

Mohawk valley Regional Economic Development Council  
Meeting Notes  
April 2, 2013  
HFM BOCES, Johnstown

**Welcome and Introduction of Members, Agenda and Overview**

Co-chairs Gilroy welcomed the public and MVREDC members. Thanks were also extended to our host, BOCES superintendent Dr. Patrick Michel, and also to Fulton-Montgomery Community College President Dustin Swanger.

Co-chair Gilroy reviewed the agenda for today's meeting which included a presentation of the draft Cleaner Greener Communities Sustainability Plan, an update on priority projects selected for and consideration by New York State Homes & Community Renewal.

**Cleaner Greener Communities Sustainability Plan**

In 2012, Governor Cuomo announced the Cleaner, Greener Communities, a \$100 million competitive grant program to encourage communities to develop regional sustainable growth strategies. The Regional Sustainability Planning program is the first stage of the Cleaner, Greener Communities program and is intended to establish a statewide sustainability planning framework that will aid in statewide infrastructure investment decision making reduce greenhouse gas emissions; inform municipal land use policies; serve as a basis for local government infrastructure decision making; help to guide infrastructure investment of both public and private resources; and to provide each region with a sustainability plan that will enable them to strategically identify and prioritize the projects they submit for consideration.

A draft of the CGC Sustainability Plan was presented to the MVREDC for its consideration. Finalization of the plan is expected to occur subsequent to the April 2 meeting. Thus the MVREDC voted to authorize the Council's Executive Committee to grant final approval prior to its submittal to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

**HCR \$8 million Award Update**

Council Executive Director Ken Tompkins summarized a list of recommendations recommended priority projects to compete for \$8 million in Community Development Block Grant assistance awarded to the MVREDC by New York State Homes & Community Renewal in the second round of the Consolidated Funding Application. The MVREDC asked a committee of regional economic development professionals to solicit eligible projects in each of three categories: public facilities, economic development and housing. The committee identified 43 projects that the MVREDC Executive Committee approved as priorities. The project recommendations were shared with the full Council. Applications for the proposed projects are expected to be completed the appropriate units of local government during April and submitted to HCR.

**Executive Session**

The MVREDC entered executive session to discuss strategic and organizational matters.

## Adjournment