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MVREDC BOARD LIGHTING UP: IS YOUR PROJECT ON THE LIST?

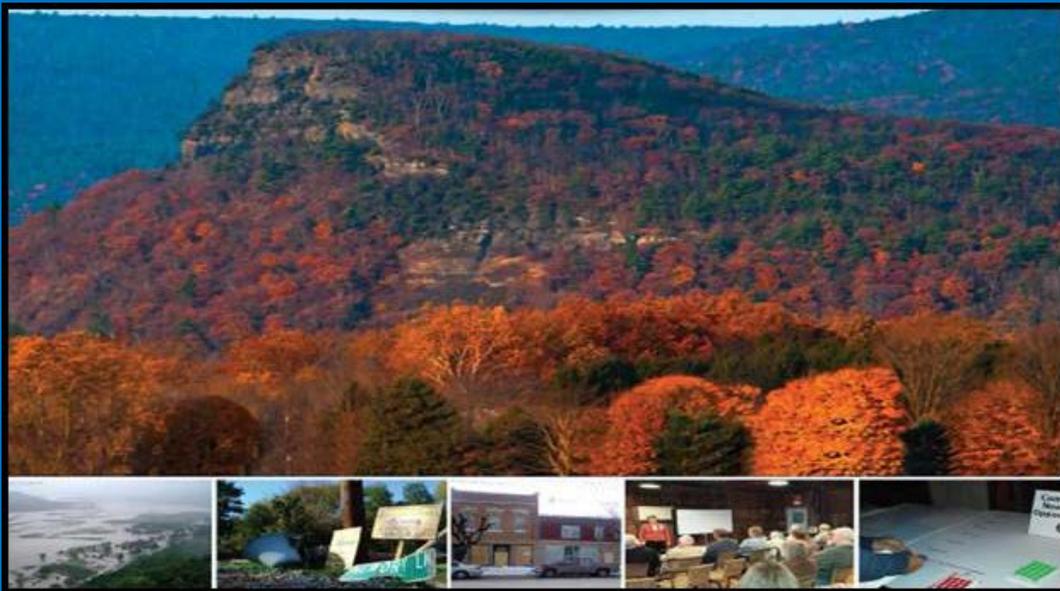
With less than two weeks left in CFA ROUND IV, the Mohawk Valley REDC is working with businesses and communities to ensure that the project pipeline is primed for 2014. The Council has been busy hosting workshops, facilitating focus groups, cultivating projects, and providing technical assistance across the region. Expect to see another round of transformative projects and initiatives that grow jobs, augment industry concentrations, revitalize downtowns, create pathways to innovation, expand opportunities, and enhance quality of life in the Mohawk Valley.

If your company is considering a project, there is still time to engage your local REDC representative and submit an application. *START THE PROCESS TODAY: ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT: <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>.*

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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED US FOR
THE MVREDC MEETING IN COBLESKILL!**



Highlights from May 22nd

The Council heard a presentation on how NYS Taxation & Finance can assist MV businesses to grow and thrive in New York State. For more information, contact Mwis Chisunka at

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Sarah Crowell, Revitalization Specialist with the Department of State, delivered a progress report and update on NY RISING Communities in the Mohawk Valley. The Council learned about communities like Middleburgh, Schoharie, and Amsterdam are building back better in order to ensure a more sustainable future for businesses and residents in the areas impacted by severe flooding in 2011-2012. To view the full NY RISING Communities plans for your area, go to: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/>

Finally, we learned of an exciting public-private partnership in the works at by SUNY Cobleskill that promises to strengthen agribusiness, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance the region's capacity for dairy processing – positioning Schoharie County and the Mohawk Valley for explosive growth in agricultural business & tourism. Stay tuned - big things are happening in Cobleskill.



SUMMIT TO BRING TOGETHER EMPLOYERS, EDUCATORS

June 18 event seeks to be to catalyst for creating workforce pipeline

ONEONTA — What if students graduating from regional colleges and universities were properly trained for available jobs in the region? And what if area students could be on a pathway toward those careers when they graduated high school?

Career Opportunities in Rural Education (CORE) is inviting education and business leaders to help make those possibilities a reality, creating a pipeline of qualified workers that begins in local school districts, funnels through area colleges and leads into the regional workforce. An Education/Workforce Summit is planned from 9 a.m. to noon, June 18, at Morris Hall on the SUNY Oneonta campus to begin the collaborative thinking toward that pipeline. The event is cosponsored by the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce and the County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency.

“Through this summit, we hope to bring together all the pieces of the economic development puzzle in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties to see how they can all fit together,” CORE Director Liz Rickard said.

CORE, whose partners include more than 20 businesses, school districts, colleges and legislators, is an initiative launched in 2011 by Milford Central School to serve as a regional hub for educational opportunities and career advancement. The school districts of Laurens, Charlotte Valley, Edmeston and Schenevus are part of the CORE initiative.

“These school districts are forward thinking and innovative in how they approach learning opportunities for their students,” Rickard said.

In addition to establishing a community-centered physical and virtual network of adult education courses and career advancement training programs, CORE works to create relationships between area employers and educators to produce a valuable workforce.

Ideally, area business leaders would partner with school officials to help develop school curriculum, so the skills of young people entering the workforce would match what employers are looking for.

“We want to provide students with an education relevant to the workforce needs of our area, so students can come out of school qualified for regional jobs that will provide good wages,” said Brian Hunt, superintendent of Edmeston Central School.

Hunt has joined forces with Milford and Laurens school districts to launch a variety of STEM-related courses. The districts plan to share resources so they can offer the courses to a broader range of students at the middle and high school levels. The courses include advanced manufacturing, biomedical and engineering classes.

Rickard said it is imperative that area school districts make connections with Hartwick College, Mohawk Valley and Herkimer community colleges, and SUNY schools at

Oneonta, Delhi and Cobleskill.

“School districts need to make links with higher education so students can be prepared to excel in established college programs,” Rickard said.

Rickard said she hopes representatives from colleges and universities in the area will attend the summit to see how they can partner with high schools to offer college-credit bearing courses.

“Colleges and universities can really help shape what their incoming students have under their belts by not only helping them earn college credits in high school, but also getting them headed down career paths earlier,” she said.

During the summit, participants will hear from school district leaders on the efforts being made in K-12 to prepare students for college and career. Their remarks will be followed by a panel discussion on how to create a workforce pipeline.

“I hope business leaders, elected officials and representatives in higher education will see this as an economic development opportunity for our area and an important step in developing a sustainable local workforce,” Rickard said.

Those interested in attending the summit on June 18 should contact Rickard at 607-286-7721, ext. 8421, or by email at erickard@milfordcentral.org to reserve a spot by June 13.



Better Together

For entrepreneurs, turning a passion into a business is the ultimate dream. But that dream doesn't come easily. It's hard work, and there are challenges around every corner. Fortunately, New York State entrepreneurs don't have to go it alone. Their chance of success increases with access to the business knowledge and guidance of experienced professionals.

This is why New York State has partnered with MicroMentor to bring you Business Mentor NY, a free, easy-to-use service that connects entrepreneurs with volunteer mentors so they can solve problems and build businesses together. With a growing community and a record of thousands of mentor-mentee matches, Business Mentor NY's mission is to leverage the power of mentoring to help small businesses thrive.

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\$7 MILLION HCR ROUND IS WINDING DOWN

Community Renewal Fund resources are available to eligible communities for housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure, public facilities and economic development activities that primarily benefit low- to moderate-income individuals – but time is running short and the window of opportunity is closing.

Only an eligible applicant (a unit of local government) may apply on behalf of a business seeking CDBG funds for economic development purposes. The window is rapidly closing, due to public notice requirements. If your business or community has a viable project, it is important that you contact your local Project Development Committee representative today.

Detailed program information and application materials are now available online at: <http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-CDBG/ConsolidatedFundingApplication.htm>.

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Herkimer County: Mark Feane – (315) 867-1373, mdfeane@herkimercounty.org

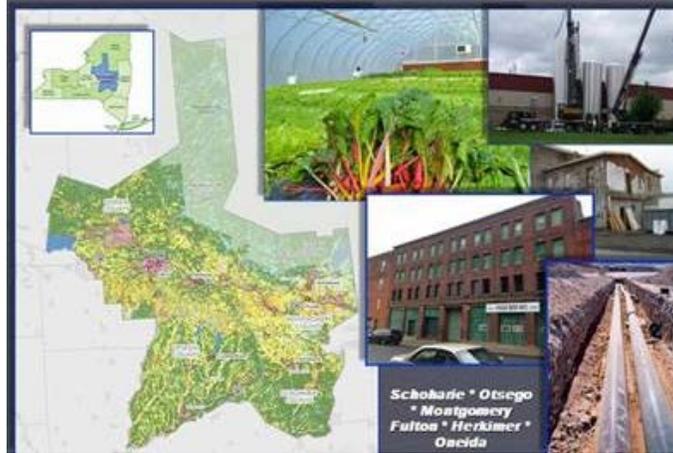
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Applicants may also contact the Office of Community Renewal at 518-474-2057 or via email at OCRinfo@nyshcr.org with questions regarding this allocation of CRF funding for the MV REDC Region.



For more information, go to the [MVREDC](#) web page.

NICK MATT TO PRESENT MOHAWK VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS TO ANCA CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE IN LAKE PLACID

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REGISTRATION IS CLOSED AT THIS TIME

Save the Dates!

GLOBAL MOHAWK VALLEY:

9:30 to 11:30 AM | Thursday, June 5th | SUNY IT Student Center
Export Workshop: Tools to Grow Your Business. **Registration is FULL at this time.**

ANCA CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE

June 4th – June 6th | Lake Placid Conference Center
Featuring a presentation by MVREDC Member Nick Matt on the F.X. Matt Brewery Anaerobic Digester Project and Clean Energy projects across the Mohawk Valley.

WHERE CANAL MEETS CORRIDOR

7:30am – 9am | Wednesday, June 18th | Hotel @ The Lafayette, Buffalo

Featuring Kennedy Smith of the CLUE Group and First Batch

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE SUMMIT

9am to Noon | Wednesday, June 18th | SUNY Oneonta, Morris Hall

RSVP to Liz Rickard at erickard@milfordcentral.org prior to June 13th!!!

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[County Developing plan for economic strategy](#)
[Utica brewery officials explain expansion plans](#)

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