

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AND PLANNING – 8020

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning is to promote a balance between economic growth, natural resource conservation, and sound land use planning throughout the County.

## WHO WE SERVE

We serve other County agencies and local governments by providing advice and assistance for environmental regulatory compliance, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and mapping support, and other technical assistance on an as needed basis. In addition, the Department provides direct and indirect benefits to the public through our work on open space conservation and ongoing work in areas related to natural resource conservation. We also serve the County's agricultural community by administering the County Agricultural District Program, providing technical support to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and implementing specific recommendations proposed in the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Department carries out its mission in the following program areas:

- The Office of Natural Resource Conservation provides assessments, recommendations, and technical assistance for natural resource conservation; administers environmental regulatory compliance on behalf of the County; coordinates the County's open space conservation, biodiversity, and farmland protection activities; and represents the County on several planning and conservation-related committees.
- The GIS and mapping program supports the Department's work and provides GIS services to other County agencies and local governments. This includes development and maintenance of GIS data, oversight of data provided through the New York State Data Sharing Cooperative, data analysis, and provision of map products.

## 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Secured \$50,000 grant from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to update the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
- Secured and administered a \$13,300 grant for snowmobile trail maintenance.
- Carried out environmental regulatory compliance on behalf of all County agencies.
- Conducted the annual review of the County's three Agricultural Districts and completed the 8-yr review of Agricultural District #2.
- Provided technical support for County compliance with NYS Stormwater management regulations.
- Served on the Hazard Mitigation Executive Committee to prepare an updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Albany County.
- Monitored and provided recommendations on management and maintenance needs at County parks/preserves.
- Worked with DPW to replace the walkway over Ann Lee Pond.
- Prepared updated digital tax maps for GIS and updated other data on County's public interactive map.
- Provided mapping and database support for the County Health Department's lead inspection primary prevention program.
- Represented the County's interests in a cooperative Canada goose control program on County land near the Albany International Airport in concert with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services, and the Albany Airport Authority.
- Conducted reviews to determine potential preservation value of all County-owned properties proposed for public auction.
- Submitted grant application and received funding through NYS OPRHP Snowmobile Trails Program.
- Participated on Albany Pine Bush Technical Committee, Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Senior Natural Resource Planner serves as Vice Chair), Albany County Stormwater Coalition technical workgroup, FEMA Region 2 RISC GIS Subcommittee.
- Worked to develop new trail opportunities at County parks and preserves.

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## 2017 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- Complete update of the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
- Assist DPW staff in developing and implementing a compliant stormwater management program.
- Continue GIS data coordination and provision of GIS technical support as needed to all County agencies, local governments, and the public.
- Administer 2016-17 NYS OPRHP Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program on behalf of local trail maintenance entities.
- Begin update of management and use plans for Lawson Lake and Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve with specific attention to maintenance and facility improvements, trail development, educational opportunities, and monitoring invasive species and water quality.
- Address maintenance issues related to black locust control and other wetland mitigation area issues at the Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve.
- Continue comprehensive update of County's GIS parcel data to correct and improve the dataset for GIS users and for inclusion in updates to our public web mapper.
- Update the farmers' market interactive web map and enhance natural resource information available on the county website.
- Prepare updated data for interactive web map including parcels, agricultural districts, and farmer's markets.

## SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

- Added funding to fees for services for orthoimagery upgrades.
- Added funding to Farmland Protection Plan line for County match for an Agriculture and Markets grant.
- Removed cost of copier and reduced office supply costs due to office relocation. (sharing with Department of General Services)
- Computer supplies line increased to cover renewal of 3-yr maintenance contract on plotter.

- Worked with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy to identify conservation opportunities on foreclosed parcels which resulted in preservation of over 400 acres of open space.  
-Worked with a citizens group from the Town of Coeymans to begin development of a Natural Resource inventory.

A8020 Economic Development				2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017	
				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted	
<b>Personnel Services Individual</b>											
A8020	11022	001	550001	Dir Development Conserv Plan	1	1	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	-
A8020	12628	001	550008	Senior Natural Resr Planner	1	1	\$56,322	\$62,220	\$63,465	\$63,465	-
				<i>Personnel Services Individual Subtotal</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$56,322</b>	<b>\$182,220</b>	<b>\$183,465</b>	<b>\$183,465</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Personnel</b>											
<b>Personnel Non-Individual</b>											
A	8020	19950		Longevity Raise			\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
				<b>Subtotal for: Personnel Non-Individual</b>			<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Equipment</b>											
A	8020	22050		Computer Equipment			\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
				<b>Subtotal for: Equipment</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Contractual Expenses</b>											
A	8020	44020		Office Supplies			\$714	\$1,000	\$525	\$525	\$0
A	8020	44021		Computer Supplies			\$2,801	\$3,400	\$4,025	\$4,025	\$0
A	8020	44035		Postage			\$24	\$350	\$100	\$100	\$0
A	8020	44036		Telephone			\$361	\$225	\$250	\$250	\$0
A	8020	44037		Insurance			\$1,563	\$1,641	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
A	8020	44038		Travel Mileage Freight			\$989	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
A	8020	44046		Fees For Services			\$9,243	\$263,300	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
A	8020	44065		Photocopier Lease			\$321	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$0
A	8020	44461		Hudson Mohawk UCPC			\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
A	8020	44465		Farmland Protection Plan			\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
A	8020	44467		Economic Cultural Development			\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
A	8020	44468		Ann Lee Pond Walkway			\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
A	8020	44903		DGS Shared Services Charges			\$31,891	\$31,185	\$31,667	\$31,667	\$0
				<b>Subtotal for: Contractual Expenses</b>			<b>\$47,907</b>	<b>\$328,151</b>	<b>\$307,567</b>	<b>\$307,567</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>											
A	8020	89010		State Retirement			\$10,350	\$36,006	\$11,289	\$11,289	\$0
A	8020	89030		Social Security			\$4,355	\$14,070	\$14,349	\$14,349	\$0
A	8020	89060		Hospital and Medical Insurance			\$12,167	\$27,429	\$28,986	\$28,986	\$0
				<b>Subtotal for: Fringe Benefits</b>			<b>\$26,872</b>	<b>\$77,505</b>	<b>\$54,624</b>	<b>\$54,624</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>							<b>\$132,801</b>	<b>\$591,576</b>	<b>\$547,356</b>	<b>\$547,356</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Revenue</b>											
A8020	02770			Other Unclassified Revenues			(\$1,042)	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)	\$0
A8020	03072			Snowmobile Trails Grant			(\$10,311)	(\$13,300)	\$0	\$0	\$0
A8020	03228			Community Dev. Block Grant			\$0	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>							<b>(\$11,353)</b>	<b>(\$215,300)</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>	<b>(\$2,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>County Share</b>							<b>\$121,448</b>	<b>\$376,276</b>	<b>\$545,356</b>	<b>\$545,356</b>	<b>\$0</b>