

ALLEGANY COUNTY
Industrial Development Agency
2020 Annual Report

The Industrial Development Agency (IDA) continued its focus in 2020 to: (1) provide financial assistance in support of the retention, expansion, and attraction of new businesses; and, (2) purchase, develop, and maintain real estate specifically targeted for economic development and growth throughout Allegany County. The IDA website continues to be updated. The IDA instituted live streaming of all meetings starting in January 2020.

IDA Board: Craig Clark continues as Executive Director with current board members including Judy Hopkins, Randy Shayler, Rich Ewell, Mike Johnsen, Doug Frank and Ward Wilday.

PM Research: The long term 20-year lease with PM Research and their Precision Armament division has allowed them to grow with a PILOT in place.

Alliance Energy: Alliance Energy continues to be behind on paying their newer PILOT agreements and action has taken place to recover the past due funds.

IDA Annual Audit: The 2020 field audit was completed with a report to be submitted in the near future. Cathleen Whitfield resigned as CFO of the IDA after her retirement.

Swain Ski Resort: Swain Ski Recreational Center, LLC, continues operation and has made some minor payments with promises to work on past due payments.

Quicklees Travel Center at the Crossroads of I-86 & State Route 19: The Quicklees Travel Center was completed and opened in August 2020 with a Dunkin Donuts being added in 2021. We signed an option in January 2020 with a developer to build a brand-named hotel next to the travel center. The hotel is on hold until further notice due to COVID.

Waterline from Friendship: The waterline project from Friendship to the Crossroads site was completed and began operation in August 2020, servicing the NYSDOT rest stop on I-86, Quicklees Travel Center, and 4 residents with more to be added to the waterline.

Moraine Solar Project: The 100-Megawatt solar project proposed for the Town of Burns has submitted their Article 10 filing with informational meetings being held in the Town of Burns with a possible start date of 2021 or 2022.

Alle-Catt Wind Project: We reviewed the financial assistance application and passed a resolution to move forward on a package supporting the Allegany County portion of this project. The 117-wind turbine project is pending with the Cattaraugus section of the project still under debate. The project will be located in Allegany County, Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties. Invenergy's Article 10 paperwork has been approved with a possible start in 2021.

Small Scale Solar Projects: ACIDA reviewed financial assistance packages and hosted additional public hearings for nine additional 5-Megawatt systems in Independence, Wellsville, Angelica, Burns, Rushford and Hume. The ACIDA has now acted on and approved 12 small scale financial assistance packages with six projects closing and two projects completing construction. We anticipate the other six projects closing soon and all expected to start construction in 2021. Another project in Independence is under review, and more are being proposed.

Microenterprise Grant Program: CBDG grant to start a microenterprise grant program funded by the state began implementation and four awards have been granted. The program is being administered by ACIDA to assist small companies and startups to grow with grants in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range from a \$200,000 grant.

Great Lakes Cheese – Project: Continue to work with Great Lakes Cheese on a \$500 million new plant that will maintain an operation in the county, doubling the workforce and milk use. Their financial assistance package has been reviewed and will be hosting a public hearing and conducting SEQR for anticipated start of Summer 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
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IDA Executive Director