

## **2015 Smart Growth Implementation Grants**

### ***Additional 2016 Adirondack Park Smart Growth Implementation Grant Awards***

In October 2016, New York State announced the availability of approximately \$231,000 total from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth implementation in the Adirondack Park. This is a supplemental round of awards for the North Country to build on the success of six others totaling nearly \$400,000 that Governor Cuomo announced in April 2016.

#### **Town of Ticonderoga**

**Project Title:** Construction Drawings for the Reconstruction of the 18th Century French Sawmill

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$50,752.00

**Summary:** The Town of Ticonderoga will develop the construction drawings for Phase Three of the Four-Phased Reconstruction of the 18th Century French Sawmill to be located on the LaChute River, the historic river flowing through downtown Ticonderoga and the waterway that connects Lake George (in Essex, Washington and Warren Counties) with Lake Champlain (in Essex County and Clinton Counties and the State of Vermont). The construction drawings will include approximately 50 sheets graphically describing every part of the sawmill site, building and machinery and how each of the parts are related to the other parts. The drawings will be developed from the sketches (a sample viewed in #13) to be completed in April of 2016 and funded by the NYS DOS Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. The sheets will contain multiple drawings and descriptive notes on types of materials, joinery details, fastenings and the position of the components.

#### **Town of Ausable**

**Partners:** with Adirondack Architectural Heritage

**Project Title:** Town of Ausable Riverside Park

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$75,000.00

**Summary:** This project will create a public waterfront park in Keeseville along the Ausable River, the village's most significant natural resource. It will be developed through a collaborative partnership between the Town of Ausable and Adirondack Architectural Heritage. The

park will transform the land along the west bank of the river from a deteriorating industrial site to a beautiful 2.3 acre greenspace open to the entire community, and suitable for hosting events, a farmers market, interpretive signage, walking path, and a playground.

The project involves demolishing the deteriorated 15,000 square foot "Red Mill", which has the distinction of containing 35,000 square feet of (transite) asbestos, a significant environmental liability. The project will remove this liability and eyesore from the landscape, through proper abatement and demolition. A secondary outcome of the project is that it will help with the successful redevelopment of the adjacent Stone Mill by AARCH.

### **Biodiversity Research Institute (BRI)**

**Partners:** with BRI's Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, Leading EDGE's Adirondack Community Trails & Lodging System, and the Village of Saranac Lake

**Project Title:** Adirondack Community-Based Trails Connecting Loons, Lakes and Lodging

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$50,000.00

**Summary:** Focusing on both ecological integrity and increased tourism to boost economic activity in the Tri-Lakes, this collaborative Smart Growth project between BRI's Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (BRI-ACLC), Leading EDGE's Adirondack Community-based Trails & Lodging System (LE-ACTLS), and the Village of Saranac Lake will revitalize a historically significant building on the Village's Main Street. It will result in a renovated, more energy-efficient structure to house 1) shared office space for two small but significant conservation organizations; 2) an educational center focused on environmental issues critical to the health of the Adirondacks and its inhabitants, both wild and human; and 3) a retail store to provide support for our organizations, thus enhancing their long-term sustainability. The educational center will highlight the common "Leave No Trace" theme between the partners to inspire environmentally considerate recreational use and conservation of Adirondack ecosystems.

### **Indian Lake Theater, Inc.**

**Partners:** with the Town of Indian Lake

**Project Title:** Indian Lake Theater Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Project

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$15,000.00

**Summary:** The project will include two components. The first is an update of ILT's facility energy audit and implementation of a critical measure: insulation and air sealing of the projection room to better protect and manage the operating conditions for our new \$80,000 digital projection system. NYSERDA has authorized an update on the audit conducted in 2012-2013. Conducted prior to purchase of the digital system, that audit did not factor in the projection room as a discrete measure. It must be maintained between 50 and 80 degrees year-round for the digital system to operate properly. To achieve this, ILT is operating a portable heater in the winter and an air conditioner in the summer. Our electric bills have increased from \$3,000 in 2012 to \$5,000 last year. The second component is an assessment of our theatrical lighting to improve its efficiency along with training for our new staff on how to deploy it most effectively.

## **Town of Wilmington**

**Project Title:** Alternative Wastewater System for Economic Development

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$40,000.00

**Summary:** This project consists of working in conjunction with the NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency to develop a sewer district within the new Moderate Intensity Use Zone in the Town of Wilmington. A 2014 Lodging Feasibility Study defined the particular location in which a Franchised hotel would build. A 2014 Adirondack Park Agency Land Use Amendment from Rural/Low Intensity Use Area to Moderate Intensity Use Area defined new development rights to accommodate a lodging facility and wastewater system. A Wastewater Feasibility Study (2015) defined specific type of treatment and design. The Town now needs to develop a sewer district for future implementation of the planned municipally operated wastewater treatment facility.

## ***Adirondack Park***

The following projects were awarded funding, as announced on April 13, 2016:

### **Town of Tupper Lake**

**Partners:** with Adirondack Public Observatory, Inc.

**Project Title:** Support for the Adirondack Public Observatory

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$70,000.00

**Summary:** The Town will assist the Adirondack Public Observatory (APO) to accomplish its goal of capitalizing on the Park's dark and clear night skies to attract residents and visitors to explore the Cosmos. This grant will advance three significant components of the project: Architectural and engineering design for a museum / observatory, a communications strategy, and a fundraising campaign strategy. Each component will be integrated with the others as plans are developed. This will advance work that has already been accomplished with this project. It will build on the existing Roll-off Roof Observatory (Phase 1), opened in 2013 and currently hosting school groups and the public on a regular basis. Partial sketches and engineering plans for both Phase 1 and future expansion were developed in 2009 but the vision has evolved and plans need updates. Achieving completion of Phase 2 will lay the design and strategy groundwork that will make the final construction possible, and begin to capture the potential for a far broader tourism draw to the area.

## **Village of Lake George**

**Project Title:** South Canada Street Site Improvements

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$22,250.00

**Summary:** This smart growth project will implement the preparation of design and construction documents for streetscape improvements along the west side of Canada St. in Lake George Village, including culvert improvements where Canada St. crosses West Brook. The stretch of Canada St. (roughly 0.37 miles long) connects the intersection of Million Dollar Beach Rd. and Canada St. with the entrance to the Charles R. Wood Park. The grant will fund the preparation of design and construction documents needed to bring the project from the conceptual stage into a shovel ready project. Throughout the Village considerable streetscape upgrades have been completed and this application is requesting funds to improve the last unimproved stretch of Canada St. With this funding, the contractor hired by the Village to prepare the design and construction documents will also serve as a liaison between the Village and the contractor responsible for the construction of the proposed streetscape enhancements.

## **Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Essex County**

**Partners:** with the towns of Elizabethtown and Willsboro

**Project Title:** Adirondack Harvest Technology Expansion

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$74,772.00

**Summary:** This grant will help the Adirondack Harvest Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension to implement a major upgrade to its existing website with a more accessible home page search option, a more inviting overall appearance, a "smartphone friendly" configuration and three new map pages to include wood products and community supported agriculture (CSA) and local food processors. CCE Essex will add wood product businesses within the Blue Line, and a North Country wide media promotion of the "new" website features. CCE Essex will revamp its current Essex County local food guide to a new format more in tune with the new farmer movement in our county and the Park, developing a new design in each of the next three years. Finally CCE Essex will conduct a media campaign to let our residents know where to find local food and wood products. Our goal is to increase local purchasing within the Park and increase sustainability of current businesses.

## **Hamilton County**

**Partners:** with many partners, including the Adirondack Foundation, the Adirondack Museum, Adirondack Partnership, ANCA, CAP-21, Essex County IDA, ROOST, and the Wild Center

**Project Title:** Adirondack Trail Towns

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$75,000.00

**Summary:** This project implements the parkwide Adirondack Trail Towns initiative, one of five "key strategies" in ADVANTAGE Adirondacks. Adirondack Trail Towns will identify, inventory, link, and market non-recreation amenity trails (food, historic preservation, history, art, cultural attractions, activities and events, etc...). Non-recreation amenity trails build on the success of recreational trail programs, integrating amenities in smaller communities and encouraging private investment through hamlet revitalization, small business growth and tourism investment. A Strategic Plan developed for the Adirondack Trail Towns initiative includes successful case studies and a five-year implementation schedule and approach. Tasks to be completed with Smart Growth funding include solicitation and selection of an administrator, development of an implementation coalition, development of a financing plan, preparation of an e-marketing strategy, and delivery of Trail Towns community assessments with a companion community/business toolkit and program guidelines.

## **Lake Placid Village, Inc.**

**Project Title:** Mirror Lake Stormwater Improvement Project

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$75,000.00

**Summary:** The project involves upgrading the stormwater collection system along 1,100 ft. of Mirror Lake Dr. in the Village of Lake Placid to improve the water quality of Mirror Lake and downstream water bodies, including the Ausable River. The system will intercept and collect salt, sediment and pollutant laden stormwater that is currently discharging untreated through stormwater outfalls into the east side of the lake. Studies indicate that the lake is being affected by this runoff and the project, which is part of a concerted effort by the Village to address the water quality in the lake, has broad support among the public and stakeholder organizations. The construction of the stormwater collection system requires demolition of a sidewalk along Mirror Lake that is very popular for walkers and joggers. As part of the overall project the Village will install a decorative concrete sidewalk and pedestrian lighting along the sidewalk to enhance aesthetics and safety along this popular route.

## **Essex County Department of Community Resources**

**Partners:** with the Town of Crown Point

**Project Title:** Fishing for Opportunity: Essex Co. Fish Hatchery/Town of Crown Point Shared Services

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$75,000.00

**Summary:** Essex County and the Town of Crown Point have formed a partnership to address water supply issues and make structural improvements to the Essex Co. fish hatchery and the Town's municipal water system. Iron contamination of Crown Point's water supply has necessitated the need to find a new water source and construct a new water treatment and control facility. The most likely water source to replace the contaminated well is located on Fish Hatchery property. The Fish Hatchery has been plagued by inadequate water supply issues for many years, jeopardizing the ability to consistently stock fish in the region's streams, and it is lacking adequate restroom facilities and offices. The project will include the drilling of a new water well and construction of a new municipal water treatment and control facility on hatchery property, complete with office space and restrooms to be utilized by county and municipal employees and visitors. Smart Growth grant funds are being requested to finance a portion of the well drilling cost, and the restroom portion of the new facility.

## ***Catskill Park***

The following projects were awarded funding, as announced on June 28, 2016:

### **Town of Prattsville**

**Partners:** with support from the towns of Lexington and Ashland

**Project Title:** Pavilion at Conine Field Recreation Area

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$53,683.00

**Summary:** The Town of Prattsville will build a pavilion within the new Conine Field recreation area. This project was identified as part of the Town's Long Term Rebuilding Plan developed by the community over a six-month period following Hurricane Irene. The vision was to create a recreation area to attract and retain young families, service our aging residents and support youth activities. The project helps the community protect existing assets by maintaining its economic and aesthetic value, add value to the region, enhance the quality of life, bolster tourism and improve the ability to address the needs of older residents and retain young people in the Park. The entrance to the Town, Conine Field serves as a gateway with over 2,600 cars a day passing by (per NYS DOT). The pavilion adds the final element to the recreation area to entice people to enjoy the Park's scenic and natural resources. It will also provide a critical asset to the new housing development in Town which will have 44 senior apartments and 16 low/moderate income homes.

### **Mountain Top Arboretum**

**Partners:** with support from the Town of Hunter

**Project Title:** The Mountain Top Arboretum Safe Entry Project

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$24,875.00

**Summary:** The Mountain Top Arboretum will receive funding to support upgrades to their facility which will result in a better visitor experience, greater capacity to attract and accommodate visitors and increased visitation. The scope of work for this smart growth grant award has three parts: a) the widening of the arboretum's access road to accommodate emergency vehicles, busses and improve safety; b) improving drainage from County Route 23C and the expanded access road to reduce erosion and water runoff; and c) replacing existing signage in three

locations for better identification of the site to visitors. This project is being undertaken in conjunction with the replacement of the maintenance barn and the building of a new education center by the arboretum to handle an increasing number of visitors and offer better environmental programming. A site plan detailing the entrance access and relation to these buildings is attached.

## **Village of Tannersville**

**Project Title:** Main Street Village of Tannersville Visitor Information Kiosk Project

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$20,500.00

**Summary:** Two four-sided kiosks will be installed on Main Street in Tannersville to orient visitors to lodging, shops, services, parking, cultural and recreational assets. Owners of the sites (the Hunter Foundation and Tannersville Realty, Inc.) have provided access agreements and memoranda of understanding allowing the Village to use their properties. The structures are eight feet tall, sturdy and attractive, with each panel measuring 48 by 60 inches. The panels will be designed for the transparent cover to be easily removed allowing for updating graphics as recreation or commercial assets expand. The scope of work includes designing the exhibits, purchasing the kiosks and installing them using Village force account labor.

## **Town of Andes**

**Project Title:** Andes Secondary Water Source Project

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$64,500.00

**Summary:** The Town of Andes will construct a second source for its water system. The Town of Andes administers the Andes Water District which covers the hamlet of Andes, plus additional customers in the Gladstone Hollow area. The current water system has decreased in capacity. To meet the demands of the system, a second well is required. The Hamlet of Andes is at the western edge of the Catskill Park on Scenic Byway State Route 28 and provides key services to residents and visitors to the park, including motel, fire protection, food store, restaurants, health care facility, public pool, and is an important historical location, being the epicenter of the "Anti-Rent Wars". It is the terminus of several hiking trails and a stop off point for the access to Pepacton Reservoir. The hamlet is a key resource to the Park, with walkable central district, local sourced food and cultural activities (Community Day, concert in the park series and historical activities).



## **Town of Shandaken**

**Project Title:** Shandaken is En"lightening"

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$28,450.00

**Summary:** The Town of Shandaken will make improvements to town parks and informational signage. The project includes several elements including: solar lighting and landscaping for town signs recently erected under a previous Smart Growth Grant; improvements to town parks including: additional children's equipment, a new attraction, benches and picnic tables, adding electricity and lighting in the only park without it, signage denoting the amenities available at each specific park, and a town-wide map showing locations of the other parks and amenities available at the other parks.

## **Catskill Center for Conservation and Development**

**Partners:** with support from the Town of Shandaken

**Project Title:** Creating an Interpretive Design for the Catskill Interpretive Center

**Total Grant Funds Awarded:** \$30,992.00

**Summary:** The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center opened in July 2015, with the mission to interpret the rich natural and cultural environment in the Catskill Park and to provide information to visitors about the wide variety of recreational and cultural offerings throughout the park. Thousands of visitors have come to the center in the intervening months, representing over two dozen foreign countries and three dozen US states. The Center's staff fully expects that number to grow substantially in the coming year and beyond. The Center's stewards are now seeking consultants to provide planning and conceptual design for exhibits and visitor services both inside and outside the Center's building in order to maximize the use of space and have a road map going forward of various conceptual exhibit designs.

## 2014 Smart Growth Implementation Grants

In November 2014, New York State announced the availability of approximately \$800,000 total from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth implementation in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks.

### *Catskill Park*

The Department received 14 completed applications from around the Catskill Park, requesting a total of \$900,000. Applications were evaluated through a pre-established competitive review process. The following projects were awarded funding, as announced on June 2, 2015.

AWARDEE	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PARTNER(S)
<b>TOWN OF LEXINGTON</b>	\$62,425	<p><b>Lexington Waterfront Park</b></p> <p>The Town of Lexington will create a park on the north bank of the Schoharie Creek, on County Route 13a, for the purposes of improving public access to the community's natural resources. The Lexington Waterfront Park will include 150 yards of riverfront in the center of town and adjacent to an NYSDEC fishing access site. The park is the first phase of implementing the Town of Lexington Long Term Community Recovery Strategy, developed following the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene. The project will involve work on two properties that the Town is acquiring through a FEMA buyout program. Work will include natural features: green infrastructure, brush mattrassing and revegetated stream banks; parkland improvements: landscaping with evergreen hedges, a sitting area with an aspen grove buffer from the road, a naturalized children's play area, and lawn games; and park facilities: a pavilion, restroom, and picnic facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council</li> </ul>
<b>CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION</b>	\$50,000	<p><b>Catskill Park Wayfinding Sign Project</b></p> <p>The Catskill Park Wayfinding Sign Project proposes to utilize funding for the purchase of informational/ directional signs, Catskill Park logos/ placards, and support structures for the purpose of implementing a wayfinding sign system for recreational resources located adjacent to or accessible from state and local roads throughout the Catskill Park. This</p>	

		<p>project will consist of a coordinated work program that will involve key stakeholders and partners in the identification of local, state, and New York City-owned recreation resources and the installation of the signage over the next three years.</p>	
<b>WINDHAM AREA RECREATION FOUNDATION</b>	\$50,000	<p><b>Windham Path Phase III - Hensonville Center to Maplecrest Center</b>  The Windham Path is a trail for non-motorized users to connect the residential, business and activity centers of Windham, Hensonville and Maplecrest along the Batavia Kill. The Path has a hard-packed, non-paved surface appropriate for cyclists, pedestrians, cross-country skiers and snowshoers. The Path is the centerpiece of the vision to develop Windham as a four-season destination area that attracts outdoor enthusiasts and improves the quality of life for its residents. The Path will be constructed over 8 phases with the first 2 mile segment already in full use. The awarded project involves the construction of the next 2.4 mile phase that will begin in Hensonville and continue along the Batavia Kill to Maplecrest and include a pedestrian bridge spanning the stream.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Windham</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF HUNTER</b>	\$26,131	<p><b>Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway Gateway Signage project</b>  A project more than five years in the making came to fruition in May of 2013 when the New York State Senate passed a bill to designate a 41-mile corridor in Hunter, New York as the "Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway." The byway, the first in the Catskill park, links Platte Clove Road with sections of Route 23A and Route 214 through the town of Hunter and villages of Hunter and Tannersville.</p> <p>The proposed project will fund design and installation of 5 informational kiosks to be placed throughout the Catskill Park - in the Village of Hunter, Village of Tannersville, Hamlet of Palenville (Town of Catskill), Hamlet of Lanesville and Town of Hunter. Funds will also go to design and print a brochure for distribution to promote the byway and the hamlets and villages within the Town of Hunter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway, Inc.</li> <li>• Hunter Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF CAIRO</b>	\$75,000	<p><b>Cairo Main Street Multi-Modal Pathway</b>  The Town of Cairo plans to construct a multi-modal pathway linking the central business district in the Hamlet of Cairo with newer development at</p>	

		<p>its east end. The project is an integral part of the planned Main Street revitalization and includes construction of approximately ½ mile of sidewalks/bike path on the east end of Main Street (County Route 23B) and several pocket parks. The new pathway will extend the existing pedestrian sidewalk system from the Cairo-Durham Elementary School eastward to the cluster of businesses near Lake Avenue and the State Route 32 intersection. Catskill Smart Growth funding will be used specifically to fund construction of pocket parks, traffic signage and pavement marking. The total project scope includes construction of the multi-modal path, pocket parks, traffic signs and pavement marking, drainage improvements, relocation of utilities and placement of conduit for future light poles.</p>	
<p><b>VILLAGE OF FLEISCHMANN'S</b></p>	<p>\$45,482</p>	<p><b>Village of Fleischmann's Gateway Project</b>  The Village of Fleischmann's will develop a Village gateway Enhancement project located on Village property at the east end of the Village. Fleischmann's will undertake the design and development of a pocket park that will include landscaping, benches, street lamps and signage and will greatly increase visibility of the entrance to the village while creating a welcoming environment for cyclists and pedestrians. The project area is located at the easternmost entrance to the village which is directly connected to the NYS Route 28 corridor. The Route 28 Corridor is currently under review for Scenic Byway status making this project critical to draw visitors into the Village while serving as a complementary element of the Scenic Byway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MARK Project</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOWN OF ANDES</b></p>	<p>\$45,481</p>	<p><b>Ballantine Park Improvements</b>  The Town of Andes will create two new structures within the historic Ballantine Park at the western edge of the hamlet of Andes. This scenic, rural and well-situated hamlet is listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. The hamlet is well-preserved; while maintaining economic activity downtown, it has thus far avoided any sprawling development that would counter its picturesque walkable character. The Town will build a gazebo and footbridge in the park to further develop its self-guided history trail. The structures will allow for outdoor presentations, concerts, lectures, etc. The Town will also complete</p>	

<b>TOWN OF NEVERSINK</b>	\$45,481	<p>a "Riverwalk" that will pass through the park as identified in its 2003 Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p><b>Neversink Town Park</b></p> <p>The Town of Neversink will create a walking path around the perimeter of its new recreational park, as well as plant trees, shrubs and storm water retention plantings throughout the park. The park features new ball fields and a picnic pavilion. The exercise path and bioretention rain gardens funded under Smart Growth will further enhance the beauty and recreational potential of the park and make it more inviting for the community and visitors. Storm water protection will contribute to natural filtration of water within the New York City Watershed. The park is in close proximity to downtown and the local library and school and is anticipated to attract and retain recreational and economic activity within the community center.</p>
--------------------------	----------	--

***Adirondack Park***

The Department received 24 completed applications from around the Adirondack Park, requesting a total of \$1.4 million. Applications were evaluated through a pre-established competitive review process. The following projects were awarded funding, as announced on April 15, 2015.

PARKWIDE PROJECT AWARDS

AWARDEE	Amount Awarded	Project Description	Partner(s)
<b>ADIRONDACK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION</b>	\$75,000	<p><b>The Adirondack Museum's New Exhibition - The Adirondack Experience</b></p> <p>With the support of the smart growth grant, the Adirondack Museum will undergo the most significant transformation in its history - the creation of a new 18,000-square-foot exhibition known as The Adirondack Experience. The project is set for completion in 2017 and will generate new jobs and help strengthen the North Country's tourism industry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town of Indian Lake</li> </ul>

REGIONAL PROJECT AWARDS

AWARDEE	Amount Awarded	Project Description	Partner(s)
<b>TOWN OF WILLSBORO</b>	\$74,948	<p><b>Multi-Town Trail Development: Willsboro, North Elba &amp; Lewis</b>                      This smart growth grant will be used to implement multi-use recreational trail projects in the towns of Willsboro, Lewis and North Elba, all situated in Essex County, entirely within the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park.</p> <p>The trail projects in Lewis and North Elba will be constructed to International Mountain Biking Association standards and will reinforce the Adirondacks as a mountain biking mecca that will attract riders from all over the Northeast.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of North Elba</li> <li>• Town of Lewis</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF MORIAH</b>	\$39,902	<p><b>Champlain Valley Historic Heritage Partnership Implementation</b>                      The Town of Moriah in partnership with the towns of Willsboro and Essex will restore three historic structures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Adsit Cabin, the oldest known log cabin in the United States;</li> <li>• the Iron Center, an 1891 Carriage House building that illustrates the town's role in supplying high-grade Iron Ore in the early years; and</li> <li>• the Boquet School House, an octagonal schoolhouse that has retained its original design and material since construction in 1826.</li> </ul> <p>These historic structures are located along the Champlain Valley, NYS Path through History and Lakes to Locks Passage Scenic Byway. They help tell the story of the Champlain Valley region of the Adirondack Park. The project involves purchasing cedar shingles, restoring a slate roof and replacing logs to restore existing structural integrity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Essex</li> <li>• Town of Willsboro</li> </ul>

LOCAL PROJECT AWARDS

AWARDEE	Amount Awarded	Project Description	Partner(s)
---------	----------------	---------------------	------------

<b>TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE</b>	\$50,000	<p><b>Improving Tupper Lake's 21st Century Curb Appeal</b>          The smart growth grant will advance previous smart growth planning by improving the community's curb appeal. Facade improvements will be made at the ROOST Tupper Lake Information Center, and tourism businesses and attractions will get digital curb appeal improvements on their websites.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village of Tupper Lake</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF DUANE</b>	\$74,029	<p><b>Duane 1884 Church</b>          Historic Duane Church, built in 1884, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A recent engineering inspection found that the foundation of the church's bell tower is failing. To complete the repairs, the building and the bell tower have to be raised so the foundation walls can be replaced and the existing stone wall can be shored up.</p> <p>The smart growth grant will help preserve this important landmark that helps identify Duane Center as the hub of the community - an area the town is working to develop for small businesses. Improvements to the church will also promote increased use of the adjacent town-owned recreational trails. The church sits at the west entrance to the trail system which is used for hiking and cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing via a remote overlook.</p>	
<b>VILLAGE OF PORT HENRY</b>	\$24,000	<p><b>Implementing a Port Henry Blue Print</b>          This smart growth grant will be used to hire a consulting firm to finalize and implement the Zoning Commission's recommendations for ordinances to define the Village of Port Henry's priorities.</p> <p>The project will help preserve the historic nature and character of the village. There will also be a focus on mixed-use development, rehabilitation, waterfront improvement and walkable areas.</p>	
<b>TOWN OF BOLTON</b>	\$68,000	<p><b>Cross Street Parking Facility</b>          This smart growth grant will support construction of a public parking facility that will unify the town's public services including the Municipal Center, Health Center, Recreation Commission, Local Police Station, Farmers Market, Senior Center and the Office for the Aging meal site.</p> <p>The parking facility in the town center will accommodate 58 vehicles and be</p>	

**TOWN OF  
JOHNSBURG**

\$37,121

constructed using green infrastructure principles and best management practices for storm water.

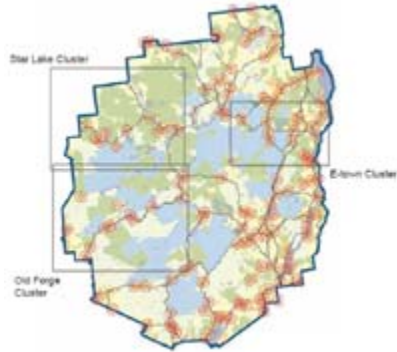
**North Creek Ski Bowl Trails, Kiosks, and Signs**

This smart growth grant will provide for the necessary finishing touches to create an exceptional recreational trail system.

The project in Ski Bowl Park will place kiosks at trailheads, develop trailhead signage, install strategically placed trail map boards and build an additional one kilometer of trails to connect with an existing trail network. Plus, benches and picnic tables will be installed on the trails and at the picnic area, and brochures and an interactive mapping app will be developed.



# 2010 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program



In December 2010, New York State announced the availability of \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth planning. The funds were made available to Adirondack Park communities for planning projects within the following grant categories:

- Village, Hamlet and Town Center Revitalization**
- Sustainable Economic Development**
- Cultural, Environmental and Natural Adirondack Resources**

The Department received 29 applications from around the Park, requesting a total of \$1.4 million. Applications were evaluated through a pre-established competitive review process. The following projects were awarded funding, as announced on August 10, 2011.

## PARKWIDE PROJECT AWARDS

<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
<b>COUNTY OF ESSEX</b>	\$88,000	<b>Hamlets 3: Training and Implementation Workshops</b> - technical assistance for Park communities to use the new planning guide for hamlet expansion and infill development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adirondack Community Housing Trust</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTY OF HAMILTON</b>	\$123,000	<b>The Adirondack Park Economic Development Strategy</b> - utilizing smart growth principles in a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adirondack Community Housing Trust</li> <li>• Adirondack Landowners Association</li> <li>• North Country Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Paul Smith's College</li> </ul>

parkwide action plan to improve economic conditions

- The Center for Economic Growth
- Adirondack Communities and Conservation Program
- Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages
- Adirondack Regional Tourism Council
- Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Commission
- The Adirondack Council

REGIONAL PROJECT AWARDS

<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
<b>TOWN OF BOLTON</b>	\$69,000	<b>Trails Master Plan for the West Side of Lake George</b> - detailed master plan of hiking, biking and snowmobiling, including linkage of existing trail systems, community centers and municipal transportation and promotion of new tourism opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Hague</li> <li>• Town of Lake George</li> <li>• Village of Lake George</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF FINE</b>	\$75,000	<b>Building Community Capacity to Sustain the Economic and Community Revitalization Efforts in the Towns of Clifton and Fine (Part II)</b> - continued advancement of regional community development priorities for the northwestern Adirondack Park communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Clifton</li> <li>• St. Lawrence County</li> <li>• Wildlife Conservation Society</li> <li>• Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation</li> </ul>

LOCAL PROJECT AWARDS

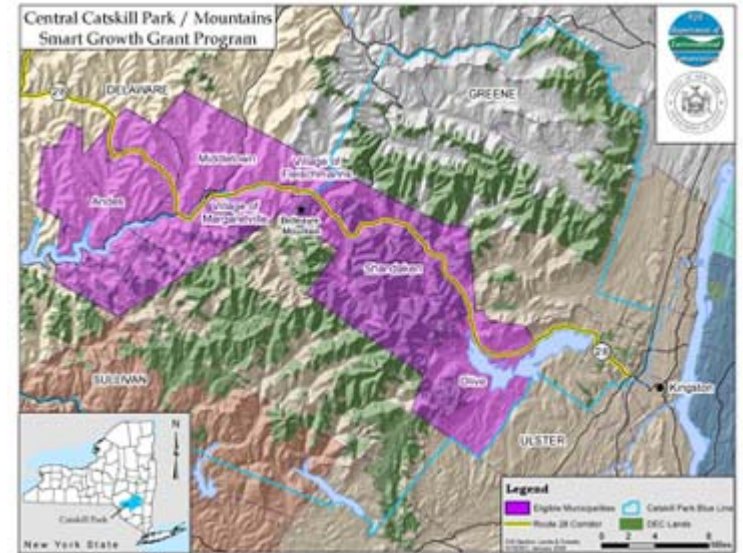
<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
<b>TOWN OF LEWIS</b>	\$23,000	<b>Town of Lewis Comprehensive Plan</b> - development of a land use and smart growth expansion framework to guide growth	

<b>TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN</b>	\$37,000	<b>Town of Elizabethtown Comprehensive Plan</b> - smart growth expansion plan to include pedestrian linkages, public sewer, and prioritization of projects	
<b>TOWN OF LAKE LUZERNE</b>	\$40,000	<b>Adirondack Folk School</b> - comprehensive outreach program to draw instructors and students into the community and its school of traditional Adirondack arts, crafts and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adirondack Folk School</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF NEWCOMB</b>	\$40,000	<b>Town of Newcomb Main Street &amp; Marketing Plan</b> - site-specific land use recommendations, complete streets plan and a marketing strategy	
<b>TOWN OF WILMINGTON</b>	\$5,000	<b>Wilmington Mountain Bike Trail System</b> - web page and brochure development	

# 2008 Central Catskill Park/ Mountains Smart Growth Program

In May 2008, New York State announced the availability of \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth implementation. The funds were made available to Central Catskill communities to encourage hamlet revitalization through streetscape improvements, signage, pedestrian amenities, and other projects that reinforce the historic land use pattern of the Route 28 corridor.

The Department received applications from each of the eligible communities, as well as two area not-for-profit organizations. Applications were evaluated through a pre-established competitive review process and selected for funding. Difficult fiscal conditions caused a significant delay, however funding was officially awarded in November 2010.



Map of eligible communities

## AWARDED PROJECTS

AWARDEE	Amount Awarded	Project Description	Partner(s)
VILLAGE OF MARGARETVILLE	\$83,288	<b>Margaretville Gateway Improvements</b> Installation of new trees, context sensitive lighting, welcome signs, and an interpretive kiosk to make key entry locations more attractive and walkable and provide interpretation of nearby resources	
VILLAGE OF FLEISCHMANN'S	\$83,100	<b>Fleischmanns Sidewalk and Park Improvement Project</b> Sidewalk construction and Village Park enhancement, including installation of sidewalk, replacement of deteriorated iron safety rail and the installation of period lights and rustic benches and railings along historic Wagner Avenue, to connect open space and cultural amenities in the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MARK Group</li> </ul>

<b>TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN</b>	\$83,333	<b>NYS Route 28 Corridor Improvement Projects</b> Aesthetic and functional improvements along the NYS Route 28 corridor including sidewalk repairs, the erection of "Welcome" signs, park benches, garbage receptacles, planter boxes and repairs to the facade of the historic town school house	
<b>TOWN OF OLIVE</b>	\$43,000	<b>Ashokan Roadside Picnic Park</b> Construction of an attractive resting place for travelers along Route 28, including a pavilion with two picnic tables, a clean water source, toilet facility and a kiosk to provide information about local history and culture, activities, and nearby attractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYC DEP</li> <li>• Ulster County Planning Dept.</li> <li>• Catskill Mountain Railroad Company</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF ANDES</b>	\$82,390	<b>Project Calico - Phase 1 &amp; 2</b> Establishment of a hamlet walking tour, guided by markers, leading to a foot-path and access bridge in the town park, culminating at the historic rail station. Development of a town logo, insignia, flags, banners and historic plaques based on the town's role in America's agricultural Anti-rent Wars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andes Society for History and Culture</li> <li>• Catskill Center for Conservation and Development</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF SHANDAKEN</b>	\$83,000	<b>The Faces of Shandaken</b> Design and installation of solar-lighted informational kiosks, attractive roadside welcome signs, a small information center to be placed along Route 28 near the eastern entrance into town, and facade improvements to the Shandaken Town Hall	
<b>CATSKILL REVITALIZATION CORP./ DBA DELAWARE &amp; ULSTER RAILROAD</b>	\$51,993	<b>Delaware &amp; Ulster Railroad Beautification Project</b> Relocation of historic engine and caboose, installation of landscape plantings and materials, including benches, picnic tables, bike racks, and related amenities to implement a landscape plan for a key gateway location in the historic and increasingly walkable hamlet of Arkville	

# 2007 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant Program

In October 2007, New York State announced the availability of \$1 million from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth planning. The funds were made available to Adirondack Park communities for planning projects within the following grant categories:

**Village, Hamlet and Town Center Revitalization**  
**Sustainable Economic Development**  
**Cultural, Environmental and Natural Adirondack Resources**

The Department received over 50 applications from around the Park, requesting a total of more than \$3 million. Applications were evaluated through a pre-established competitive review process. The following projects were awarded funding, as announced at Adirondack Local Government Day in Lake Placid, NY, in March 2008.



*Tupper Lake residents attend a community workshop*

## PARKWIDE PROJECT AWARDS

<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
<b>TOWN OF SARANAC</b>	\$106,971	<b>The Wireless Clearinghouse</b> - identification of existing structures or locations with the potential to accommodate cell phone and wireless communications facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Assistance Center at SUNY Plattsburgh</li> <li>• Adirondack North Country Association</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTY OF ESSEX</b>	\$120,000	<b>Hamlets of the Adirondacks</b> - a planning guide for hamlet expansion and infill development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adirondack Community Housing Trust</li> </ul>

## REGIONAL PROJECT AWARDS

<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
<b>TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE</b>	\$100,000	<b>Joint Planning to Implement Tupper Lake Community Development Priorities</b> advancement of priority projects and development of a visual identity through community design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village of Tupper Lake</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTY OF ESSEX</b>	\$100,000	<b>Essex County Destination Master Plan</b> - a plan to transform tourism into a sustainable year-round economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Moriah</li> <li>• Town of North Elba</li> <li>• Town of Schroon</li> <li>• Town of Ticonderoga</li> <li>• Town of Wilmington</li> </ul>
<b>COUNTY OF LEWIS</b>	\$34,310	<b>Lewis County, Countywide Comprehensive Plan</b> - integration of Adirondack communities into the countywide planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Diana</li> <li>• Town of Croghan</li> <li>• Town of Watson</li> <li>• Town of Greig</li> <li>• Town of Lyonsdale</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF FINE</b>	\$98,250	<b>Building Community Capacity to Sustain the Economic and Community Revitalization Efforts in the Towns of Clifton and Fine</b> advancement of priority projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Clifton</li> <li>• Wildlife Conservation Society</li> <li>• Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation</li> </ul>

LOCAL PROJECT AWARDS

<b>AWARDEE</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Partner(s)</b>
----------------	-----------------------	----------------------------	-------------------

<b>TOWN OF HORICON</b>	\$23,585	<b>Town of Horicon Community Development Strategic Plan</b> - a plan to address economic, housing, and infrastructure needs of low to moderate-income hamlet residents	
<b>TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE</b>	\$42,600	<b>Indian Lake Theater</b> - a plan to reopen the theater as a multi-purpose community center for special events, community theater, concerts, and movies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adirondack Community Trust</li> <li>• The Indian Lake Theater</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF ARIETTA</b>	\$50,000	<b>Town of Arietta 2008 Comprehensive Plan</b> development of the comprehensive plan using smart growth principles	
<b>TOWN OF LONG LAKE</b>	\$11,600	<b>Common Ground Alliance "Blueprint for the Blue Line"</b> - update to the "Blueprint" document, outreach and annual meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife Conservation Society</li> <li>• Adirondack North Country Association</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF NEWCOMB</b>	\$50,000	<b>Northern Forest Conservation Education and Leadership Training Institute</b> - business feasibility study for conference facility and adaptive reuse of Masten House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUNY ESF Adirondack Ecological Center</li> <li>• ESF College Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>TOWN OF CHESTER</b>	\$35,000	<b>Town of Chester Community Housing Plan</b> a plan to retain existing and establish new housing opportunities that are affordable to working residents	
<b>TOWN OF WILMINGTON</b>	\$50,000	<b>Economic Impact Feasibility Study</b> - plan for a Community Center, Municipal Offices, Historical Society Building and a Fly Fishing Museum	
<b>TOWN OF BOLTON</b>	\$50,000	<b>Sustainability Plan for the Hamlet of Bolton Landing</b>	
<b>TOWN OF AUSABLE</b>	\$26,000	<b>Town of Ausable Comprehensive Plan</b> development of the comprehensive plan using smart growth principles	
<b>TOWN OF STONY CREEK</b>	\$25,000	<b>Revitalization Study for the Hamlet of Stony Creek</b>	



**TOWN OF  
BRIGHTON**

\$46,400

**Brighton Smart Growth Assessment Project** a land use assessment and cooperative community effort toward sustainable economic growth

- Wildlife Conservation Society

**COUNTY OF ST.  
LAWRENCE**

\$45,000

**A User's Guide to the Adirondacks in St. Lawrence County** - development of a comprehensive tourism guide