

Sustainable Economic Development: Upstate New York

Great Lakes Commission
Upstate New York Roundtable
September 18, 2007

Upstate Agenda

- What is Upstate?
- Improve Upstate economy
- Regional teams in 7 Upstate offices
- Expertise in building partnerships, high tech industry, workforce preparation, community development, infrastructure, tourism
- Regional perspective

Regional Economies

- Responsive to needs of existing business
- Help business expand
- Attract new business
- Evaluate challenges

Regional Communities

- Good jobs/Good communities
- Small and rural places important

Upstate Regional Blueprint Sessions

- Renew New York agenda: opportunity for input
- Condition of upstate economy
- Strengths and needs
- Ideas for new programs
- Key regional priorities
- Regional and statewide growth strategies
- Utica, Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, Buffalo, Potsdam

I Live NY Summit

- Business and community leaders, university representatives, elected officials, leaders of young professional groups, students and the public
- Examine key causes for exodus of young adults
- Expand job opportunities, incentives for small business creation and entrepreneurial growth
- Connect college students with Upstate employers
- Encourage participation in the revitalization of Upstate urban and cultural centers
- Affordable housing
- Strengthen communities through volunteering and civic engagement

Restore NY Communities

- \$100 million municipal grant program
- Demolish, deconstruct, rehabilitate and/or reconstruct vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties
- Revitalize urban centers, induce commercial investment and improve housing stock
- Encourage economic development and neighborhood growth
- Applications due September 28th

New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Act

- Implement Ecosystem-Based Management
- Conserve, maintain and restore coastal ecosystems so that they are healthy, productive and resilient and able to deliver the resources people want and need
- Define executive and legislative actions necessary to integrate ecosystem-based management with existing programs needed to advance the coastal ecosystem principles
- Develop a business plan to evaluate the potential of a proposed landfill gas to energy project in Upstate

Adirondack Smart Growth Grants

- Economic prosperity and environmental sustainability go hand in hand
- \$1 million to promote Smart Growth planning
- Counties, towns, villages and not for profits
- Address issues such as workforce housing, aging infrastructure, water quality, economic development, open space protection and village/hamlet revitalization

Brownfields

- Brownfield Cleanup Program
- Brownfield Opportunity Area Program
- Environmental Restoration Program

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