

Economic Growth & Development Committee  
Planning & Community Development Agenda  
February 24, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisors **Wild**, Crocitto, Bruno, Patchett, Diamond, Beaty and Niles - *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:
  1. Request: *Authorize Grant Agreement with Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) for Warren County Fish Hatchery Improvements*  
Rationale: *Warren County received funding via NBRC Catalyst Program to improve fish rearing ponds. Total project cost is \$289,600. \$231,680 being provided by NBRC (80% share), and \$57,920.00 being provided by Warren County (20%) in the form of in-kind services (\$25,000) and cash (\$32,920).*
  2. Request: *Authorize Submission of Application and Acceptance of Funding from the New York State Archives for Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)*  
Rationale: *Warren County Planning & Community Development seeks authorization to apply for and, if awarded, accept up to \$150,000 through the New York State Archives' Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) to support digitization and improved access to municipal planning and zoning records. No local share is required.*
  3. Request: *Authorize Submission of Application to the NYS Empire State Development County Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP)*  
Rationale: *Warren County may submit one project to the NYS Empire State Development County Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP) to support infrastructure investments aligned with housing and economic development priorities.*
- IV. Discussion Items:
  1. Annual Report
  2. Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board Update
- 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

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Attachments

1. Resolution Request: Authorize Grant Agreements with NBRC
2. Resolution Request: Authorize Grant Application and Agreement LGRMIF
3. Resolution Request: Authorize Grant Application ESD CIGP
4. Warren County Planning and GIS Annual Report
5. Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board Presentation

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 5***

## ***Request to Apply for a Grant Application and Grant Agreement***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Planning**

**DATE: 2.24.2026**

- (a) Purpose of Grant:  
**To support capital improvements to fish rearing ponds at the Warren County Fish Hatchery under the NBRC Catalyst Program.**
- (b) Name of Grantor:  
**Northern Borders Regional Commission (NBRC)**
- (c) Address of Contractor: **Northern Borders Regional Commission James Cleveland Federal Building, Suite 150153 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301**
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number:  
**Ace Arroyo Data Reporting Specialist 603-369-3001**
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? **Provided to Attorney's Office**
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: **Winter 2026**
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: **NA**
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): **\$289,600**
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement:  
**NA**
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? **TBD** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
- (k) Are the funds to go into a Capital Project or Capital Reserve Project? **TBD** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 8 or Form No. 9, as applicable.
- (i) Is a Local Share Required? **Yes** If Yes, Where are the Funds? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number and Title and Amount:

**TBD**

**Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract \$xx.xx  
Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations \$xx.xx**

\*as listed in budget and LOGOS

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- (b) Name of Grantor:  
**NYS Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund**
- (c) Address of Contractor: **New York State Education Department  
Office of Cultural Education  
New York State Archives  
Cultural Education Center Albany, NY 12230**
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number:  
**Grants Administration Unit 518-474-6926 archgrants@nysed.gov**
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? **NA**
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: **Anticipated July 2026**
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: **TBD**
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): **Up to \$150,000**
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement:  
**April 1, 2026**
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? **NA** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
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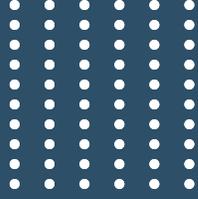
**DATE: 2.24.2026**

- (a) Purpose of Grant:  
**To apply for funding under the County Infrastructure Grant Program to support a county-sponsored infrastructure project advancing economic development, placemaking, tourism, and/or housing-supportive improvements.**
- (b) Name of Grantor:  
**Empire State Development (ESD)**
- (c) Address of Contractor: **Empire State Development  
655 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017**
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number:  
**Stephanie Kedzior d. (518) 292-5319**
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? **To be submitted online**
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: **Spring 2026**
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: **Fall 2028**
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): **Not to exceed \$1,000,000**
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement:  
**April 1 2026**
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? **NA** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
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2025

# ANNUAL REPORT



**WARREN  
COUNTY**

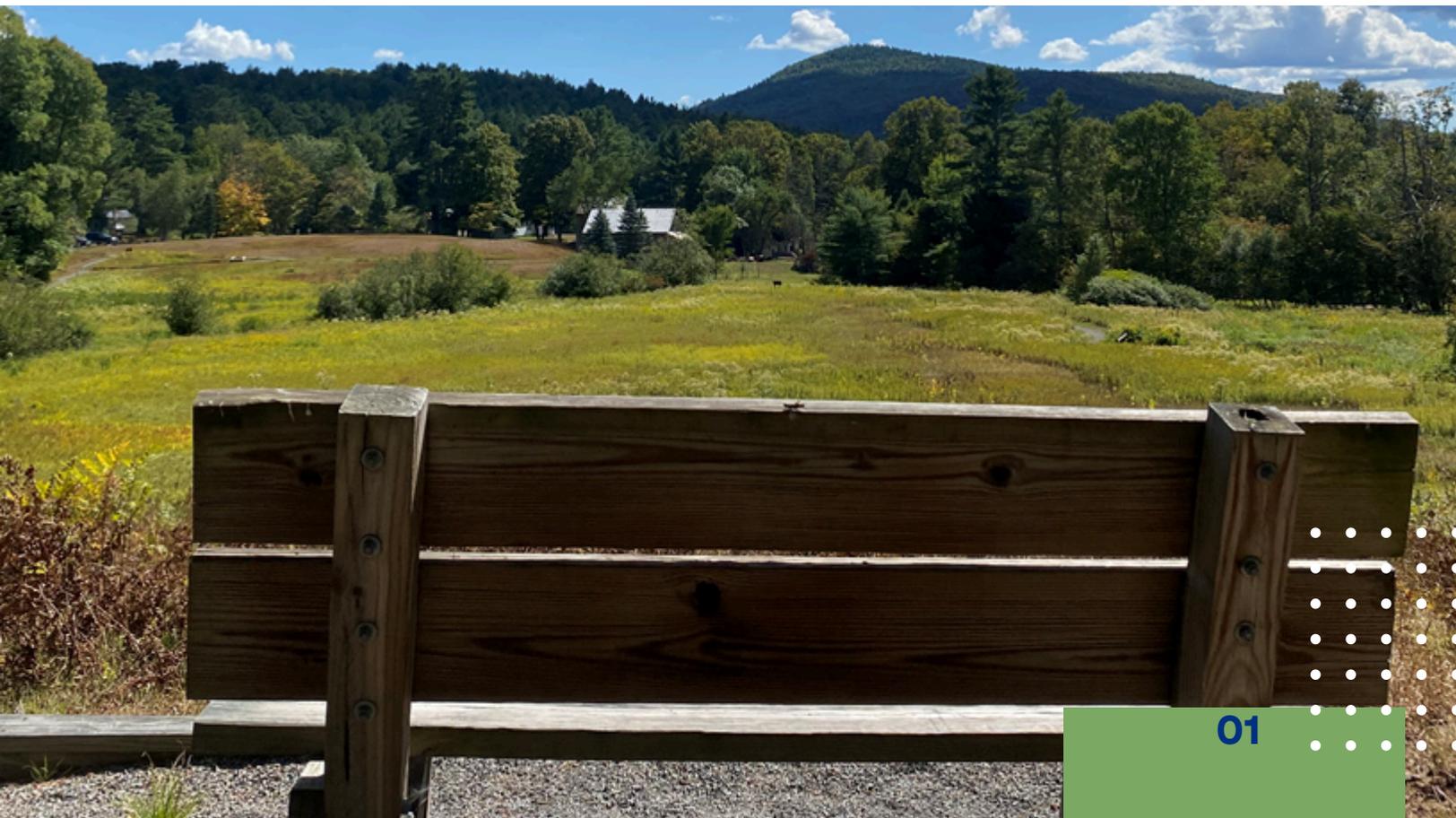


**PLANNING  
AND  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**



# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Warren County Planning Department is to analyze, prioritize and plan for the balanced and sustainable use of the County's natural resources and built environment to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations while respecting our past.



# DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

In 2025 the Department of Planning and Community Development focused efforts on plan implementation. With the Housing Strategy, Warren County Comprehensive Plan, Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan, and Multi-Use Trail Study in hand, the department sought and received substantial federal and state support for project implementation.

Our plans played a crucial role in positioning up to receive the largest amount of grant funding we have ever received in the history of the department. If there is one message we would like to convey it is that investing time and resources in planning has lasting financial impact.

Our staff has continued to gain experience and develop new skills to better serve Warren County and our communities. After a considerable turnover in senior staff in 2022-2023, our new team has rebuilt our department into an effective, modern planning department. We expect our skillsets and experience to grow as we tackle new projects, partnerships, and trainings.

**Ethan Gaddy, AICP**  
County Planner

We also continued to build partnerships with county departments, municipalities, and community organizations to amplify the impact of our collective efforts. The shared goals of Warren County 2040 has been key to these partnerships.

As we enter into 2026 we expect there to be new challenges from the state and federal levels, increasing local and county level budget pressures, and ongoing demographic challenges associated with a population that is aging out of the workforce. Our department's goal is to continue to be a resource to all levels of local and county government as we face difficult choices.

Despite challenges, we feel that Warren County is well positioned to continue to be a vibrant community that welcomes residents and visitors with a high quality of life, a stunning natural environment, and prosperous downtowns and main streets.

**Sara Frankenfeld**  
GIS Administrator

# OUR TEAM

The Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development provides general planning services, community development assistance, and geographic information system support for the County. The County Planner and GIS Administrator serve as co-department heads of the Planning and Community Development Department.

**Ethan Gaddy, AICP**  
County Planner

**Sara Frankenfeld**  
GIS Administrator

**Sarah Brugger, AICP**  
Principal Planner

**Gina Martin**  
Fiscal Coordinator

**Amanda Baker**  
GIS Specialist

**David Nelson, AICP**  
Principal Planner

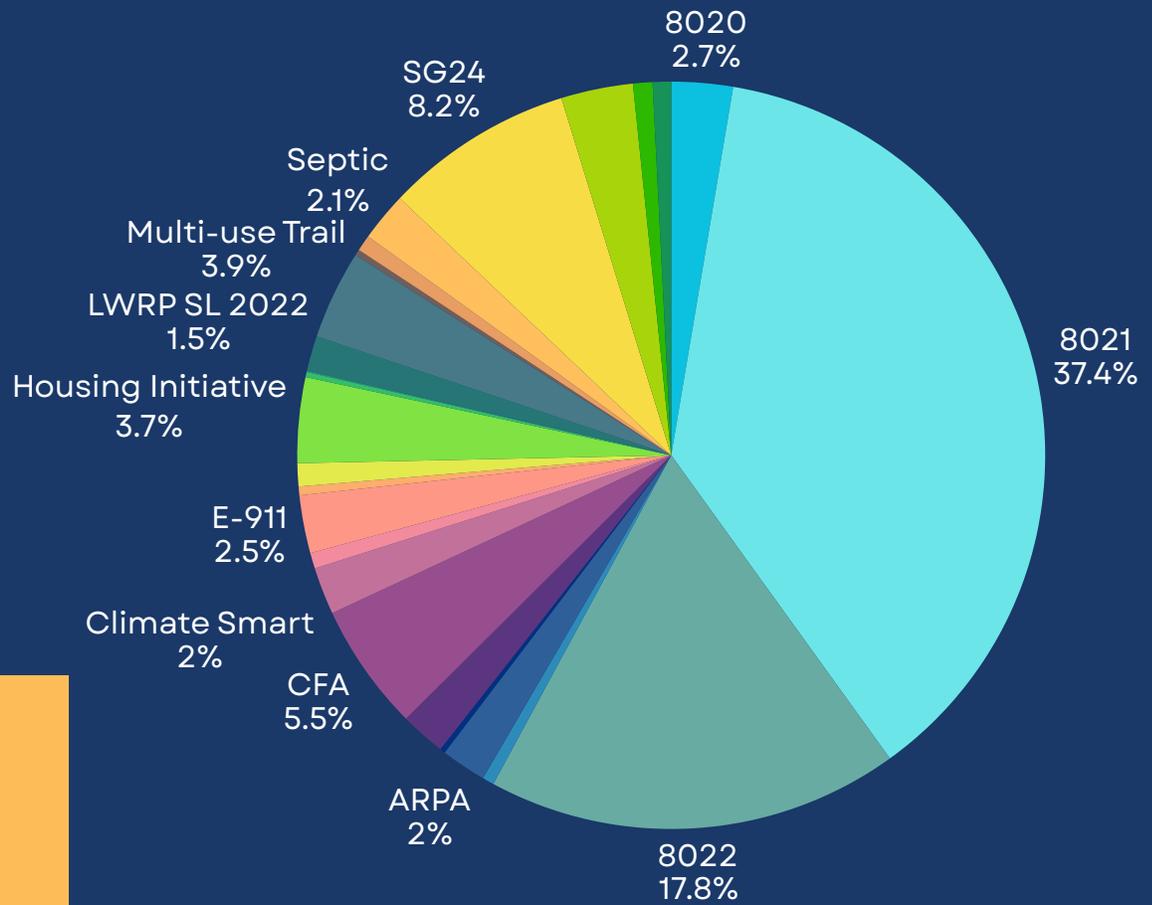
**Sara Castler**  
Office Specialist

**Ron Dixon**  
GIS Specialist

**Matthew Smith**  
Junior Planner



# ANNUAL BREAKDOWN



## 2025 Staff Time Distribution

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>37%</b> 8021: General Planning - 4277 hrs | <b>2%</b> ARPA - 225 hrs              |
| <b>18%</b> 8022: GIS - 2039 hrs              | <b>2%</b> CDBG Septic - 224 hrs       |
| <b>8%</b> Thriving Hamlets (SG)- 936 hrs     | <b>2%</b> Climate Smart - 234 hrs     |
| <b>6%</b> CFA - 631 hrs                      | <b>2%</b> LWRP SL 2022 - 172 hrs      |
| <b>4%</b> Housing Initiative - 423 hrs       | <b>2%</b> Septic - 242 hrs            |
| <b>4%</b> Multi-Use Trail Study - 441 hrs    | <b>1%</b> Horicon Comp Plan - 114 hrs |
| <b>3%</b> 8020: GML 239 Reviews - 303 hrs    | <b>1%</b> Water Quality - 96 hrs      |
| <b>3%</b> E911 - 287 hrs                     | <b>1%</b> WC Brownfield - 91 hrs      |
| <b>3%</b> Technical Assistance/P&Z - 356 hrs |                                       |

# 2025 BREAKDOWN

**\$3,073,914**  
grant funds awarded

A historic amount for the department!



EFC County Infrastructure - **\$975,000**

NYS DOS LGE - **\$422,668**

NYS DOS - **\$535,401**

NBRC - **\$231,680**

DEC CSC - **\$74,927**

DOS LWRP - **\$262,500**

DOS LWRP - **\$221,958**

ESD SPFS - **\$50,000**

OPRHP RTP - **\$299,780**

**21** grant application submissions

**9** grant applications awarded

grant award status pending **7**

**NBRC**- Multi-Use Trail Study

**LWRP**- Invasives/Schroon Lake

**RESTORE**- Emergency Home Repairs

**Smart Growth**- Thriving Hamlets

**ARPA**- Fish Hatchery

**NYS DEC**- Septic Replacement

**ESD**- Outdoor Rec Economy Plan

**\$490,177**  
grant funds disbursed\*

\*Non-Planning related ARPA fund disbursements not included.





# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

## Empire State Development County Infrastructure **North Creek Sewer District- \$975,000**

This funding supports a portion of the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and sewer collection system for downtown North Creek. This new sewer district will unlock the economic development potential of Gore Mountain, which is undergoing an approximately \$40 million upgrade, allowing for new home construction and the expansion of the Main Street business district.

## New York State Department Of State Local Government Efficiency **Countywide Solid Waste and Recycling- \$422,668**

Funding for a new driver and waste hauling vehicle to support Countywide waste hauling system.

## New York State Department Of State Environmental Bond Act **Schroon River Access Site Improvements- \$535,401**

Improvements to the Schroon River Access sites include stormwater control measures, defining circulation and parking areas, removal of invasive species, and the installation of durable, low-maintenance amenities.

## Northern Borders Regional Commission **Warren County Fish Hatchery- \$231,680**

The project will improve the fish rearing ponds and visitor center at the county-operated fish hatchery, a key asset in the region's outdoor recreation and tourism economy. The project includes reconstructing aging infrastructure, expanding educational facilities, and enhancing accessibility.

## Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities **Climate Resilient Rural Stormwater Management - \$74,927**

This project will assess municipally owned culverts not yet inventoried, focusing on infrastructure critical to stormwater management and climate resilience.





# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

## Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program **Mill Creek Recreational Area Trails Project- \$262,500**

This project will include the final design and construction of Phase 1 of the Mill Creek Recreational Area, located on the state-designated recreational Hudson River in the Town of Johnsburg.

## Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program **Gore Mtn to Downtown North Creek Connection Phase 2- \$221,958**

The “Mountain to River Downtown Connection Initiative – Phase 2” will advance planning, design, and permitting for a safe, seamless, and attractive multi-modal transportation network linking Gore Mountain’s Ski Bowl Park, Main Street, and the Hudson River waterfront in the hamlet of North Creek, Town of Johnsburg.

## Empire State Development Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study **Hudson River Recreational Rail Corridor Future Use Study- \$50,000**

This study will untangle the regulatory, economic, ownership, and physical issues associated with the rail corridor with the objective of leveraging it as an economic engine. The result will be a presentation of 4 future land use scenarios evaluated through the lens of economic impact, long term costs, and community benefit.

## OPRHP Recreational Trails Program **Multiuse Trail Wayfinding and Trailhead Improvements - \$299,780**

This project will implement the wayfinding and informational signage design package. Final design will develop specifications, identifying exact placement. The construction phase will install 6 different sign types at 18 nodes along the trail (39 signs total). The project will also involve the removal of 77 existing conflicting signs.





# COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY

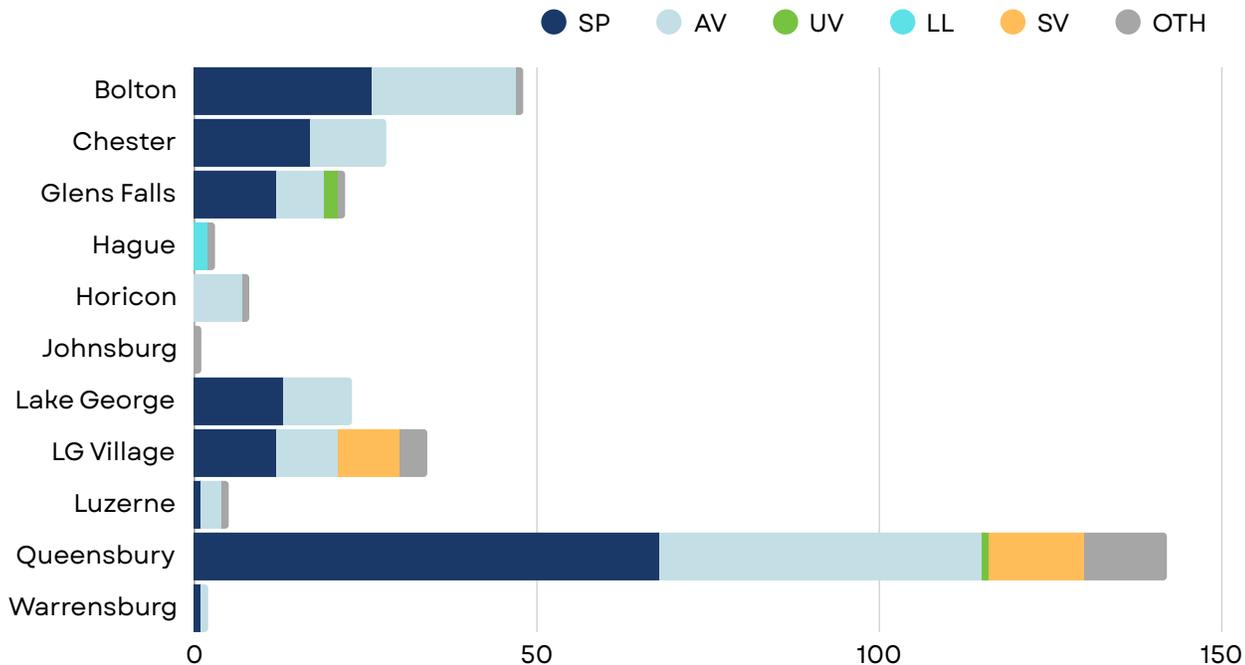
Local law number 3 of 2012 authorized the Planning Department to fulfill the County's obligations pursuant to GML 239 l and m. This report fulfills the Agency's responsibility in accordance with Section 239d paragraph 6 of the General Municipal Law to provide an annual report to the County Board of Supervisors. The County Planning Board function continues to be staffed by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Site Plans **150**

**116** Area Variances

Total Projects Reviewed **316**

2025	SP	AV	UV	LL	SV	OTH	Total
Bolton	26	21	0	1	0	1	48
Chester	17	11	0	0	0	0	28
Glens Falls	12	7	2	1	0	1	22
Hague	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Horicon	0	7	0	0	0	1	8
Johnsburg	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lake George	13	10	1	0	0	0	23
LG Village	12	9	0	0	9	4	34
L Luzerne	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
Queensbury	68	47	1	1	14	12	142
Warrensburg	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>316</b>





# IMPLEMENTING WARREN COUNTY 2040

- Represents a major investment in long-range planning
- Establishes shared County goals and priorities
- Guides project selection, funding decisions, and coordination
- Marks a shift from corridor-based planning efforts to a whole-County approach

Warren County 2040 was utilized throughout the year to guide grant application project selection and to provide the necessary documented County support. This increases our likelihood of project funds being awarded.



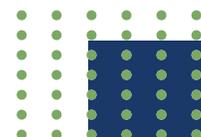
# IMPLEMENTING THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY STRATEGIC PLAN

The plan, finalized in 2025, provides a county-wide perspective on outdoor recreation priorities for county government and its many municipal, business, and nonprofit partners and identifies ways to amplify the economic impact of outdoor recreation.

In 2025, planning staff worked on implementation **with awarded grant funding for five key projects and initiatives** to advance the outdoor economy outlined in the plan.

- Hudson River Recreational Corridor**
- Gurney Lane-Area Trail System
- North Creek Hamlet Connectivity**
- Schroon River Recreation Corridor**
- Warren County Multi-Use Trail Improvements**
- Warren County Fish Hatchery Improvements**

The plan was heavily relied on for all grant applications submitted to show existing support and alignment with County priorities.



# IMPLEMENTING THE TRAIL CONNECTIVITY STUDY



In 2022, the Warren County Planning Department won a competitive State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission. The award of \$160,000 was for a modernization and connectivity study of the trails and downtowns that connect Lake George to the Empire State Trail. This project was launched in 2023 with Barton and Loguidice assisting with plan development and was completed in 2025.

The plan directly contributed to receiving a \$299,780 award from the OPRHP Recreational Trails Program for the Multiuse Trail Wayfinding and Trailhead Improvements along the Warren County Bikeway. Warren County will continue to use the findings from this plan to pursue additional funding opportunities to improve the Bikeway's connectivity.



# PROTECTING OUR LAKES

Since 2017, the Warren County Planning Department has submitted funding applications and overseen the implementation of critical water quality projects across all watersheds as well as assisted with water protection initiatives throughout the County.

## Septic Initiatives and Program Expansion

In 2025, the NYSDEC Septic System Replacement Fund did not issue any awards. Warren County Planning will continue to administer the Septic System Replacement Program and continue to request additional funding to further improve water quality conditions throughout the County.

**107**

CD3 cleaning system tool usage county in 2025



**16**

septic systems funded in 2025



Photo Credit: Nate Etu

## Warren County Water Quality Strategy Committee

Sarah Brugger is co-chair of the Committee as well as the County representative on the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York (CWICNY) board. County staff participates as an opportunity to interface with other groups that are involved with understanding and promoting water quality protection.

## Pilot Program for Schroon Lake

In June of 2025, Warren County placed a portable CD3 waterless cleaning system at the Schroon Lake boat launch. The unit allows for boaters to utilize an unmanned station to clean their boats and hopefully play a role in reducing the spread of aquatic invasive species. The program will continue in 2026.

# HOUSING STRATEGY

## 2025 KEY PRIORITY ACTIONS

- ✓ Warren County Housing Alliance
- ✓ Technical Assistance
- ✓ Education and Communication



Warren County Planning executed grant funded initiatives and used the Housing Strategy as the basis of a wide range of housing supportive activities.

The Warren County Housing Task Force provided a venue for municipalities, community organizations, residents, and county officials to strategize and learn from one another about housing issues in Warren County. These meetings facilitated new connections between organizations and have helped guide the work of the Planning Department. Notably, the discussion on creating a Land Bank resulted in the identification of a model that Warren County could pursue locally. Forming a Warren County Land Bank would provide Warren County with the ability to obtain and sell land to developers and organizations whose plans align with housing needs identified in the 2023 Warren County Housing Study.

Recognizing that the housing issues we face locally didn't emerge overnight has made the Planning Department focus on the long-term variables that we can best influence and support. Generally, this means pursuing infrastructure investments that allow development to occur, including sewer, water, and transportation.



# HOUSING STRATEGY 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- Hamlet evaluation for infill and infrastructure expansion through Thriving Hamlets
- Initiated the Warren County Opportunity Area Inventory (OAI) to identify brownfield, vacant, or deteriorated sites
- Provided Short-Term Rental Regulation Technical Assistance for the City of Glens Falls and the Town of Horicon
- Administered existing programs/awarded funds for home repairs and septic system replacements, including \$400,000 in CDBG funding awarded in 2024
- Further developed and maintained a clearinghouse for housing data
- Applied for and was awarded \$975,000 in grant funding to further support the North Creek Sewer District construction



- Opened funding opportunities by assisting communities with obtaining and maintaining New York State's Pro-Housing certification for the Village of Lake George and the Towns of Horicon, Hague, Lake George, Chester, and Johnsbury
- Assisted and supported an awarded Pro-Housing Application in the Town of Lake George to support additional housing opportunities
- Applied for a Pro-Housing Technical Assistance Grant application in partnership with the Towns of Hague, Horicon, Chester, and Bolton (pending)

# THRIVING HAMLETS



In 2024, Warren County Planning was awarded \$105,288 in grant funding from DEC Smart Growth. This will be an ongoing effort through 2026.

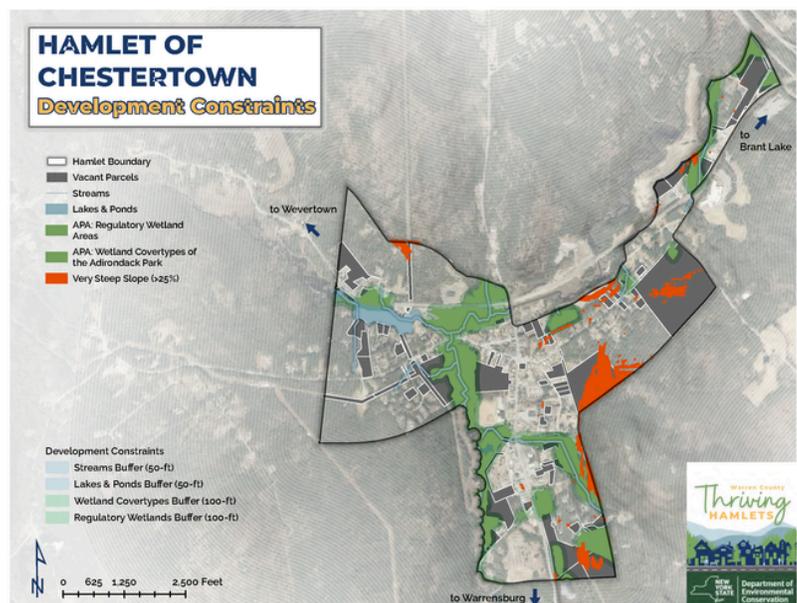
### Warren County Hamlets:

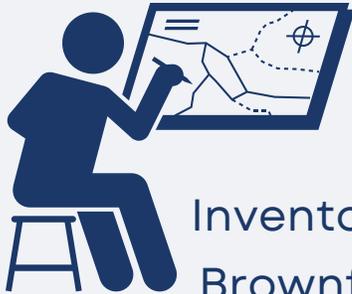
- Adirondack
- Bakers Mills
- Bolton
- Bolton Landing
- Brant Lake
- Chestertown
- Diamond Point
- Hague
- Johnsburg
- Lake George
- Lake George Village
- Lake Luzerne
- North Creek
- Pottersville
- Riparius
- Silver Bay
- Stony Creek
- Warrensburg
- West Mountain
- Wevertown

### What is Thriving Hamlets?

The Thriving Hamlets initiative is a comprehensive buildout analysis of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA)-designated hamlets in Warren County. This in-depth review utilizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to assess buildable land, infrastructure, zoning regulations, and environmental constraints within each hamlet.

Warren County Planning and GIS completed the Existing Conditions Report and Development Constraints for all 20 hamlets. 2026 will be focused on the six (6) hamlets selected for the zoning and infrastructure analysis.





Inventory of  
Brownfield,  
Vacant, or  
Deteriorated Sites

**In 2024, Warren County Planning was awarded \$100,112 in grant funding from NYSDOS Brownfield Opportunity Program. This will be an ongoing project through 2027.**

For updates view our website!



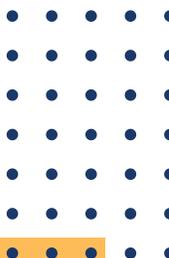
# Warren County Opportunity Area Inventory (OAI)

## WC OAI Program Summary

Warren County is taking a proactive approach to identify underutilized sites that may hold future potential for community benefit. The OAI will help local leaders, municipal staff, and planning partners better understand where there may be clusters of vacant buildings, former industrial or commercial properties, and publicly owned land that could support long-term community goals.

This initiative is funded by the NYSDOS Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program. While the BOA program includes the term “brownfield,” Warren County’s approach is broader, encompassing a range of sites.

In 2025, Warren County initiated the inventory of brownfield, vacant, and underutilized and/or deteriorated sites throughout the County. The initial inventory is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2026.



# WE COLLABORATE AND PARTNER

## We Partner

Working with local organizations towards common objectives is the backbone of the Department of Planning’s philosophy of collaboration. In addition to supporting the towns in various planning and community development initiatives, the department worked closely with numerous agencies and departments in 2025, including the Sheriff’s Department, the Public Affairs director, the County Administrator’s office, the Office of Emergency Services, the Office of Aging, the Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Real Property, Tourism, Board of Elections, Treasurers Office, County Historian, the Regional Planning Board, A/GFTC, the Lake George Park Commission, and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Warren County Planning Group Meetings and Trainings

Warren County continued regular County-wide planning and zoning meetings and trainings. These are intended for planning and zoning practitioners and board members throughout the County to provide an opportunity for conversation, collaboration, and continuing educational opportunities.

Four meetings and three trainings were conducted in 2025. Into 2026, Warren County plans to continue and expand these opportunities.

### Meetings

- Recordkeeping
- Development Review Processes
- Making Zoning Updates Over Time
- 239m County Referral

### Trainings

- January - DOS Trainings
- April - Best Practices for Streams and Shorelines
- December - APA Training



# CLIMATE TASK FORCE

## Climate Smart Task Force

The Warren County Climate Smart Task Force was established in 2019 to assist with development of strategies and actions to take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community infrastructure and systems in an effort to become more resilient to the impacts of global climate change. The committee met quarterly in 2025.



## Certified Bronze CSC

Warren County is a certified bronze Climate Smart Community and was re-certified as a Bronze Level Community in 2025.

Warren County Planning is available to provide technical assistance to any municipalities within the County seeking to obtain or re-certify CSC certifications.

## Climate Smart Community Coordinator

The Warren County CSC Coordinator supported and developed the grant application for an assessment of municipally owned culverts through the NYSDEC Climate Smart Communities Grant Program. The grant was successful with \$74,927 awarded.



# REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Department continued its productive working relationship with the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board during 2025, providing and receiving assistance with numerous projects. The LCLGRPБ reimburses department staff for time spent on GIS projects.



## Technical Assistance and Map Requests

GIS staff assisted the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board with a variety of projects in 2025. Projects included creating a map of housing initiatives in the North Country, assisting with analyzing data for Broadband deployment and fulfilling map requests for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Drinking Water Source Protection Program.



## Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan

The LCLGRPБ selected Warren County Planning to serve as a consultant for technical assistance on the Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan. Warren County Planning provided planning technical support and produced mapping/graphics for the Comprehensive Plan.

# GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS



**587** E-911  
ADDRESSES  
ASSIGNED/  
MODIFIED

Warren County GIS is comprised of two full-time and one part-time staff, responsible for maintaining the County’s GIS data sets and online GIS presence, including the Community Map, Imagemate Online, the Recreation Mapper and several other widely used applications. In addition, GIS staff has responsibility for assigning e-911 addresses and updating and maintaining the address point, road centerline, and district boundary data used in the County’s e-911 Call Center, as well as in other applications. GIS staff also collate and provide demographic data on request in support of numerous projects and agencies.



**523,568**

2025 views on  
Warren County GIS  
10 most popular  
products

Routine GIS maintenance of basemap data and applications accounts for approximately a quarter to a third of staff GIS time, with the remaining time spent in support of Planning Department projects and projects for other departments and agencies. Over the course of 2025, Warren County GIS provided assistance to the Airport, Board of Elections, Buildings and Codes, DPW, Office of Emergency Services, Parks and Rec, Real Property, and the County Historian, as well as all of the County’s municipalities, Adirondack Cycling Advocates, and Warren County Soil and Water. In addition, Warren County GIS has contracts to provide technical support and mapping assistance to the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, the Lake George Park Commission, and the Lake George Land Conservancy.





# MAJOR GIS PROJECTS

## Housing Pipeline

Worked with Junior Planner to create an online dashboard for in-progress multi-family residential housing projects. The dashboard is being updated monthly by planning staff and serves as a centralized location for viewing upcoming housing projects throughout the county from the initial planning stages through completion.

## Transition from Imagemate Online to Beacon

The County has used Imagemate Online software for many years to provide online access to real property records. The software company was recently purchased by a competitor, which required the County to transition to a new cloud-based software, Beacon. County GIS staff worked with the new vendor and Real Property staff to complete the transition.

## Glens Falls Technical Assistance

Glens Falls hired an entry-level GIS Technician in February 2025. County GIS staff have provided extensive support with training and management of the new staff, along with assistance in managing the re-establishment of the city's GIS. The new GIS Technician and the collaborative working relationship with the City have been mutually beneficial for both County and City GIS staff. Less hands-on time from County staff is required as the City continues to rebuild its capabilities.

## GIS Trainings and User Groups

GIS staff collaborated with the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to re-establish regular GIS user group meetings. These training classes, taught by GIS staff, occur monthly at the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District office and provide an opportunity for GIS users from local organizations including the County, regional Soil and Water Conservation District offices, and the Lake George Land Conservancy, to meet together, collaborate, and gain expertise using various components of GIS technology.

## Culvert Inventory Dashboard

The County DPW's culvert inventory project, completed by an engineering firm with grant funds obtained for the department by the LCLGRP was completed in 2025 and County GIS staff worked closely with the engineering firm and DPW to create a robust dashboard for use by County DPW staff in prioritizing culvert projects. GIS staff also provided training and an interface for use by DPW staff to add additional details to the inventory and keep it up to date moving forward. The experience gained through this project enabled the County to apply for grant funding for a similar project for the local municipalities. The grant proposal was successful and the County was awarded funding to begin work on the municipal culvert inventory in 2026.

# ADDITIONAL GIS PROJECTS



FIRST WILDERNESS

## Stories from Open Space

Work in 2025 revolved around the development of a new walking tour of the hamlet of Lake Luzerne, inspired by the Lake Luzerne Historical Society’s successful Lantern Walk. The tour, entitled Voices of Lake Luzerne, will be available in both the Explore Warren County mobile app and an online StoryMap on the First Wilderness website. It will be launched in early 2026 at the Warren County Historical Society’s annual meeting.

### Smaller Projects

- Created wall map of Lake George area for Bolton Chamber
- Created bike trail maps for ACA
- Provided redistricting, address verification, and software transition support for Board of Elections
- Created robust map viewer for use by town of Bolton planning and zoning staff
- Assisted with e-911 call center’s upgrade to new dispatch software
- Attended meetings and provided technical support for reviewing new draft FEMA flood maps
- Provided ongoing training and support for the new tax map technician
- Continued technical support and content development for Warren 250<sup>th</sup>, including map of Revolutionary War Casualties buried in Warren County



### Brant Lake Challenge

Launched in June of 2025, the Brant Lake Challenge invites hikers to explore four scenic trails near the hamlet of Brant Lake – Bartonville Mountain, Fox Hill, Pharaoh Mountain, and Swede Mountain. With hikes ranging from easy to difficult, the challenge offers options suitable for most skill levels and families. Participants who complete all four hikes can submit their name, email, and hike completion dates to earn a Completion Certificate, with an optional collectible patch available at The Hub in Brant Lake.

### Letterboxing

We had 36 Letterbox the Bikeway finishers and 15 Historians' Challenge finishers in 2025, including multiple families who traveled to Warren County from out of state to complete the challenges.

# WARREN COUNTY GIS TOP WEB MAPS

**GIS HUB**  
144,259



**COMMUNITY MAP**  
120,127

**FIRST WILDERNESS**  
107,032

**BEACON\***  
59,496

**WC 250TH**  
33,671

**HISTORIANS CHALLENGE**  
14,508

**WC 2040**  
14,102

**BRANT LAKE CHALLENGE**  
13,893

**CHESTER CHALLENGE**  
10,676

**THRIVING HAMLETS**  
5,804

**WC HOUSING**  
5,753

**WC OUTDOOR REC ECONOMY**  
5,303

**TICKS IN WC**  
4,157

- Known formerly as Image Mate Online, Warren County GIS transitioned to Beacon in early 2025.



# 2026 LOOKING FORWARD

## Grant Award Administration and Implementation

In 2025, Warren County Planning was awarded grant funding for nine (9) different projects. 2026 will continue the implementation of awarded grants with varying levels of staff involvement.

## Housing Strategy

Warren County Planning will focus on implementing the actions from the County Housing Strategy that were identified as near-term, actionable priorities for the County to advance in 2026.

## Thriving Hamlets

Warren County Planning and GIS staff are responsible for the development and implementation of Thriving Hamlets. 2026 will be focused on the six (6) hamlets selected for the zoning and infrastructure analysis.

## WC Brownfield Inventory

The Warren County Opportunity Area Inventory (OAI) will identify vacant and underutilized properties across the County. Warren County staff will continue to develop this inventory in 2026.

## Plan Implementation

2025 marked the finalization of a number of planning documents including the Warren County Comprehensive Plan, the Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan, and the Multi-Use Trail Study. Staff will utilize these documents to guide department/staff activities, programs, and initiatives.

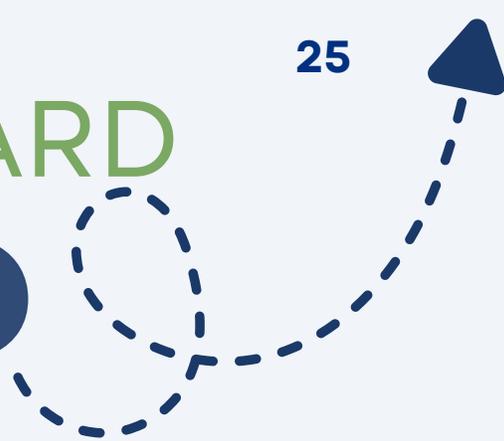
## Grant Preparation and Assistance

In 2025, Warren County Planning prepared and submitted twenty-one (21) grant funding applications. Staff will continue to support County departments and municipalities in applying for state and federal grant funding programs. The finalization of plans in 2025 provides a strong basis for grant funding requests.

## Support for Local Planning

Warren County Planning and GIS will help municipalities as they seek Pro-Housing certification and as they develop Comprehensive Plans over the course of 2026. Many of our municipalities won competitive planning grants and our staff will be assisting to ensure that their projects are successful.

# LOOKING FORWARD GIS 2026



## Grant Award Implementation



Warren County GIS will continue to provide extensive support for the currently underway Thriving Hamlets and Opportunity Area Inventory projects. Staff will also begin work on recently awarded projects, including the Municipal Culvert Inventory, and MS4 Mapping, a collaborative project involving Warren County GIS, Warren County Soil and Water, Warren County DPW, the Towns of Queensbury and Lake George and the City of Glens Falls, which will provide a centralized repository and workflow for maintaining required inventories for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System data.

## Technical Support



Warren County GIS will continue to support the multiple departments, municipalities, and partner agencies using both desktop and online GIS applications and data. Major projects for 2026 include support for the Sheriff's Department upgrade of its e-911 dispatch system, assistance with the development of a new database for Buildings and Codes, and integration between the County Clerk's Office and the Community Map.

## Accessibility and Application Redevelopment



The first quarter will continue Warren County GIS's focus on redesigning its core applications and maps with accessibility in mind. Staff will continue to work on ensuring that public facing applications meet accessibility standards.

In addition, staff will continue to redevelop core applications such as the Community Map and the Recreation Mapper to be current with latest software and accessibility requirements, while also focusing on increasing functionality.



# APPENDIX

## Grant Funds Awarded to Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development 1977-2025

Year	CD#	Source	Purpose	Units	Funds	Function
1977	CD1	B-77-DN-36-0114	Housing	90	\$275,000	Applicant
1979	CD2	B-79-DN-36-0151	Public Facilities		\$350,000	Applicant
1979	CD3	B-79-DN-36-0306	Housing	210	\$528,000	Applicant
1979	CD4	B-79-DN-36-0081	Public Facilities		\$500,000	Applicant
1980	CD5	B-80-DN-36-0069	Housing	105	\$750,000	Applicant
1981	L&WCF		Parks		\$13,000	Facilitator
1981	CD6	B-81-DN-36-0099	Housing	270	\$480,000	Applicant
1983	CD7	B-83-HJ-36-0054	Economic		\$163,300	Applicant
1983	CD8	B-83-HJ-36-0055	Economic		\$137,000	Facilitator
1983	L&WCF		Parks		\$135,000	Facilitator
1983	CD9	B-83-DH-36-0432	Housing	200	\$936,000	Applicant
1983	CD10	B-83-DH-36-0431	Housing	136	\$750,000	Facilitator
1985	CD11	B-85-DH-36-0345	Housing	48	\$400,000	Applicant
1985	CD12	B-85-DH-36-0377	Housing	41	\$362,835	Facilitator
1986	CD13	B-86-DH-346	Economic		\$550,000	Applicant
1986	CD14	AHC-86-280/15	Housing	52	\$200,000	Applicant
1987	CD15	B-87-DH-36-0364	HHHN		\$582,000	Applicant
1988	CD16	B-88-DH-36-0326	Housing	103	\$599,605	Facilitator
1988		Clean Lakes Program			\$79,390	Facilitator
1989		Planning Assistance			\$20,000	Applicant
1990	CD17	B-90-DH-36-0040	Housing	36	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD18	B-90-DH-36-0029	Housing	37	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD19	B-90-DH-36-0064	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD21	B-90-DH-36-0431	Public Facilities		\$337,003	Applicant
1990	CD22	B-89-DH-36-1030	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD23	B-91-DH-36-0029	Housing	35	\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD24	B-91-DH-36-0084	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD25	B-91-DH-36-0288	Housing	10	\$449,580	Applicant
1992	CD26	B-92-DH-36-0058	Housing	17	\$578,200	Applicant

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1993	CD27	DHCR 93000689	Housing	32	\$377,140	Applicant
1993	CD28	B-93-DH-36-0249	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1993	CD29	B-93-DH-36-0303	Housing	15	\$467,040	Applicant
1995	CD30	B-95-DH-36-0210	Housing	26	\$400,000	Facilitator
1996	CD31	DHCR	Housing	24	\$300,000	Facilitator
1996	CD32	B-96-DH-36-0355	Housing	10	\$716,000	Facilitator
1996	CD33	B-96-DH-36-0328	Public Facilities		\$155,000	Facilitator
1997	CD34	B-97-DH-36-0030	Canal Corridor		\$920,000	Applicant
1997	CD35	DHCR	Housing	32	\$378,400	Applicant
1998	CD36	B-98-DH-36-0494	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Applicant
1998	CD37	B-98-DH-36-0475	Housing	32	\$400,000	Facilitator
1999	CD38	B-99-DH-36-0307	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Facilitator
1999	CD39	B-99-DH-36-0313	ED Stonecast		\$446,000	Applicant
1999		EPF	Turntable		\$30,000	Applicant
1999		LWRP	Planning		\$27,500	Facilitator
2000	CD50	GOSC	Public Works		\$302,000	Applicant
2000	CD51	GOSC	Planning TA		\$20,000	Applicant
2000		Quality Communities	Planning		\$35,000	Applicant
	CD52	GOSC	Housing	36	\$400,000	Applicant
	CD53	DHCR	Housing	12	\$50,000	Applicant
	CD54	DHCR	Housing	28	\$400,000	Applicant
	CD55	GOSC	Public Works		\$237,000	Facilitator
	CD56	GOSC	Public Works		\$129,000	Facilitator
		ANCA	Scenic byway		\$30,000	Applicant
		DOS	Archives		\$75,000	Applicant
		L&WCF	Ski Bowl		\$175,000	Facilitator
		LWRP	Planning		\$85,000	Applicant
2004	CD57	GOSC	Micro		\$336,200	Applicant
	CD58	GOSC	Chester Health Center		\$400,000	Administrator
	CD59	GOSC	Housing	7	\$247,800	Applicant
	CD60	HTFC	HOME Horizon	26	\$486,000	Applicant

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	CD61	HTFC	RESTORE	14	\$40,000	Applicant
	CD62	GOSC	Housing Chester	26	\$400,000	Applicant
		Main Street	ED		\$200,000	Facilitator
		Access to Home	Housing	15	\$200,000	Facilitator
2004	DOS	LWRP	Design/constructi on		\$150,000	Facilitator
2005		Quality Community	Planning		\$9,725	Applicant
2005	DOS	Luzerne LWRP	Planning		\$75,000	Facilitator
2005	CD63	GOSC	ED		\$320,000	Applicant
2006	CD64	Ski Bowl GOSC	ED		\$516,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	Ski Bowl N Grid	ED		\$250,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	Ski Bowl HUD	ED		\$498,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	SKI Bowl HUD	ED		\$248,000	Facilitator
2006	CD65	GOSC	ED		\$320,000	Applicant
2007		Canal funding			\$150,000	Applicant
2007	CD66	HOME	Housing	32	\$500,000	Applicant
2007		LWRP	FWHC		\$505,000	Facilitator
2007		LWRP	Warrensburg		\$60,000	Facilitator
2007	CD68	HOME	Warrensburg	22	\$300,000	Applicant
2008	CD67	RESTORE	County	12	\$125,000	Applicant
2008	CD69	CDBG	Luzerne Senior Center		\$400,000	Applicant
2008		NYS DEC	Quadracentennial		\$45,000	Applicant
2008	H312	LWRP	FWHC		\$258,270	Applicant
2009		AHC			\$120,000	Applicant
2009	CD70	RESTORE	Housing	12	\$70,000	Applicant
2010		ANCA	BYWAY Planning		\$59,026	Applicant
2010	CD71	DHCR	HOME ext		\$300,000	Applicant
2009	H313	LWRP	FWHC projects		\$415,006	Applicant
2010	CD72	HTFC	Westmount sprinklers		\$493,705	Applicant
2011		OCR	Micro		\$200,000	Applicant
2011	H334	DOS	FWHC2011		\$463,116	Applicant

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2012		EFC	Public works - bridges		\$324,500	Applicant
2012	H340	DOS	FWHC2012		\$308,000	Applicant
2012	CD73	CDBG	HHHN		\$400,000	Applicant
2013	H349	DOS	LWRP2013		\$553,500	Applicant
2013	H347	DOS	LG		\$482,050	Applicant
2013	H349	DOS	LG Village		\$390,000	Administrator
2014	CD74	CDBG	Countryside		\$400,000	Applicant
2014	H356	DOS	LWRP2014		\$410,450	Applicant
2014		DOS	LG Village		\$535,250	Administrator
2015	H367	DOS	LWRP 2015		\$425,988	Applicant
2016	H372	DOS	LWRP 2016		\$520,300	Applicant
2017	H380	Smart Growth	FWHC Marketing		\$69,700	Applicant
2017	H382	DOS	LG LWRP		\$600,000	Applicant
2017	CD75	CDBG	Countryside		\$43,237	Applicant
2018	H383	DOS	Invasives		\$800,000	Applicant
2020	CD76	CDBG	PF Countryside		\$300,000	Applicant
2021	CD77	CDBG	CARES Act		\$812,932	Applicant
2021	CD78	DHCR	Housing needs		\$46,000	Applicant
2021	H409	DEC	Organic management		\$40,000	Applicant
2021	H408	DOS	Invasive species		\$251,838	Applicant
2021	H407	ESD	Recreation study		\$42,500	Applicant
2021		CDBG	Chester water study		\$36,100	Facilitator
2022		Northern Borders	Bikeway study		\$160,000	Applicant
2023	H407	ESD	Outdoor Rec. Plan		\$42,500	Applicant
2023		RESTORE	Housing	15	\$200,000	Applicant
2024		DEC Smart Growth	Thriving Hamlets Initiative		\$105,288	Applicant
2024		DEC	Septic and Water Well Replacement		\$400,000	Applicant
2024		CDBG	Septic and Well		\$400,000	Applicant
2024		A/GFTC	Make the Connection		\$492,000	Applicant
2024		CSC	Pilot Composting		\$100,000	Applicant

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2024		WQIP	Protect water quality		\$172,000	Applicant
2024		DOS	Replace roof on county owned rail station		\$231,300	Applicant
2024		CDBG	Vacant and underutilized property		\$100,112	Applicant
2025		ESD	County Infrastructure Grant- North Creek		\$975,000	Applicant
2025		NYS DOS LGE	Countywide waste hauling system		\$422,668	Applicant
2025		NYS DOS	Water access site improvements		\$535,401	Applicant
2025		NBRC	Fish Hatchery		\$231,680	Applicant
2025		DEC CSC	WC Culvert Assessment		\$74,927	Applicant
2025		DOS LWRP	Mill Creek Rec Trails Project		\$262,500	Applicant
2025		DOS LWRP	Gore Mountain to Downtown NC- Phase 2		\$221,958	Applicant
2025		ESD SPFS	Hudson River Rec Rail Feasibility Study		\$50,000	Applicant
2025		OPRHP RTP	Multi-Use Trail Wayfinding		\$299,780	Applicant

**Total: 134 awards**  
**\$42,736,300**