

Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Economic Development & Planning is to increase the number of job opportunities, reduce the local per-capita tax burden, and facilitate the highest quality of life for our residents. From planning to community development to structuring your next business venture, we are professionals dedicated to finding solutions.

We provide planning outreach; networking with municipal, state and federal officials; and work with new and existing businesses. Our team is ready to discuss your next project – please contact us to schedule an appointment.

Visit from Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul:



Last week Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul attended the Tioga County Small Business Roundtable Meeting at Cell Preservation Services in Owego.

Midwestern Pet Foods Inc.:



August 19, 2015 the IDA board approved Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) requested by Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc. Midwestern Pet Foods is in the process of acquiring Hagen Pet Foods facility in Waverly NY. Midwestern Pet Foods Inc. is headquartered in Evansville IN.

Midwestern specializes in holistic pet foods best known for their “Earthborn Holistic Pet Food Brand.”

More information to come, stay tuned.

Tioga Downs:



Tioga Downs is seeking letters of support for their second application for the Southern Tier Gaming License. The deadline for the application was early July, but Tioga Downs is now seeking updated letters of support from local businesses as well as individuals.

Revised from a letter used earlier this year, the new letter is tailored to directly address the State Gaming Board; our goal is to show continued support of the Tioga Downs application.



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Project Updates

Owego Gardens-

This facility will offer housing to residents who are ages 55+ in our area. This 62-unit housing project will give the residents the opportunity to live in a disaster-resistant location.

Progress:

- Scheduled to break ground in October
- All studies have been completed, all local approvals have been completed, and the project is moving along



Vacant Properties Database-

Our office is collecting information on commercial buildings and land for sale. This database will be used internally for reference for future projects. This is our proactive effort for better economic development.

Progress:

- 31 Sites in our internal database
- 18 Sites in our ZoomNY online database

If you or anyone you know is trying to sell commercial land or buildings, please reach out to our office so we can add your property to our database.

It's 100% free!!

Nichols Cross-Dock-

The facility will consist of a 24,000sf service center, with 52 truck docks. This project will create 73 new jobs, which will bring in 3.7 million dollars in annual income to the area. The jobs will consist of on-site jobs, as well as trucking jobs.

Progress:

- Development is moving along
- Will break ground ASAP

Grants for Infrastructure Improvements-

Our office is currently working on applications for infrastructure improvements for prime commercial sites that are available. The research and applications will help better our chances of job creation and economic development in Tioga County.

Progress:

- 2 CFA Applications were filed for infrastructure improvements in July
- Other sources of funding are currently being researched

Upcoming Events:

- *Veterans Small Business Training: Begins Sept. 10*
- *Health Care Career Fair Sept. 29*
- *Tioga Chamber of Commerce Business Show Oct. 8*
- *Celebrating Women in Business Nov. 5*

Please contact us for more information about these events!

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