Allegany COUNTY New York

# ACIDA

The Latest News and Updates
September 2026

## MicroEnterprise

*2026 Round of Funding*

Allegany County has officially accepted the award from the Office of Community Renewal (OCR), clearing the path for our next major economic boost. In partnership with The Harrison Studios, ACCORD, and IncubatorWorks, the ACIDA application portal is now officially live and open to local entrepreneurs.

The application window is open until 4:00 PM on September 30, 2026—please note that late submissions will not be accepted. Following the close of the application period, award announcements are anticipated to kick off in late November 2026. All related materials, web pages, and marketing campaigns are fully in place and ready to drive community impact.

Explore guidelines, resources, and access the application portal directly on the ACIDA website at:

**https://acida.org/microenterprise**

## ACIDA Building Project

*Allegany Gateway Marketplace*

We are still awaiting the results of the ARC Award. We are looking forward to this announcement sometime in the next few months.

## Acquisition of Cuba Property

*Clarifying the Initiative*

The Allegany County Local Development Corporation (ACLDC) successfully bid on and purchased 5239 Maple Lane, Cuba, NY at a foreclosure auction in July.

In response to public statements and concerns suggesting this is a Section 8 or low-income housing project, we want to set the record straight: the homes themselves are market-rate construction. While the grant program supporting this includes low-to-moderate-income qualification guidelines for prospective home-buyers—*reflecting a regional economic reality where approximately 70% of Allegany County households qualify under standard local median income limits*—the community is designed to help local working families achieve homeownership through high-quality, market-rate cross-modular (crossmod) homes.

*5239 Maple Lane, Cuba, NY Vision*

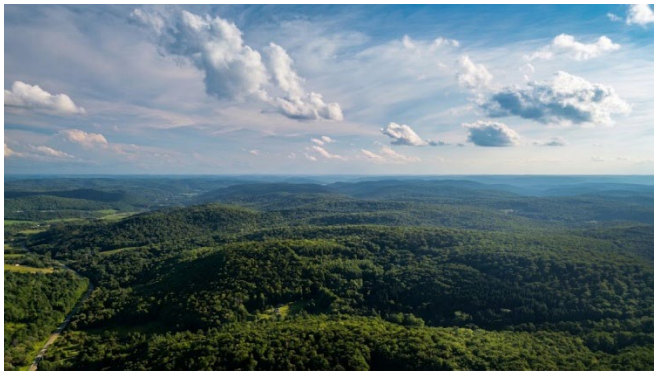
*Actual Clayton Keeneland Cross*

## RBDG BDO Zone A Rating

*Ensuring Growth and Value for Local Forestry*

To address recent misconceptions from constituents worried about potential negative impacts on local logging and forestry, we want to set the record straight: *this initiative is entirely additive*. Rather than harming traditional operations, it is designed to boost the profitability of our local forestry businesses by helping them monetize wood by-products and residues that are already being produced but largely left unused.

This rating tells potential developers there is existing material here, in large quantities, that is available through our current supply chain to support a new business transforming these by-products into useable materials.



We are building on this elite "A" BDO Zone Rating for pulpwood and forest residue from Ecostrat via our USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) project. Over the next six months, our focus turns entirely to aggressive market execution including: targeted global marketing campaigns, active business recruitment, and strategic economic diversification.

We look forward to keeping you updated as we leverage this powerful asset to drive sustainable growth and new economic opportunity throughout Allegany County.

## ACIDA BESS Event

*Clarifying Our Role and Mission*

Following feedback from some attendees claiming our recent BESS informational session was one-sided or overlooked certain risks, we want to share the IDA's position for the record. The ACIDA does not hold an ethical stance for or against Battery Energy Storage Systems. Our mission is economic development*: we welcome and invite all eligible projects to apply for incentives, provided their host municipality is officially in favor of them.*

Last month's informational session was strictly designed to provide local officials with practical guidance, safe siting tools, streamlined permitting, and compliance requirements as they navigate New York State's evolving fire and safety codes. We remain committed to giving local leaders the factual, technical resources they need to make the best decisions for their own communities.

## EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

*Project Review and Update*

Mark your calendars for an essential community conversation on the future of local revitalization.

Join us for the upcoming Brownfields Community Engagement Meeting on October 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Cuba Circulating Library. This meeting is a fantastic opportunity to hear the latest updates on our assessment work, share your ideas for your Town or Village, and get your questions answered by the project team. We look forward to seeing you there as we build a stronger, cleaner future together.

We continue to make steady, hands-on progress as we actively work through comprehensive Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments across target sites, paving the way to transform underutilized properties into vibrant community assets.