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MOHAWK VALLEY REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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JUNE 16th**

**MOHAWK VALLEY REDC KICKS OFF
CFA ROUND IV WITH REGIONAL SUMMIT**

Co-Chaired by Executive Committee Members Nick Matt and Dr. Todd Hutton, the MVREDC hosted a regional economic development summit on Wednesday, April 30th at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie. Community leaders and stakeholders from across the six-county region took inventory, shared successes, and refined the region's vision for 2014 and beyond. More than 180 attendees learned how businesses and communities in each county are shaping the region's future through new investment and creative public-private partnerships.



Workshop topics included strengthening the emerging Farm-to-Table movement, colleges as partners in community development, and investing on our Main streets. For example, the “Colleges as Partners” workshop - led by Dr. Dustin Swanger, President of Fulton-Montgomery Community College – sparked engaging discussion about the role of community colleges, State Universities, and private institutions as hives of entrepreneurship and perennial leaders in innovation.

The “Rustbelt to Greenbelt” workshop featured Richard Ball, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, leading a panel of local entrepreneurs who are determined to connect our vast agricultural resources to our population centers through gourmet food, retail markets, and a cultural shift toward “locavesting.”

In “State & Main,” moderator Peter Fleischer, Executive Director of Empire State Future, led a developer-heavy discussion on the challenges and overwhelming rewards associated with adaptive reuse of downtown buildings and the importance of adopting a Smart Growth approach to regional development.

The keynote address – “Attracting and Managing Regional Growth” – was delivered by Mike Russo of Global Foundries, providing a glimpse of what is in store for Mohawk Valley communities as the state continues to invest in nanotechnology and advanced manufacturing.

Brian Stratton, Director of Canals, anchored the event with a presentation on the Erie Canal as the blue thread that binds our region together, and the significant role the canal plays in rebuilding vibrant and sustainable communities in the Mohawk Valley.

Attendees witnessed first-hand the energy and momentum building across the Mohawk Valley. The summit provided a platform for collaboration, a springboard for ideas, and a nexus of opportunity for communities and businesses seeking to grow and thrive in the new regional economy.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MVREDC EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER MAYOR ANN THANE
ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

Governor Cuomo Launches Fourth Round of Regional Economic Development Councils

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently launched Round IV of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative, officially kicking off the 2014 competition for up to \$750 million in state economic development resources. The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) will open to applicants on May 1, enabling businesses, municipalities, not-for-profits and the public to begin applying for assistance from dozens of state funding programs, through a single application, for job-creating and

community development projects.

"New York's economy is on a come-back in large part because we have adopted a grassroots approach to economic development that is creating jobs and growing new industries across our state," Governor Cuomo said. "The Regional Councils are working and we plan to continue that success with the fourth round this year. I look forward to seeing the new projects that the regions come up with as we continue to grow our economy and put New Yorkers back to work."

In December 2013, the MVREDC earned *Top Performer* status among the ten Regional Economic Development Councils by demonstrating successful projects that advance core growth strategies. Over a period of three years, the MVREDC has secured more than \$200 Million in state assistance for nearly 240 projects that will help to **GROW** business & industry, **BUILD** a dynamic 21st Century workforce, **CREATE** technology & innovation-enabling infrastructure, **REVIVE** our urban centers, waterfronts, and main streets, and **FORGE** public-private partnerships.

The CFA is now open! Applications available at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>.

HAVE A PROJECT IDEA? TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO FILL OUT THIS PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE: [2014 PROJECT SURVEY](#)

MVREDC RECOGNIZES RICHARD BALL ON HIS CONFIRMATION AS NYS COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS.

\$7 MILLION HCR ROUND IS NOW OPEN!

MV Co-Chairs Lawrence T. Gilroy III and Dr. Robert Geer, recently announced that the MVREDC is calling on communities in the six-county Mohawk Valley Region to propose projects eligible to compete for approximately \$7 million recently awarded to the Council by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Working in partnership with the Regional Council, the State's Office of Community Renewal (OCR) will make Community Renewal Fund resources available to eligible communities for housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure, public facilities and economic development activities that primarily benefit low- to moderate-income individuals. The purpose of these funds is to help develop viable communities by providing decent affordable housing and expanding economic opportunities.

The Community Renewal Fund consists of about \$7 million in federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds being provided to the Regional

Council through the OCR. Eligible applicants must be units of local government with populations of less than 50,000, or counties with fewer than 200,000 residents. Only an eligible applicant may apply on behalf of a business seeking CDBG funds for economic development purposes.

Eligible applicants within the Mohawk Valley Region will be able to submit applications and/or pre-submission forms for projects that seek to utilize NYS CDBG funds for eligible economic development, small business, housing and public infrastructure and public facility activities. The Mohawk Valley Region includes Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties.

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

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their representative from the Regional Council's Project Development Committee, corresponding to the county where the proposed project is to occur.

Fulton County: Mike Reese – (518) 762-8700, miker@fccrg.org

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

Oneida County: Steve DiMeo (315) 338-0393, sjdimeo@mvedge.org

Otsego County: Alexander Mathes – (518) 731-5000, mathes@mathespa.com

Montgomery County: Ken Rose – (315) 852-8334, krose@co.montgomery.ny.us

Schoharie County: Sarah Blood – (518) 295-8770, sarah.blood@co.schoharie.ny.us

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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Where Canal Meets Commercial Corridor

Unlocking Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Your Downtown

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Hotel @ The Lafayette, Buffalo, NY

A spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship built the Erie Canal and spurred growth in New York State and the nation. Attend this one-day session to learn about today's "Maker Movement" and opportunities for downtown revitalization in the 21st century.

Representatives from First Batch and the Urban Manufacturing Alliance will join Main Street expert Kennedy Smith of The CLUE Group, LLC to offer new strategies and to help facilitate a solution-oriented dialogue for downtown investment opportunities. Join us for an exciting day of presentations, conversation and networking!



To register, visit
www.eriecanalway.org .
Or contact Hannah Blake,
518-237-7000, ext. 202,
hannah_blake@nps.gov.

POOL of MONEY

A *Mighty Waters* Symposium

Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 – 1pm – 4pm

United Presbyterian Church
25 Church Street, Amsterdam, New York

*Panel Discussion and Working Session on
regional waterfront revitalization*

PANEL DISCUSSION

Successful Examples
Funding Available
CFA Procedure

WORKING SESSION

Regional Priorities
Priority Projects
Combined Efforts

SAVE the DATE!

Details to follow

Sponsored by the
Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
hosted by the
City of Amsterdam

For more information, please call (518) 841-4323 or email
rvonhasseln@amsterdamny.gov

Save the Dates!

MOHAWK VALLEY MIGHTY WATERS SYMPOSIUM:

1pm - 4pm | Wednesday, May 14th | United Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam
Hosted by the City of Amsterdam, the workshop is focused on downtown and waterfront development. Members of the MVREDC and participating agencies will assist leaders, planners, and project developers to identify available funding sources for projects and initiatives along the Mohawk River and Erie Canal Heritage Corridor. **RSVP to rvonhasseln@amsterdamny.gov.**

CFA WORKSHOP @ SUNY IT

10am – 12:30pm | Monday, May 19th | SUNY IT Student Center
Featuring NYSERDA, Homes & Community Renewal, Empire State Development

MVREDC MEETING @ SUNY COBLESKILL

10am – 12pm | Thursday, May 22nd | SUNY Cobleskill – Bouck Hall
[RSVP Today](#)

CFA WORKSHOP @ SUNY COBLESKILL

1pm – 3:30pm | Thursday, May 22nd | SUNY Cobleskill – Bouck Hall
Featuring NYSERDA, Homes & Community Renewal, Empire State Development

FULTON-MONTGOMERY CHAMBER BREAKFAST

7:30am – 9am | Thursday, May 22nd | River Stone Manor, Glenville
Featuring Kenneth Adams, ESD President & CEO

WHERE CANAL MEETS CORRIDOR

7:30am – 9am | Wednesday, June 18th | Hotel @ The Lafayette, Buffalo
Featuring Kennedy Smith of the CLUE Group and First Batch

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The Mohawk Valley is

FULTON, HERKIMER, MONTGOMERY, ONEIDA, OTSEGO, & SCHOHARIE

- **GROW** Business by enhancing regional concentrations and expanding manufacturing
- **BUILD** Workforce through STEM education, skills training, and opening doors of opportunity
- **CREATE** Pathways to Innovation by deploying enabling infrastructure and global connectivity
- **REVIVE** Communities through sustainable investments in downtowns, brownfields, and waterfronts
- **FORGE** Partnerships to remove obstacles to growth and fostering a more business-friendly environment

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