

Economic Growth & Development Committee
Planning & Community Development Agenda
February 21, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisors **Etu**, Strough, Bean, Maday, Turner, Dickinson and Wild - *Chair of the Board shall serve as an Ex-Officio member when needed in accordance with the Section C(4) of the Rules of the Board*

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
None
- IV. Discussion Items:
 1. Presentation of Annual Report
 2. Discussion of funding opportunity through Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst Program
 3. "2023 Accomplishments" Presentation by Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board
- V. Referrals/Pending Items:
None
- VI. Privilege of the floor and public comment (please allow for 15 second delay on live stream meetings)
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Warren County Department of

Planning and Community Development

Key Facts and Figures for 2023

Warren County Comprehensive Plan

Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan

Trail Connectivity Study

3

plans and reports underway

2

major projects completed

Housing Needs Analysis
Countryside Improvements

\$1.43 million

in project money expended

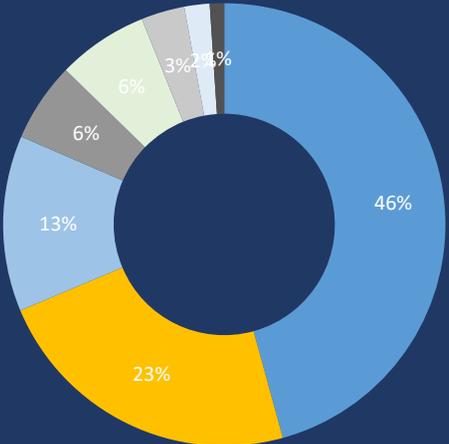
\$200 thousand

in grant money received

RESTORE Emergency Repairs for Elderly Homeowners

1

grant award received



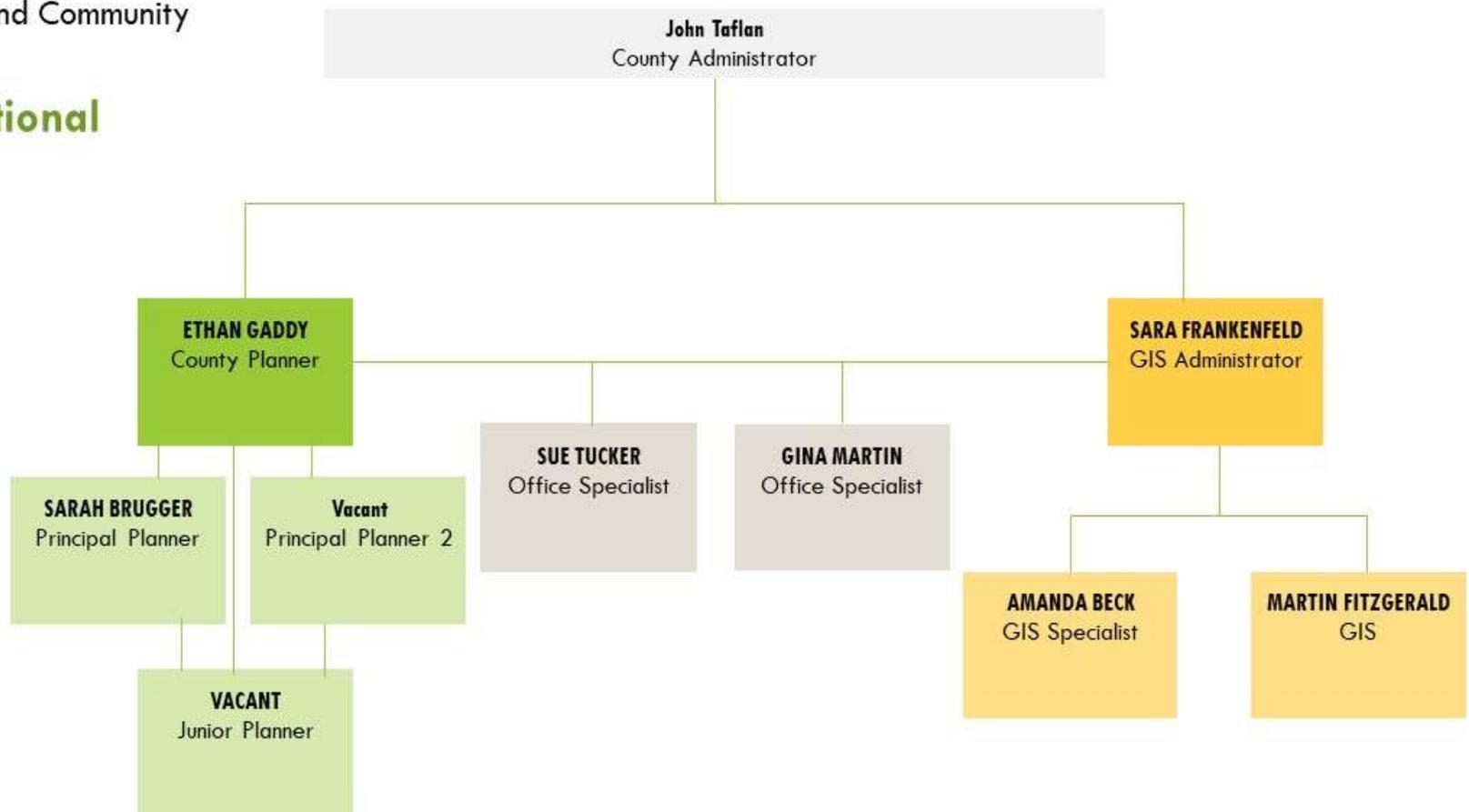
Staff Time Distribution

- General Planning –46%
- GIS –23%
- ARPA –13%
- Comp/ORE Rec Plan –6%
- LWRP Lakes –6%
- 239 –3%
- Shared Services - 2%
- E-911- 1%

Organization and Staff

Warren County Department
of Planning and Community
Development

Organizational Chart



Planning and Community Development Programs



WARREN COUNTY
2040
Planning for the future

**Warren County
Comprehensive Plan**

Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan

It is anticipated that the final capital project package and final report be completed by summer 2024.

Trail Connectivity Study

The final report is planned to be complete by late 2024.

A Housing Needs Study and Market Analysis

Engaged in spring 2023 and final draft of the study was received in October 2023 and was adopted in November of 2023.

Geographic Information Systems

Major GIS Projects

- ❑ Chester Challenge Website
- ❑ Warren County 250th Website/Brochure
- ❑ Demographic Data Compilation and Analysis
- ❑ Update of Maps and App for Board of Elections
- ❑ Support for Glens Falls Public Works



91 e-911
addresses
issued



523,500
2023 views on
Warren County
GIS 10 most
popular products

Looking Forward

- ❑ Warren County Comprehensive Plan
 - ❑ Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan
 - ❑ Warren County Housing Strategy
 - ❑ Bikeway Connectivity Study
 - ❑ RESTORE
- ❑ Tax Map Conversion
 - ❑ Development of new Community Map
 - ❑ Letterbox the Bikeway
 - ❑ Hamlet Buildout Analyses
 - ❑ Support for Local Planning

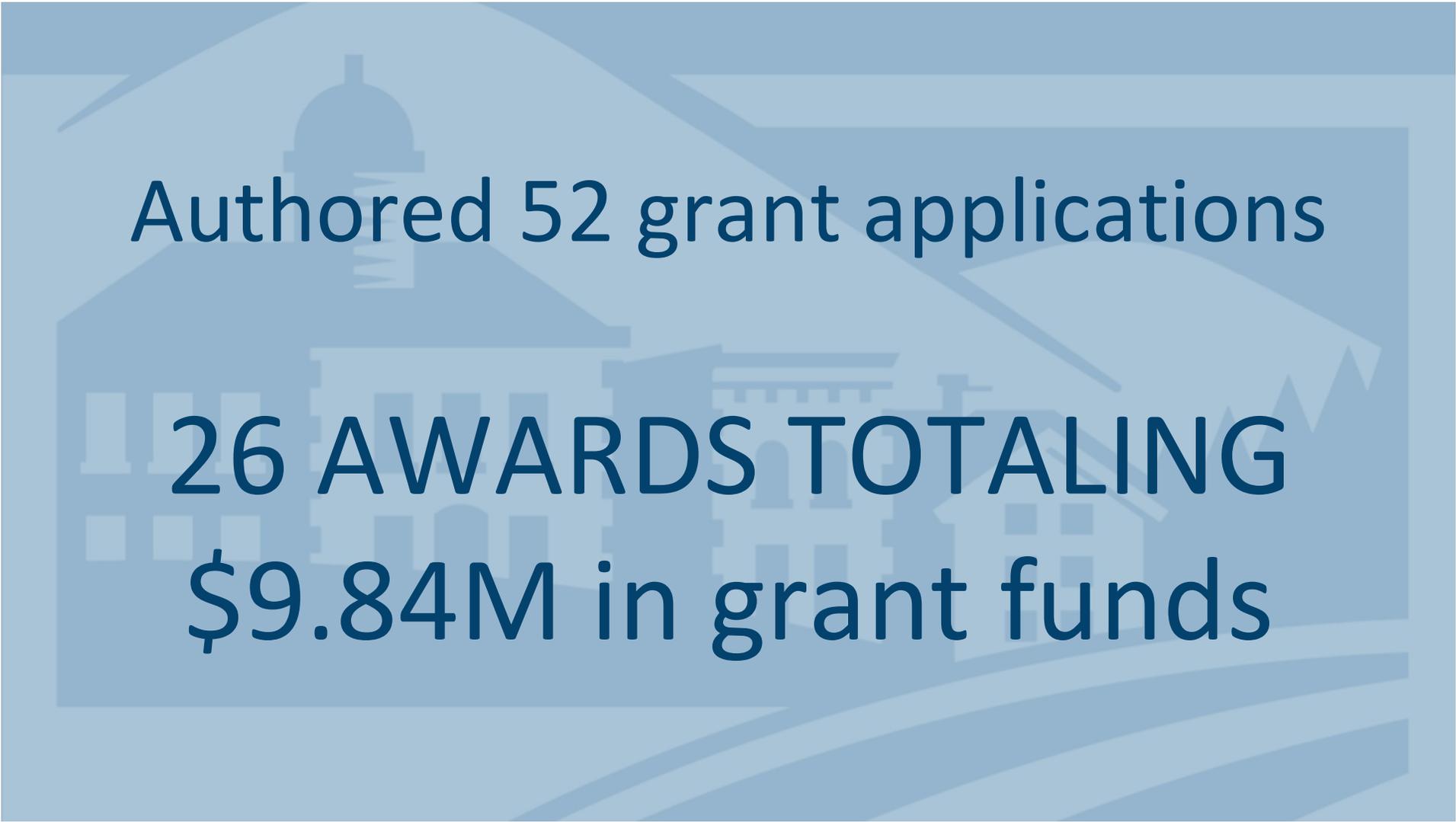
2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Authored 52 grant applications

26 AWARDS TOTALING
\$9.84M in grant funds



For every \$1 contributed by the
five counties,
the LCLGRP has brought \$224
into the region

Community	Program	Amount	Community	Program	Amount
Argyle, Town	NYS DOS Comp Plan	\$76,500	LCLGRP	USDA RBDG	\$99,000
Chester, Town	NYS DOS Comp Plan	\$72,000	LCLGRP	Adirondack Foundation	\$10,000
Clinton County	NYS DEC	\$50,000	LCLGRP	Lake Champlain Basin Program	\$108,094
Clinton County	NYS DOS BOA	\$180,000	Lake George, Village	NYS DEC	\$50,000
Clinton County	NYS DOS Climate Resiliency	\$202,500	Lake George, Village	Lake Champlain Basin Program	\$75,000
Granville, Village	NYS HCR Main Streets	\$20,000	Lake Pleasant, Town	AARCH	\$75,000
Hamilton County	NYS DEC	\$50,000	Long Lake, Town	Adirondack Foundation	\$10,000
Hamilton County	CDS	\$1,500,000	Salem, Town	NYS DOS Comp Plan	\$72,000
Horicon, Town	NYS DOS LWRP	\$56,250	Warren Washington IDA	NYS ESD FASTNY	\$4,739,000
Horicon, Town	AARCH	\$56,000	Warrensburg, Town	USDA RD Pre-Development	\$30,000
LCLGRP	NYS ESD CAO	\$75,000	Washington County	NYS DOS Climate Resiliency	\$180,000
LCLGRP	National Grid	\$30,000	Washington County	Lake Champlain Basin Program	\$100,000
LCLGRP	Northern Border Regional Comm.	\$500,000	Washington County Sewer District #2	NYS EFC WIIA	\$1,420,419

Workforce Housing



- Released *Building Balanced Communities for the North Country* (April 2023)
 - *Adirondack Association of Towns of Villages*
 - *Adirondack Park Agency Planning Forum*
 - *Common Ground Alliance*
 - *Adirondack Explorer's Taking Stock of Housing Forum*
 - *Northern Border Regional Commission Annual Meeting*
 - *Senator Stewart-Cousins' & Governor's staff*
- Implementation of Strategies
 - Strategy 1C: Grow Sustainable Funding for Existing Housing Organizations
 - Strategies 2A-C: Re-Align Workforce Housing Zoning
 - Strategy 4C: APA Pre-Development Approval Program
 - Strategy 7A: Secured \$500,000 Workforce Housing Revolving Loan Fund
- North Country REDC Plan "Next Move NY" Housing Technical Assistance Program
- Received National Alice Wohlbruck Impact Award



Broadband



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- **Completed first Federal FCC Broadband Challenge (January 2023)**
 - Submitted 8,318 challenges regionally; 8,256 were upheld
 - Work with five providers on the federal challenge evidence
 - Our work, combined with the other Regional Planning Board's across the state, helped NYS receive millions more in federal BEAD funding than originally proposed.
- **Northern Border Regional Commission: \$220,000; additional \$220,000 in 2024**
 - Presented at North Country Digital Equity outreach session
 - Purchased commercial Cost Quest data
 - Obtained consulting services for broadband planning
- **Regional Broadband Deployment Plan underway (December 2023)**
 - Refine unserved/underserved BSL map; identify BEAD grant areas; provide deployment cost estimates
- **NYS ESD: \$75,000 for New York State Challenge (December 2023)**

Community Development/Water Quality



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- \$4.7M NYS ESD FASTNY award for WWIDA
- Lake George DRI
- USDOT Safe Streets for All
- City of Glens Falls USDOT Thriving Communities Program
- Johnsbury Comprehensive Plan
- Horicon Comprehensive Plan
- North Creek Sewer project
- Completed Lake George Watershed Action Plan
- Completed Lake Champlain Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Calculations
- Updating 2018 Lake Champlain Watershed Plan
- Warren County DPW Culvert Assessment grant
- Town of Bolton DWSP2
- NYS DEC Open Space Plan Committee for Region 5

Small Business Technical Assistance Program



- Seven businesses currently enrolled in the program
 - 3 in Warren County
 - 3 in Essex County
 - 1 in Hamilton County
- Partnered with the Small Business Administration and held three Small Business Hours events throughout the region (Johnsburg, Glens Falls, Ticonderoga)



Small Business Loan Fund



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- Loans Approved: 4
- Capital Loaned: \$321,000
- Loans Denied: 0
- Loans Modified: 2
- Loans Defaulted: 3
- Principal Defaulted: \$210,266
- Loans Written Off: 1
- Capital Written Off: \$141,542
- Loans Matured: 1
- Matured Loan Capital: \$105,000
- Loans Paid Off: 1
- Paid-Off Principal: \$150,000
- Loans in Portfolio beginning 2024: 49 totaling \$5.27M in loaned capital



State and Federal Outreach



2024 ADIRONDACK ECONOMIC AGENDA



- Housing (LCLGRP)
- Broadband/Cellular (AATV)
- Tourism Development (ROOST)
- Economic & Business Development (AEDC)
- Constitutional Amendments (AATV)



FORWARD *together*



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