Allegany COUNTY New York

ACIDA

The Latest News and Updates
May 2026

Projects in Process:

Ongoing Compliance & Monitoring

MicroEnterprise

2026 Round of Funding

Allegany County has submitted the application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 2026.

The current contract with the consultant for the grant administration, the Harrison Studio, has concluded. The ACIDA Board approved the RFP for a consulting contract at the May 14, 2026 board meeting. The RFP will go out ASAP with proposals due by June 15, 2026.

The ACIDA will go live with the Microenterprise grant page and application as soon as funding is confirmed.

EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

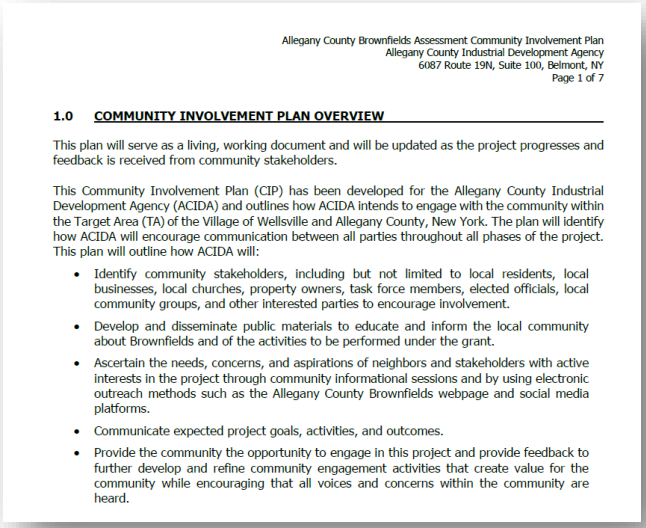
General and Site Specific QAAPs

The EPA had only minor comments/corrections to the original generic QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) submitted by HRP and is currently reviewing our updated generic QAPP.

Three site specific Phase II QAPPs have been submitted for approval and will be reviewed in the near-term. One is for a Belmont property with a pending sale to a new developer, and the other two are for Landbank projects in Friendship. Once site QAPPs are approved, Phase II investigations/testing can begin on these sites.

Community Engagement Meeting

Per our Community Involvement Plan (CIP), as part of the EPA Assessment Grant award, the ACIDA has an obligation to continue to engage with the community to keep them informed of the progress of the project as well as request their input on Brownfield site redevelopment opportunities. Per the plan, a full copy of which is available on the ACIDA Brownfield's page:



Allegany County Brownfields Assessment Community Involvement Plan
Allegany County Industrial Development Agency
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1.0 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

This plan will serve as a living, working document and will be updated as the project progresses and feedback is received from community stakeholders.

This Community Involvement Plan (CIP) has been developed for the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (ACIDA) and outlines how ACIDA intends to engage with the community within the Target Area (TA) of the Village of Wellsville and Allegany County, New York. The plan will identify how ACIDA will encourage communication between all parties throughout all phases of the project. This plan will outline how ACIDA will:

- Identify community stakeholders, including but not limited to local residents, local businesses, local churches, property owners, task force members, elected officials, local community groups, and other interested parties to encourage involvement.
- Develop and disseminate public materials to educate and inform the local community about Brownfields and of the activities to be performed under the grant.
- Ascertain the needs, concerns, and aspirations of neighbors and stakeholders with active interests in the project through community informational sessions and by using electronic outreach methods such as the Allegany County Brownfields webpage and social media platforms.
- Communicate expected project goals, activities, and outcomes.
- Provide the community the opportunity to engage in this project and provide feedback to further develop and refine community engagement activities that create value for the community while encouraging that all voices and concerns within the community are heard.

The ACIDA and HRP hosted the first community engagement meeting at the David A. Howe Library in Wellsville in December of 2025. The meeting was well-received, well-attended, and a valuable vehicle for both information sharing and information gathering.

We will host another community engagement meeting in July/August. Planning is underway right now; locations are currently being evaluated to maximize public accessibility.

Administration

RBDG

BDO Zone Rating Grant

The team at Ecostrat has chosen the Wellsville Business Park as the primary focus for evaluating our BDO Zone. They expect to have the rating and report completed by early June.

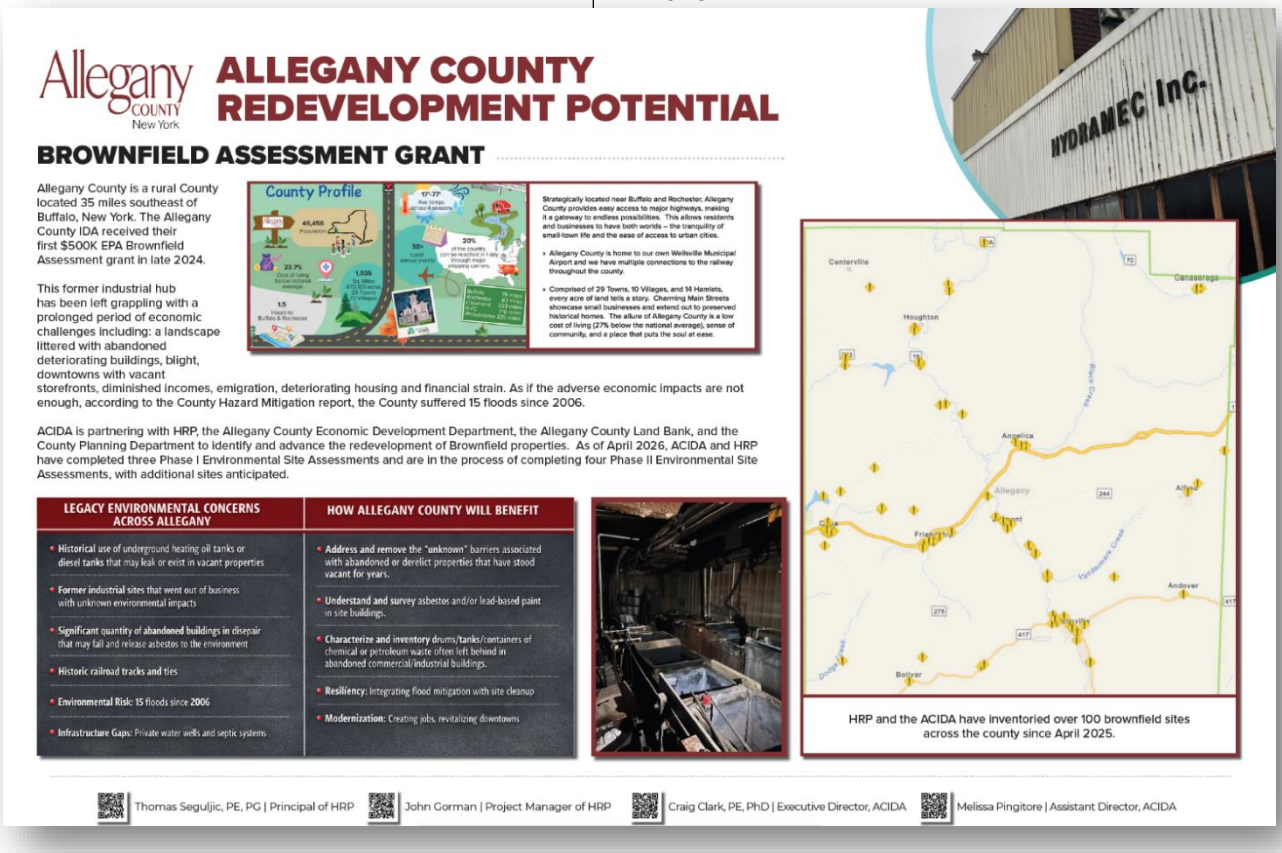
Herkimer Brownfields Conf.

Assistant Director Melissa Pingitore represented the ACIDA at the Herkimer County Brownfields Conference (April 20–22, 2026). This statewide event convened developers, IDAs, legal experts, and economic development consultants specializing in complex site redevelopment. Participation successfully advanced Allegany County's regional profile, solidified critical industry partnerships, and established new pipelines to support our ongoing revitalization efforts.

Below is a look at the Poster HRP created, and the ACIDA collaborated on, for the conference.

Annual Reorganization Meeting

The ACIDA Board of Directors held their annual reorganization meeting in April 2026. Leading up to the meeting, the ACIDA staff worked diligently to review and revise as necessary all policies and procedures of the organization in partnership with legal counsel, Hodgson Russ. All of the policies and procedures achieved board approval, save the Investment Policy, which required a minor update. This policy was revised and subsequently approved by the Board at the May 2026 meeting.

ACIDA Building Project

The ACIDA is working with CPL on design and engineering for the ACIDA offices at the Gateway. The newly appointed Building Committee is working closely with the ACIDA staff and the board to see this project to fruition. The first design meeting took place in early May. The ACIDA Building Committee, staff, and CPL discussed design and use goals and expectations, budget, grants, phasing, and timing. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026.