

Executive Director's Report Wednesday March 8, 2023 4:00 p.m. Greene County Office Building, Room 468 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414

- a. NY Forward and DRI Announcements
 - i. Coxsackie awarded NY Forward \$4.5 million
 - 1. Other CREDC winners were Cambridge and Kinderhook
 - 2. City of Cohoes awarded CREDC DRI \$10 million
 - ii. Working with Village officials and LDC to coordinate debriefing meeting with ESD
- b. RestoreNY 7 submitted
 - i. Received 1 inquiry worked with Aaron and others to facilitate prompt response
 - ii. Awaiting announcements later this spring
- c. EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant
 - i. Still awaiting EPA awards guidance says April 2023
- d. HCR Microenterprise
 - i. Submitted this week
 - ii. Next step is coordinating procurement for an administrative firm to assist with program paperwork, underwriting, and reporting necessities
 - iii. Developing marketing push with Kathode Ray Media and plan for rollout
 - iv. Educational seminars will have to be filled looking for instructors in business, legal, and accounting fields
 - v. Goal rollout by June, but all signs are pointing for 30 days post-award
- e. Budget Allocation successfully received over \$33k from County after working with legislature and Deputy Administrator Hart to officially request funds during February committee and board meeting
 - i. Will bring our operating balance to \$50,000
- f. Conferences
 - i. Attended NYSEDC 2023 Annual Conference in Albany with Teri
 - Large focus on workforce and housing development best practices from examples across the state
 - 2. Other examples from areas that are successfully attracting tradable sectors across the region
 - ii. NYSAC 2023
 - 1. Learned about higher-level statewide initiatives that are impacting Counties across the state
 - a. EFMAP
 - b. In-Rem proceeds amendment



- 2. Allows for more nuanced approach for GCEDC to work with County on initiatives they care about most how the EDC can be utilized to help ease pressures from unfunded state mandates
- g. Business ARE Meetings
 - i. Operation Escalade Condor Site development worked with Subversive, they are going delay expansion efforts until next year most likely
 - ii. Friar Tuck webinar with potential developers this morning apparently have holdings and projects in Hudson Valley have checked with Dutchess, Ulster, and Colombia County contacts
 - iii. Phoenicia Diner
 - 1. Assembled site presentation for developers of approximately 7 sites across Greene County according to their wish list
 - 2. Refined list to 3 sites
 - 3. Additional information on 2
 - 4. Touring 173-189 Main Street Cairo next week
 - iv. Lee Physical Therapy
 - Expanding to a new location in Cairo will also be opening up a fitness facility
 - 2. Working with TBoGC to layer GCEDC resources used for working capital, equipment, inventory, and furniture/fixtures
 - 3. Set up meeting with Cairo Development Foundation to market end-use for former facility to a restaurant
 - v. Bavarian Manor
 - 1. Met with new owners, discussed their plans
 - 2. Split up their project into priority-based renovations
 - a. First focus on code-related issues
 - b. Second focus on long-term facility revitalization
 - 3. Met with Cairo building and code inspectors; assembled list of outstanding violations
 - 4. Pursuing National Historic Status to utilize Historic Tax Credits
 - vi. Catskill Bikeshop
 - 1. Received loan application capital to be used on inventory and equipment
 - 2. Still analyzing. Will present to board in April
 - vii. Hany's Harvest
 - 1. Still looking for facilities
 - viii. Inquiry from ESD looking for a potential manufacturing facility that may fit characteristics of an existing Greene County site working with IDA to ensure proper site submission and nurturing process
- h. Camoin Housing Report larger housing project coalition, resources, sites, etc..