Allegany COUNTY New York

ACIDA

The Latest News and Updates
August 2026

Acquisition of Cuba Property

Housing Development

On 7/22/2026 the Allegany County Local Development Corporation (ACLDC) successfully bid on and purchased **5239 Maple Lane, Cuba, NY** at a foreclosure auction.

Building upon the valuable insights and data from the Planning Department's recent housing study, our vision for the site, in partnership with the Landbank and the Town of Cuba, is to develop 15 to 20 MARKET RATE cross-modular (crossmod) homes, funded through an HCR MOVE-IN NY grant currently being pursued by the Landbank. The next funding round for this grant is anticipated in 2027. In the interim, the ACIDA is actively collaborating with the Landbank, the Planning Department, and the Town of Cuba to complete necessary pre-development and site-preparation work, ensuring the property is fully ready for construction once funding is secured.

5239 Maple Lane, Cuba, NY Vision

Actual Clayton Keeneland Cross

ACIDA Building Project

Allegany Gateway Marketplace

As noted previously, we are in a holding pattern with this project as we await the award notices for the ARC grant. We will provide a further update once the grant awards are announced, typically around October.

EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

Project Review and Update

The team is focused on managing the project portfolio currently in process- to complete the 10 Phase 1s and 3 Phase 2s already approved by the EPA. The grant budget can support 2-3 more Phase Is and 1-2 more Phase 2s. The Brownfields Grant Management Team are carefully reviewing options for the remaining funding to ensure the sites have a high potential for redevelopment.

MicroEnterprise

2026 Round of Funding

The ACIDA is awaiting final confirmation that the HCR CDBG grant funding has been awarded and accepted by Allegany County. Once that happens, the ACIDA, in partnership with The Harrison Studios, ACCORD, and IncubatorWorks, will begin accepting applications. All related materials, a tentative application and award schedule, web pages, and marketing are in place and ready to go.

ACIDA RBDG BDO Zone A Rating

1st in NY State

The ACIDA has officially secured an **"A" BDO Zone Rating for Allegany County** from Ecostrat through our Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) BDO Zone project.

This investment-grade rating has been achieved for **pulpwood and forest residue**. An "A" rating is an internationally recognized standard, providing an independent technical risk assessment proving that Allegany County possesses low risk and high prospective viability across three critical pillars:

- **Feedstock Surplus:** Verified capacity of sustainable pulpwood and forest residue assets.
- **Supply Chain Strength:** Robust local forestry infrastructure and dependable logistics.
- **Sound Infrastructure:** Optimal transportation and operating assets ready to support industrial wood-processing and biomanufacturing operations.

Strategic Significance

Achieving this "A" rating for pulpwood and forest residue places Allegany County on the map for biomanufacturing. Capital markets and bio-project developers use BDO Zone ratings as a primary tool to fast-track investment decisions, bypassing early-stage exploratory hurdles. This designation transforms our local forestry resources into bankable economic development assets, positioning the county to attract new manufacturers in this field.

Next Steps:

With the risk-assessment phase successfully completed, the next six months will focus entirely on aggressive market execution.

- **Targeted Global Marketing**
- **Active Business Recruitment**
- **Economic Diversification**

We look forward to updating you on our progress as we leverage this powerful tool to bring new business and economic growth to Allegany County.

ACIDA BESS Event

Battery Energy Storage Experts Weigh In

The ACIDA hosted an informational session tailored for local officials focusing on practical guidance, safe siting, streamlined permitting, and compliance requirements associated with Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The session aimed to support local decision-makers in navigating New York State's evolving fire and safety codes.

Featured Speakers & Key Perspectives

- **Jennifer Manierre** *(Director of Clean Energy Siting, NYSERDA):* Provided local governments with best practices for solar, wind, and BESS permitting, drawing on over 18 years of energy sector experience to help communities participate in New York's clean energy transition.
- **Paul Rogers** *(Retired FDNY Lieutenant & Co-Founder, Energy Safety Response Group):* Offered insights as a nationally recognized authority on lithium-ion battery hazards, emergency response, and BESS fire codes, leveraging his background in developing NYC permitting standards and serving on NFPA 855 committees.
- **Daniel A. Spitzer** *(Partner, Hodgson Russ LLP):* Moderated the event, bringing expertise in energy, land use, and environmental law to guide discussions on municipal zoning and regulatory compliance for renewable energy projects across New York State.