, Active Farmer (13 yrs. of service)

Real Property Tax Services Director (8 yrs. of service)

Mark Schuster, Livingston County Board of Supervisors (9 yrs. of service)

Robert Sturm, Active Farmer (15 yrs. of service)

David Thorp, Cornell Cooperative Extension (22 yrs. of service)

Donald Walker, Active Farmer (22 yrs. of service)

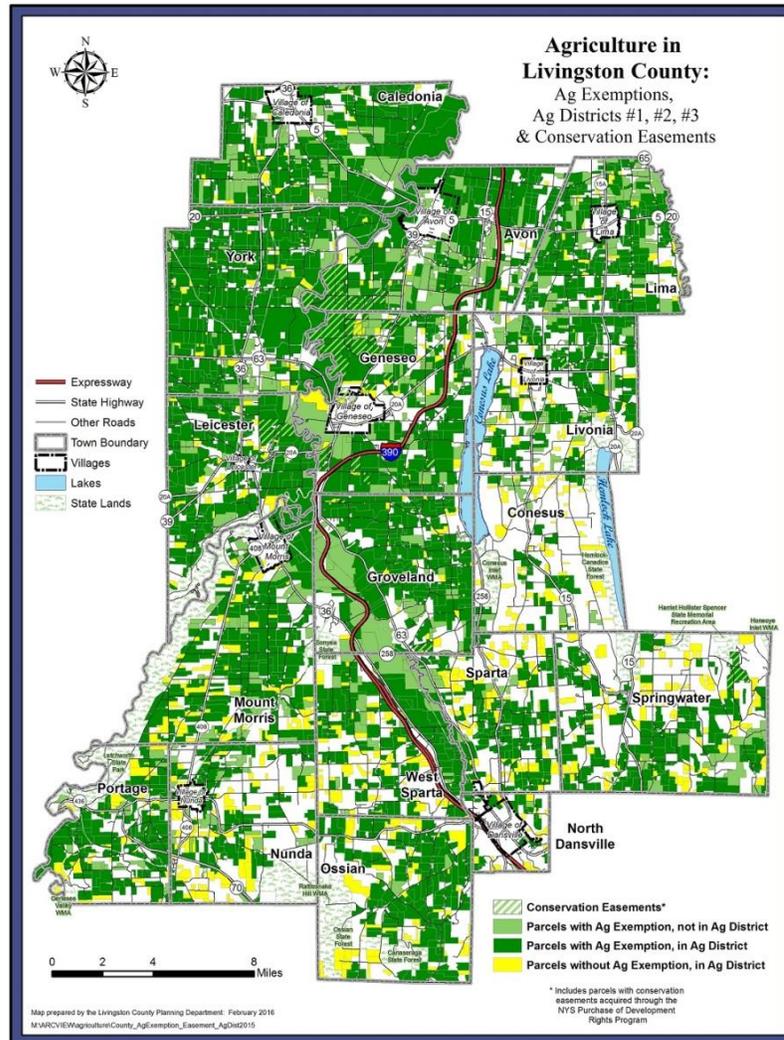
Jon White, Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District, *AFPB Chairman*  
(22 yrs. of service)

**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.
- Coordinate the County Purchase of Development Rights Program.
- Review and approve municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans.
- Request the NYS Commissioner of Ag and Markets 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) for proposed water and sewer infrastructure improvements and make recommendations as to the effect and reasonableness of proposed actions.

## 2015 Program Summary

- In 2015, 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 2016 is included as an Appendix to this report.
- The Planning Department and Livingston County 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, known as Grow Ag Industry Now (GAIN).
- 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.



- 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. The Task Force is now a standing committee of NYSAC. 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 Committee 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 Committee. The Planning Director also serves on the Committee. The first NYSAC Agriculture Committee meeting was held September 21, 2015.
- 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 the Livingston County Agricultural Districts program. Following the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors and State approval, this resulted in the addition of 562.21 acres of predominantly viable agricultural lands to the County Agricultural Districts in the Towns of Livonia, Mount Morris, Ossian, Sparta and Springwater.
- Supported and attended the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce Farmer & Neighbor Dinner event. Swyer Farm was selected as the 2015 Farm of the Year.
- 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 the Triple H and Sunny Knoll projects were closed out in 2015.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Livingston County Ranked #1 in Farmland Protection**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> Livingston County and the Genesee Valley Conservancy jointly announced the permanent protection of 1,677 acres of prime farmland on the Sunny Knoll and Triple H Farms in Livingston County through a joint farmland protection program funded by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYS DAM) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Sunny Knoll and Triple H farms were selected by the Livingston County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and County Board of Supervisors to apply for the program due to the high quality of the soils and viability of successful farming operations. The Genesee Valley Conservancy provided the professional project administration and conservation easement expertise in conjunction with the Livingston County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the County Planning Department.

To date New York State has awarded grants for protection of over 41,000 acres of farmland through the statewide program. David Behm of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets noted that "Including the Sunny Knoll and Triple H Farm projects, Livingston County now has 7,861 acres of farmland permanently protected through the state PDR program; more acres than any county in the State." As development encroaches outward from urbanized areas, the protection of prime farmland is vital to ensure food security and facilitate long-term farm planning and investment.

The state and federal grants provided over \$3 million in funding to cover the value of development rights and the transaction costs for the two projects, contributing a significant economic investment into the local farm economy. Livingston County ranks first in the State for production of both Corn and Wheat for grain and boasts 195,000 acres of farmland.

- In 2015, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets ranked Livingston County first in the State for farmland protection, with a total of 6,203 acres of permanently protected farmland.
- In 2015, the Livingston County Purchase of Development Rights Program selection committee chose three farms for application to the PDR program: A. R. Christiano Farms of Leicester, Edgewood Farms of Groveland and Sparta and Marshall Farms of Avon.
- The Planning Department provided technical assistance to the Towns of Geneseo, Mount Morris, and Sparta on the applications for and development of their Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans.
- The Planning Department published and distributed an economic impact fact sheet about Livingston County Agriculture at the Farmer Neighbor Dinner, Farm Fest, and to local agencies and all 17 towns.
- In 2014, the Planning Department developed a Farmer/Neighbor brochure “Living in the Country” for non-agricultural affiliated community members on what to expect from their farm neighbors. In 2015, the brochures were distributed 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).
- The Planning Department participated in the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council’s 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 agricultural development in the County.
- The Livingston County Planning Department website was updated to include additional information on agricultural programs and the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.
- Supported the Genesee Valley Conservancy Decision-Makers Agriculture Tour on September 18, 2015. Twenty-four planning and zoning officials attended the event and earned a total of 198 training hours.



*GVC Livingston County Decision Maker’s Agriculture Tour, 2015*

## 2016 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 (GAIN) revolving loan fund managed by G/FLRPC.
- Provide information for the Livingston County Chamber of Commerce and Livingston County Farm Bureau Farmer and Neighbor Dinner.
- Attend the Livingston County Farm Bureau's Farm Fest.
- Provide staff support for the Genesee Valley Conservancy's Local Decision Maker's Agriculture Tour.
- Continue participation 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.
- Continue participation on the NYSAC Standing Committee on Agriculture.
- 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, Mount Morris, and Sparta on their Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plans.
- Support the Livingston County Purchase of Development Rights Program.
- Provide support to the Genesee Valley Conservancy on the Pleasant Hill and Moore Farm projects.
- Work with the Genesee Valley Conservancy on 2016 PDR project applications.
- 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 (7 yrs. of service)

**Town of Conesus:** Brenda Donohue, Supervisor, *CLWC Vice-Chairman* (9 yrs. of service)

**Town of Geneseo:** William Wadsworth, Supervisor, *CLWC Chairman* (7 yrs. of service)

**Town of Groveland:** William Carman, Supervisor (2 yr. of service)

**Town of Livonia:** Eric Gott, Supervisor (9 yrs. of service)

**Town of Sparta:** Mark Schuster, Supervisor (12 yrs. of service)

**Village of Avon:** Kirk Vanderbilt (12 yrs. of service) representing Mayor Thomas Freeman

**Village of Geneseo:** Richard Hatheway, Mayor (12 yrs. of service)

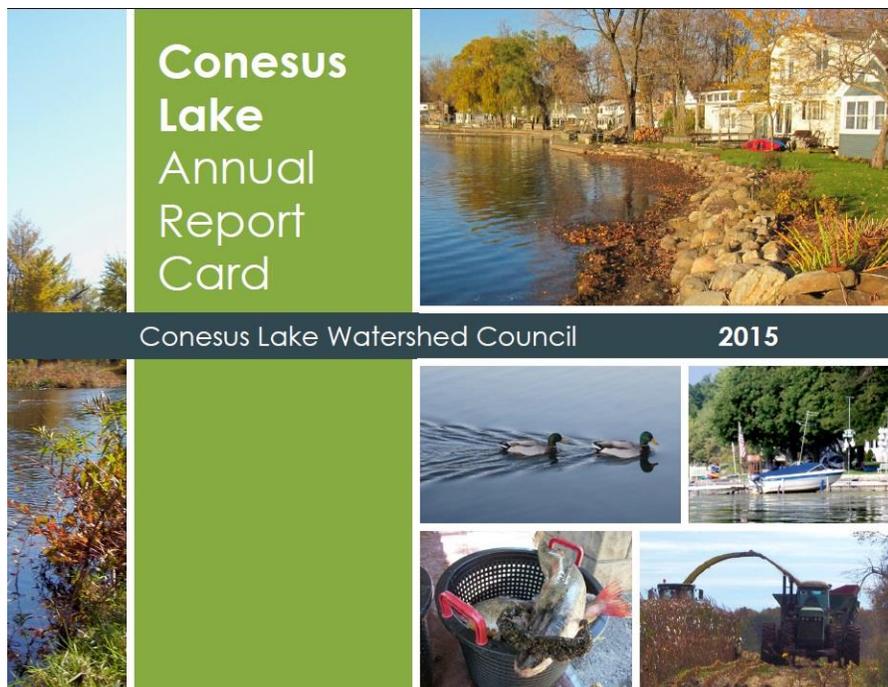
**Village of Livonia:** Robert Leader (6 yrs. of service) representing Mayor Calvin Lathan

### Non-voting Members

**Conesus Lake Association:** Gene Bolster, *Water Quality Committee Chair* (3 yrs. of service)

**Livingston County Department of Health:** Jennifer Rodriguez, Director (3 yrs. of service)

**Livingston County Planning Department:** Angela Ellis, Director (7 yrs. of service)



## 2015 Program Summary

Implementation of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan recommendations:

- Funded Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation Service installation of Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the watershed including:
  - 649 acres of cover crop installed
  - 500 feet of underground outlet
  - 750 feet of sub surface drainage installed
  - A 75,000-square foot water and sediment storage basin
  - A storm event terrace system was installed with a 450 foot underground outlet and 1,000 feet of sub-surface drainage



*Installation of underground outlet and large Water & Sediment Control Basin on a farm in the Village of Livonia.*



- SUNY Brockport/SUNY Geneseo researchers monitored watershed tributaries and in-lake phosphorus loading patterns. The Department of Health monitored public bathing beaches for bacteria counts and all public access points for blue green algae blooms.
- Provided technical assistance to the Conesus Lake Association's 2015 invasive species rake toss and dive surveys and Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer Monitoring Program.
- Continued participation in the Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (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
  - Presented on green infrastructure practices at the CLA Annual Meeting.
  - Presented on invasive species programming to Avon Environmental Science classes.
  - Rain Garden education kiosk installed at Long Point Park.
  - Presented on blue green algae at the Chip Holt Nature Center.



*Steep Slope Development Workshop in Conesus*

- Presented on stormwater, hydrology, water quality at a Stormwater, Erosion, and Zoning workshop at the Conesus Town Hall.
- Updated the Planning Department's Conesus Lake website.
- Provided signage for two additional wooden invasive species disposal stations for boating access points at Long Point and Vitale Parks.

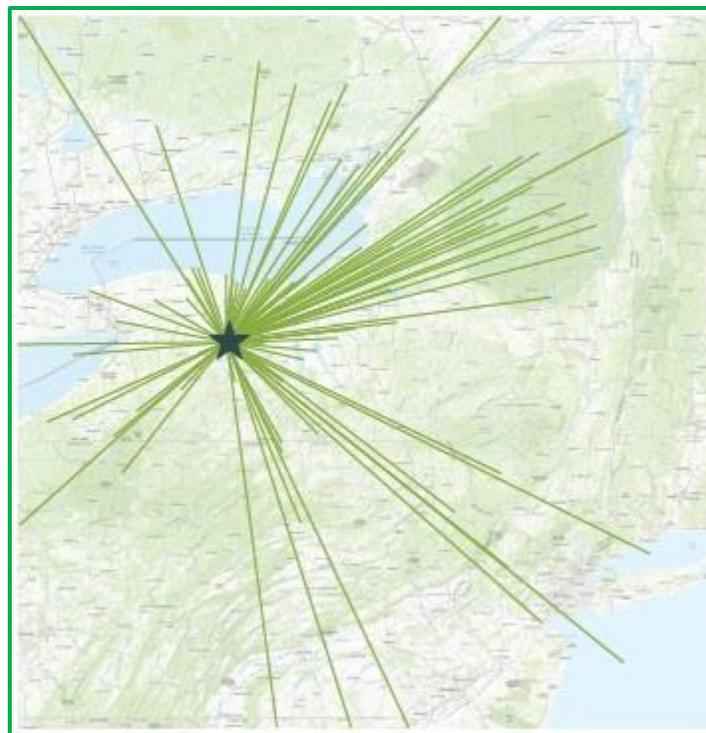


*Conesus Lake Invasive Species Disposal Station  
Long Point Park, Geneseo*

*Conesus Lake Watercraft Stewards*



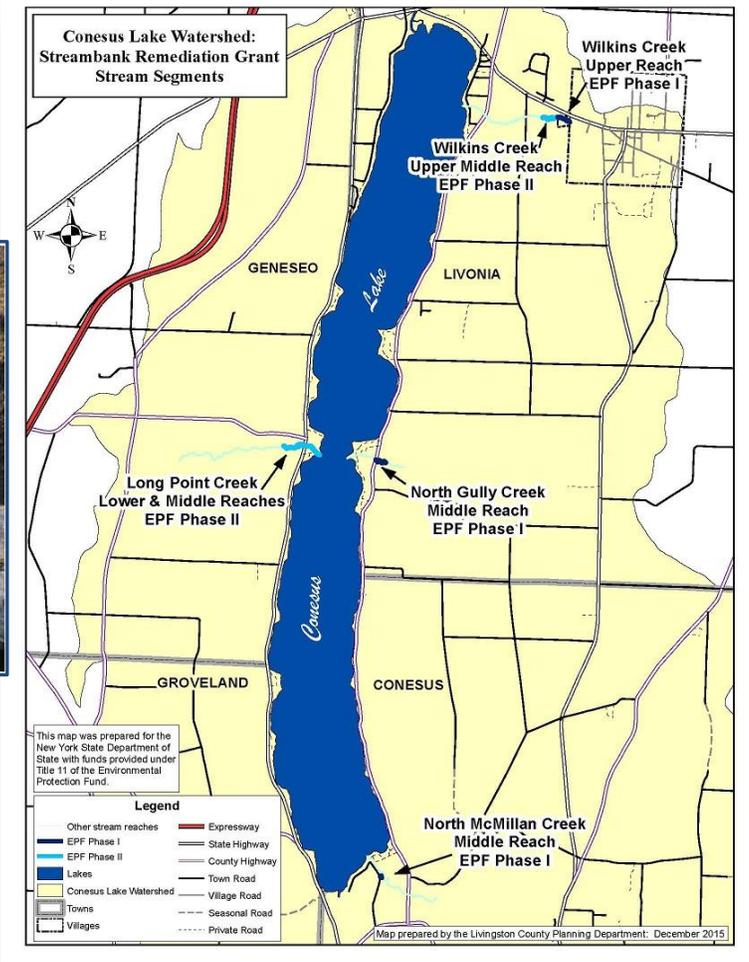
- Helped fund a watercraft steward program for invasive species prevention and education at the East Lake Road Boat Launch in partnership with the Conesus Lake Association, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County, and Livingston County Workforce Development Office.



*Map Indicating Last Waterbodies Visited  
Per 2015 Watercraft Steward Program Survey*

- Created and published the 2014 Annual Report Card to document the activities and progress of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan Implementation.
- Administered two Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) grants for streambank remediation on five stream reaches in the Conesus Lake watershed.

*Map of streams reaches included in EPF streambank grant*



*North Gully, Town of Livonia*



*Long Point Creek  
Town of Geneseo*

- Assisted with updates to the Blue Green Algae Rapid Response Plan
- Updated the Conesus Lake Watershed Council Invasive Species Prevention and Response Plan
- Participated in the ongoing Conesus Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process with NYSDEC.
- Assisted with the Town of Livonia application for NYS Department of State funding for a stormwater planning study on the Wilkins Creek subwatershed. Project was successfully funded.
- Applied for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant money for streambank stabilization on North McMillan Creek in the Town of Conesus. Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council is the lead applicant.
- Created a stream and stormwater working group comprised of local agencies tasked with developing a course of action to address streambank and stormwater development issues.
- Published and distributed the Watershed Characterization Report Update Executive Summary.

## 2016 Goals

Implementation of Conesus Lake Watershed Management Plan recommendations:

- Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs).
- Summer 2016 Bathing Beach Monitoring.
- 2015 Annual Report Card publication and presentation.
- Assist the Conesus Lake Association with Shoreline Cleanup and invasive species related programs.
- Close out the two EPF streambank remediation grants.
- Administer the Wilkins Creek Sub-watershed Study grant for the Town of Livonia
- Apply for additional funding for the watercraft steward program.
- Continue implementation of the streamside landowner/stormwater public education campaign.
- Support and provide technical assistance for the Conesus Lake Watercraft Steward Program.
- Educate homeowners, landscapers, contractors and planning and zoning officials on green infrastructure practices.



*Conesus Inlet Wildlife Management Area, south end of Conesus Lake*

# 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 (29 yrs. of service)  
Benjamin Gajewski, Genesee Valley Conservancy/Geneseo (2 yrs. of service)  
David H. Swanson, Town of Mount Morris (33 yrs. of service)  
Susan Walker, Town of Springwater (21 yrs. of service)

### General Citizens

Ray Case, Conesus Lake Association, *EMC Chairman* (5 yrs. of service)  
Barry Ganzhorn, Village of Caledonia (7 yrs. of service)  
William McCleary, Town of Livonia (17 yrs. of service)  
David W. Parish, Village of Geneseo (33 yrs. of service)  
Alex Pierce, Town of Nunda, *EMC Secretary* (2 yrs. of service)  
Wendy Stevenson, Town of Springwater (7 yrs. of service)  
Carolyn Tinney, Town of Springwater (New member)

## 2015 Program Summary

- Developed an Annual Work Program which reflects the mission of the Environmental Management Council (EMC), identifies the activities that support the mission, and tracks the progress of those activities. The proposed work program for 2016 is included as an Appendix to this report.
- Added three new members to the committee in the general citizen category.
- Sponsored two programs that provided 104 hours of education to Committee members and public participants. Co-sponsored three "LET'S Plan!" training workshops that provided 207 hours of training credit to municipal planning and zoning officials.

- o "SUNY Geneseo Letchworth Dining Hall Tour," May 27, 2015, SUNY Geneseo
- o "Letchworth State Park Tour," July 22, 2015, Genesee Falls
- o "Energy Efficient Municipal Projects Workshop," November 18, 2015, SUNY Geneseo
- o "Steep Slope Development Workshop," December 3, 2015, Conesus
- o "SEQR Basics Workshop," December 14, 2015, North Dansville

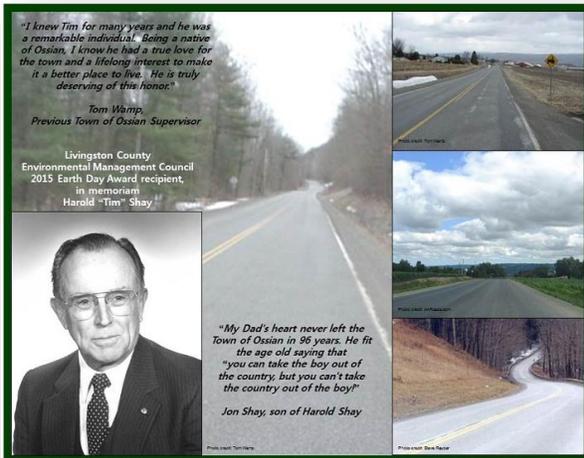


*SUNY Geneseo Letchworth Dining Hall Tour, exterior green building features*



*SUNY Geneseo, EMC tour of future E-garden site*

- Awarded the 2015 Livingston County Environmental Management Council Earth Day Award in memoriam to Harold "Tim" Shay of Ossian for his life-long commitment to his community and his engagement of others, youth and adult, in improving their environment.



*Livingston County EMC 2015 Earth Day Award recipient in memoriam, Harold "Tim" Shay*

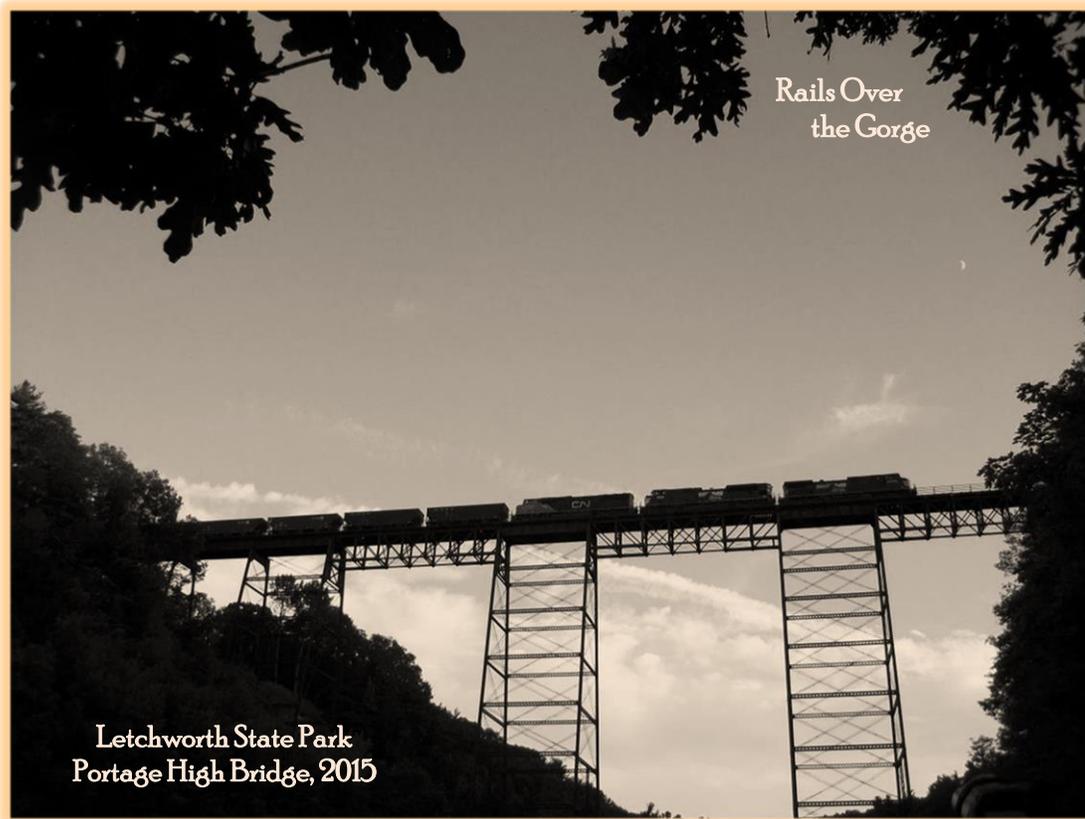


*EMC Chairman Ray Case congratulating Jon Shay, on behalf of his father, Harold "Tim" Shay, the Livingston County EMC 2015 Earth Day Award recipient*

- Continued dialogue with the Livingston County Board of Supervisors through the Public Services Committee. In April 2015, EMC Chairman Ray Case presented to the Livingston County Public Services Committee.
- Participated in the Genesee Transportation Council Regional Trails Initiative Project.
- Participated in the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee Environmental Work Group.
- Participated in the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Rights-of-Way Project, serving on the Project Advisory Committee.
- Participated in the EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Proposed Project Application process.
- Provided letter of support for the SUNY Geneseo NYSERDA NY Prize Stage 1 Community Microgrid Grant application
- Maintained ongoing communication with neighboring Monroe and Steuben County Environmental Management Councils.

Letchworth State Park Tour, 2015





## 2016 Goals

- Sponsor at least two free educational programs and co-sponsor at least one free training workshop for municipal planning and zoning officials.
- Select and honor the 2016 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.
- Continue ongoing membership recruitment from all three broad categories of agriculture, industry-commerce, and general citizenry.
- Continue the Livingston County Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) update, including the assessment of the existing NRI.
- Update Environmental Management Council webpage to promote the awareness of the EMC and encourage access to local and regional environmental resources.

# 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.

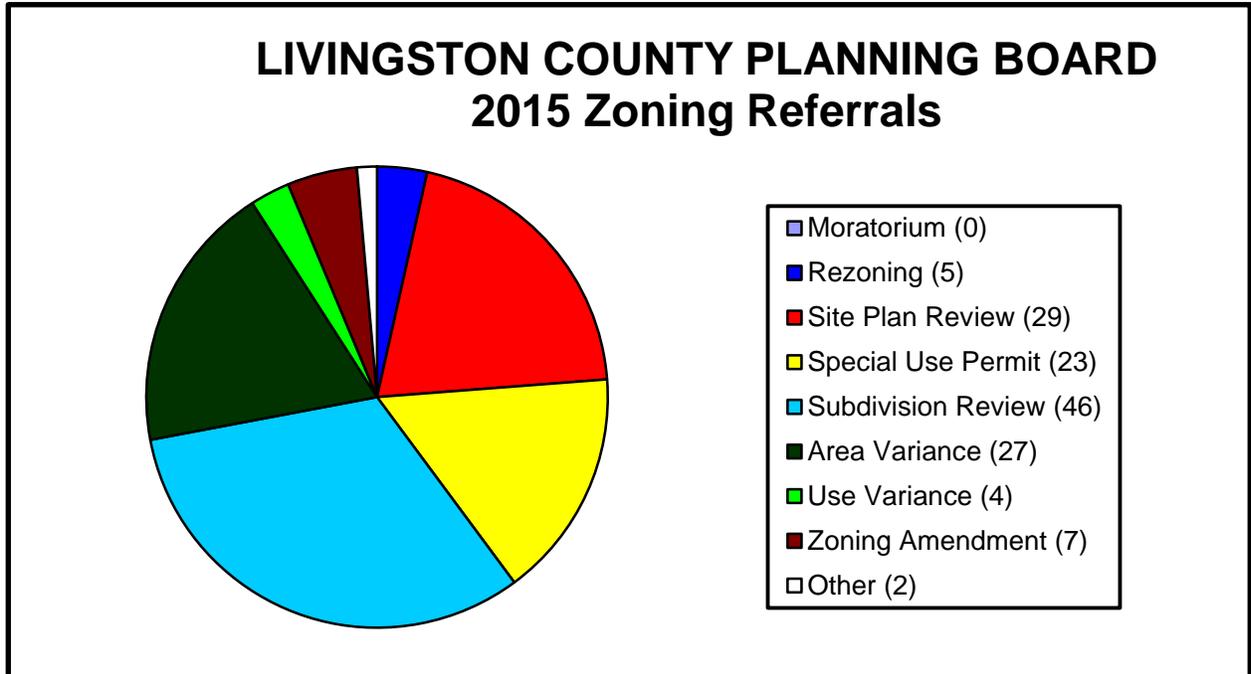
The Livingston County Planning Department aids the County Planning Board in their advisory role by providing and organizing relevant information on the proposed action or referral.

**Board Membership.** The County Planning Board is comprised of 26 members representing almost every Town and Village in Livingston County plus 4 alternate at-large members.

James Root, Town of Avon (2 yrs. of service)  
Vacant, Village of Avon  
C. Joan Crunden, Town of Caledonia (11 yrs. of service)  
Steve Polo, Village of Caledonia (8 yrs. of service)  
Betty Marble, Town of Conesus (19 yrs. of service)  
Craig Macauley, Town of Geneseo (8 yrs. of service)  
Stewart Leffler, Village of Geneseo (2 yrs. of service)  
Ruth Lea, Town of Groveland (19 yrs. of service)  
Barry Caplan, Town of Leicester (18 yrs. of service)  
Karen Roffe, Village of Leicester, **Chairperson** (12 yrs. of service)  
Dennis Neenan, Town of Lima (25 yrs. of service)  
Barry Ingalsbe, Village of Lima (20 yrs. of service)  
Bill Weber, Town of Livonia (5 yrs. of service)  
Joanne Palmer, Village of Livonia (29 yrs. of service)  
Cathie Gehrig, Town of Mount Morris (11 yrs. of service)  
Kevin Fahey, Village of Mount Morris (9 yrs. of service)  
Vacant, Town of North Dansville  
Tim Brinduse, Village of Dansville (13 yrs. of service)  
Jeffrey Long, Town of Nunda (7 yrs. of service)  
Vacant, Village of Nunda  
Joan M. Wamp, Town of Ossian (19 yrs. of service)  
Brian Fahey, Town of Portage, **Vice Chairperson** (5 yrs. of service)  
Graham Frazer, Town of Sparta (1 yr. of service)  
Havilah Toland, Town of Springwater, **Secretary** (25 yrs. of service)  
Susan Erdle, Town of West Sparta (13 yrs. of service)  
David Sliker, Town of York (3 yrs. of service)  
Vacant, Alternate Members #1-4

## 2015 Program Summary

- The County Planning Board held 11 meetings in 2015, and the Board and Planning Department reviewed 119 zoning referrals.

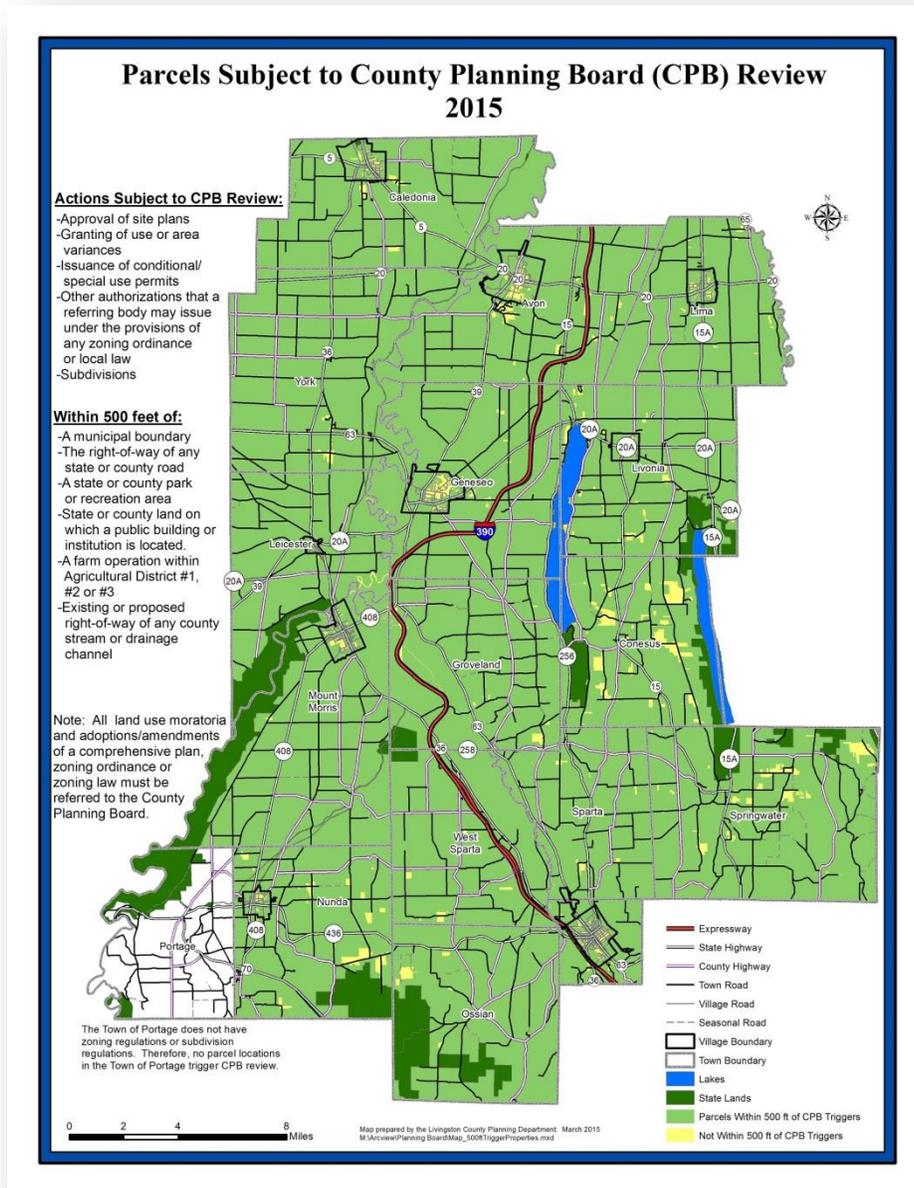


- County Planning Board members earned 123 hours of land use training in 2015.
- County Planning Department Staff presented an in-house training session on *County Planning Board Basics* at the February 2015 County Planning Board meeting.
- County Planning Department Staff presented an in-house training session on *Livingston County Mapping Tools and Website Resources* at the March 2015 County Planning Board meeting.
- The 1992 Model Agreement to exempt certain local zoning and subdivision applications from referral to and review by the County Planning Board was updated and forwarded on to the Livingston County Board of Supervisors Public Services Committee and the County Attorney.
- Maps of parcels that are within the 500-foot triggers of County Planning Board review were created.

## 2016 Goals

- Develop a Complete Application Checklist for County Planning Referrals to help provide sufficient information for a thorough review of zoning referrals.
- Execute new agreements with interested municipalities 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 NYS General Municipal Law Sections 239-l, m and n.
- Conduct at least two in-house land use training sessions at County Planning Board meetings in 2016.
- Update 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.** With agency representation changes during the year, the TAC had more than 20 members in 2015. 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.

### **2015 Membership**

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

## **2015 Program Summary**

In 2015, the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) broadened its scope of work. A complete list of TAC projects is contained in the Appendices. During the year, the TAC was involved in a variety of transportation related projects including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Public Transportation User Toolkit/Mobility Management Website**

The TAC's Public Transportation Work Group continued to work on developing a clearinghouse mechanism to facilitate the accessibility of information regarding the availability of transportation services from various transportation service providers in the County. It was decided that the Toolkit will use an independent website as host, with links to individual transportation providers and appropriate Human Service agencies.

The transportation service provider data collection for the project was completed in 2015, and funding for the project was secured from the Genesee Transportation Council's (GTC) Regional Mobility Management Program. At year's end, and with input from the Public Transportation Work Group and Planning Department staff, GTC had provided a scope of work and prepared an RFP for consultant services (web design professional).

- **Millennium Drive Roadway Extension Project**

In 2015, the TAC's Community Development Work Group participated in a County Administrator's Office project that involves the construction of approximately 700 linear

feet of new roadway with ancillary sidewalk, lighting, utility and streetscape facilities that will extend Millennium Drive from its current terminus to the western terminus of Veteran Drive. The project is intended to help mitigate traffic concerns at the intersection of Volunteer Road and Lakeville Road (US 20A) by providing an alternative access to the Wal-Mart commercial area. The proposed roadway extension will also provide access to parcels suitable for potential future development beyond the current terminus of Millennium Drive.

During the year, Planning Department staff worked together with a team that included the County Administrator, the County Director of Environmental Health, the County Highway Superintendent, the County Attorney, the Village of Geneseo, and a local

landowner / developer on the roadway alignment and ancillary facilities, land transfers, and local and State approvals necessary to move the project forward. As Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act process, the County issued a



Negative Declaration for the project on July 8, 2015. The project received Final Approval for both the roadway alignment site plan and necessary land subdivisions from the Village of Geneseo Planning Board on October 28, 2015. Preliminary site work was initiated shortly thereafter and was still underway at year's end. Roadway construction is anticipated to be completed in 2016.

- **Greigsville Transportation Safety & Access Improvement Plan**

In 2015, the TAC's Environmental Work Group was involved in the development of a student pedestrian safety program and community enhancement program, with associated transportation safety and infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of York Central School and the intersection of NYS Route 36 and NYS Route 63 in the Hamlet of Greigsville.

A project scoping meeting of involved agencies and stakeholders was held on August 26, 2015, to discuss hamlet design, transportation access, and student pedestrian safety issues, including those associated with potential commercial development on the northeast corner of the intersection across NYS Route 63 near the school complex. The

meeting, which involved Town of York representatives, York Central School staff, Planning Department staff, and local developers, also focused on other traffic safety and community enhancements to improve and promote the hamlet area. It was decided that it was necessary to develop a strategy for addressing existing and potential transportation safety and access concerns. In October 2015, the Planning Department prepared a 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) grant application for submittal to GTC for this Town of York project, which also included a recreational trail connection. The application sought funding for a planning study to identify safety and access alternatives and associated capital improvements. The project was approved for funding in the amount of \$45,000, with an additional \$10,000 in-kind staff contribution from the County.

• **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Walkability Improvement Program – Villages of Avon & Geneseo**

During the year, Planning Department staff and the TAC Environmental Work Group continued their involvement with GTC’s Regional Walkability Improvement Program. The objective of the program is to develop action plans to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, convenience, and comfort in village downtowns, on main streets, and to and

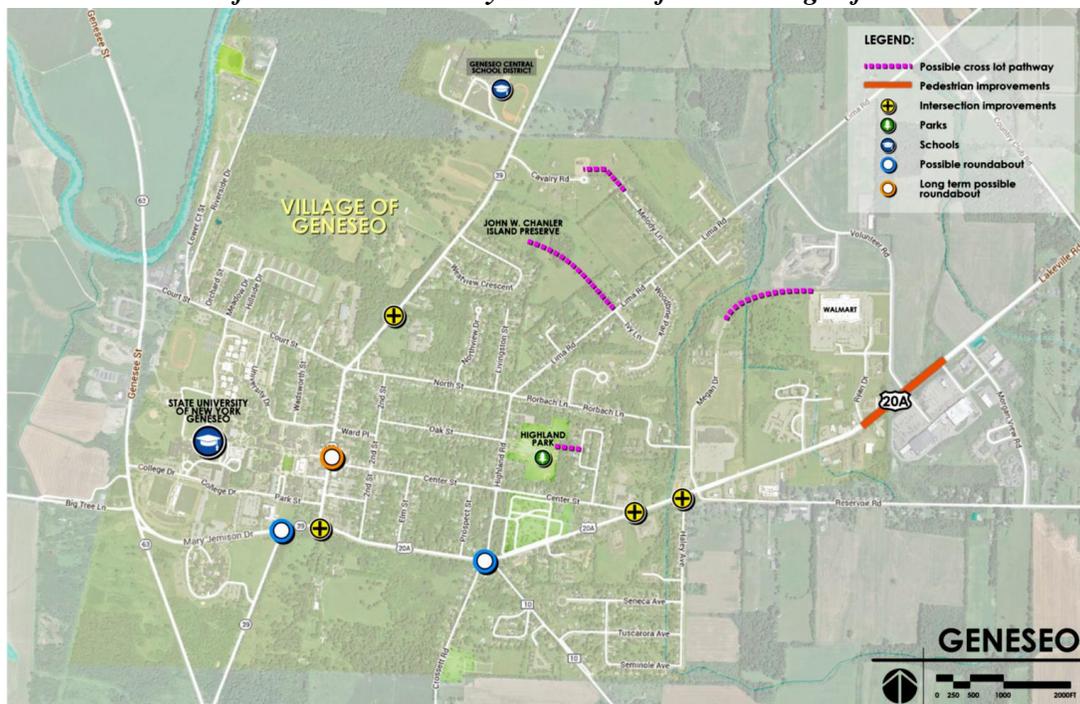


*Walkability Audit –  
Village of Geneseo, 2015*

from village activity centers. In 2015, walkability audits were completed for the Villages of Avon and Geneseo. These audits resulted in the preparation of Walkability Action Plans specifically tailored to each village through information gathered during the audit process. The Walkability Action Plans present the

findings and recommendations from the walkability audits conducted for each village. The goal of these Action Plans is to identify potential physical improvements, educational and encouragement programs, and policies to support walking and bicycling in the Villages of Avon and Geneseo. The recommendations and alternatives contained in the action plans are now available to each village to consider for implementation at their discretion.

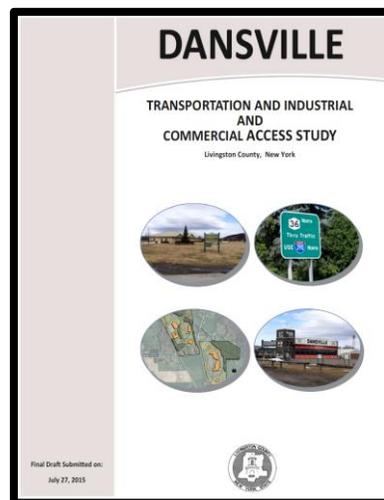
*Portion of the GTC Walkability Action Plan for the Village of Geneseo*



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

In 2015, Planning Department staff, serving as Project Manager, continued to work with the Project Steering Committee and consultant on the development of transportation access alternatives and potential infrastructure improvements to promote economic development in and around the targeted study area in Dansville. The recommended transportation investments that result from the study are intended to enhance regional competitiveness and facilitate long-term economic viability in the Dansville area moving forward. The study area includes I-390 Exits 4 and 5, the Dansville Airport and the Livingston County Industrial Park.

The project Steering Committee met in July and approved the final report, which contained new transportation access alternatives that were developed during the year. It was decided that the TAC Community Development Work Group would become the committee that will guide the implementation of the Plan. The Final Report was presented to the GTC Planning Committee on August 11, 2015, and was accepted by the GTC Board on September 1, 2015.



- **Dansville Crossings, I390/Exit 4 Project**

The project includes the development of a marketing strategy intended to draw new commercial / retail business to the County-owned property adjacent to Exit 4. The strategy will be developed in conjunction with the County Economic Development Department. This initiative is a recommendation of the Dansville Transportation and

Industrial and Commercial Access Study. Planning Department staff provided assistance in initiating the development of the property.

- **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative (RTI)**

In 2015, Planning Department staff and the TAC Environmental Work Group continued to collaborate with the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) on their 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.

During the year, the RTI inventory of existing conditions was completed and mapped, and draft alternatives were developed and reviewed by the project Steering Committee. The public input process was also completed. Information was gathered from Livingston County Planning, Towns and Villages, and trail associated agencies and groups. At year's end, GTC had received all requested information, and the project was nearing completion.

## 2016 Goals

In 2016, the Livingston County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will continue to work on and participate in projects that were initiated or underway in 2015. A complete list of these projects is contained in the Appendices. All projects are identified in the three approved 2016 Work Group Work Programs. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

### **Community Development Work Group:**

- **Dansville Transportation and Industrial and Commercial Access Study** - With the study portion of the project concluded, Planning Department staff and the Community Development Work Group will focus on selectively implementing recommendations of the study's Final Report in 2016.
- **I-390 Exit 4 Development Initiative** – Continue to promote and facilitate appropriate development in the vicinity of I-390 Exit 4 in Dansville.
- **Livonia Gateway Park Road Project** - Work with the Economic Development Department and stakeholders on the development of Gateway Park Road and associated transportation system improvements to promote development. Assist with the process of securing infrastructure funding.
- **Western New York Regional Grain Hub Study** – Work with the Economic Development Department and stakeholders on a study to determine the viability of a Regional Grain Hub, which is proposed to be located in the Livonia Gateway Agribusiness Park.
- **Rochester & Southern Railroad Rehabilitation Project** - Provide support to Economic Development as needed in the completion of Rochester & Southern Railroad Rehabilitation Project. The 2016 portion of the project includes rail line improvements between Mt. Morris and Caledonia.

### **Public Transportation Work Group:**

- **Public Transportation User Toolkit / Mobility Management Website** – Complete the consultant selection process and work with GTC staff, the consultant, and local transportation service providers and human service agencies with a goal to have the project design completed and the website on-line by year's end.
- **RGRTA Regional Operational Service Audit** – Planning Department staff and the Public Transportation Work Group will continue to monitor project progress and provide assistance to RGRTA/RTS Livingston as needed in 2016. Support will be provided as requested on findings and recommendations pertaining to Livingston County bus routes. It is expected that the project will be completed late in the year.

### **Environmental Work Group:**

- **Livingston County Emergency Traffic Management Plan: Evacuation Routes & Special Event Plans** – Continue to work with the Emergency Management Office and the Sheriff's Office on the development of a plan that addresses traffic management including evacuation routes for emergency situations and traffic control for larger scale special events. In 2016, additional mapping will be completed and data from the Critical Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment will be incorporated into the analysis. The resulting map and data will be used by various County agencies, including: Emergency Management Services; the Sheriff's Office; and the Department of Health.
- **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Walkability Improvement Program** - In 2016, the Planning Department will: (1) Develop a "LET's Plan" presentation on the two completed walkability audits (Avon & Geneseo) and provide additional educational information on community walkability to interested municipalities; and (2) Determine the viability of a UPWP application to fund additional walkability audits and training in Livingston County communities.
- **Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Trails Initiative (RTI)** - In 2016, the Environmental Work Group and Planning Department staff will work with GTC and other agencies on the implementation of the findings and recommendations contained in the RTI Final Report.
- **G/FLRPC Regional Rights-of-Way (ROW) Inventory** - In 2016, the County Planning Department intends to overlay the ROW Inventory, which was completed in 2015, over the RTI mapping to identify new trail development opportunities.
- **Greigsville Transportation Safety & Access Improvement Plan** - The Planning Department will serve as project manager, overseeing the planning process, which will include: forming a project advisory committee; preparing a project scope and issuing an RFP; and engaging a consultant to assist in developing the strategy. The consultant selection process is expected to be completed by mid-2016 with the Final Report anticipated to be completed within a year of project kick-off with the consultant.

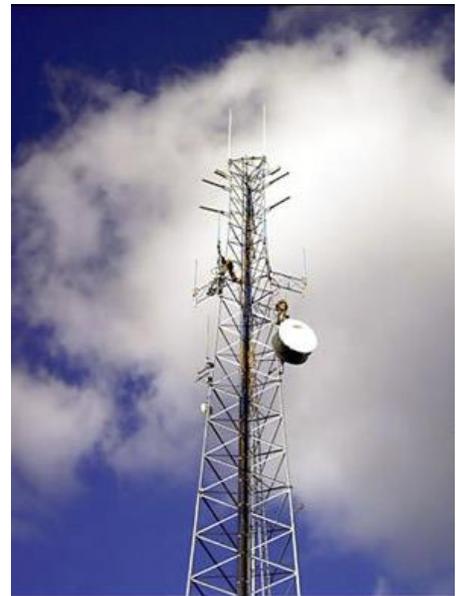
# Planning Department Special Projects

## 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.



### 2015 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 6 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.

***Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program – Round 4(SICG4)*** (\$3,500,000). This funding is being used for upgrade of the New World computer program used for dispatch and record keeping purposes, upgrade of the 911 Center telephone system, interoperable enhancements to communications with adjacent counties, additional radio and microwave network improvements, and subscriber equipment needed as part of the upgrade.

***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.
- FFY 2015-2016 (167,362) – Funding in support of personal services for operation of the 911 Center.

## **2016 Goals**

- Continue work on the radio system upgrade project, including selection of vendors and start of new site construction.
- Complete work and close out PSAP 2012-2013, PSAP 2013-2014, PSAP 2014-2015, and PSAP 2015-2016.
- Apply for additional funds to continue emergency communication system upgrade efforts, as appropriate.

## **APPENDIX**

**2015 Conesus Lake Watershed Council Annual Report**  
**2015 Environmental Management Council Annual Report**

### **2016 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**