

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

2017 Annual Report



Delphi Falls - Upper Falls

"If there is
magic on
this
planet..."

... it is
contained
in water"

Loren Eiseley



Delphi Falls - Lower Falls

PLANNING STAFF

Director: Scott Ingmire

Jamie Kowalczk

Sarah Krisch

Stefan Lutter

Jim Petreszyn

Gwen Williamson



Congratulations to MaryEllen VanDusen on her retirement from Madison County after 21 years of service. We wish you the very best, as we remember your smile and sparkling personality!



Welcome to Stefan Lutter who joined the Planning Department in April as a Planner. His experience at CCE of Cayuga County and the Village of Trumansburg brings a fresh perspective to the department.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Director: Scott Ingmire

Sarah Bitz

Susan Brown

George Fuller

Ellen Bowe

Jennifer Buckley

Barb Packard

Tom Reichel



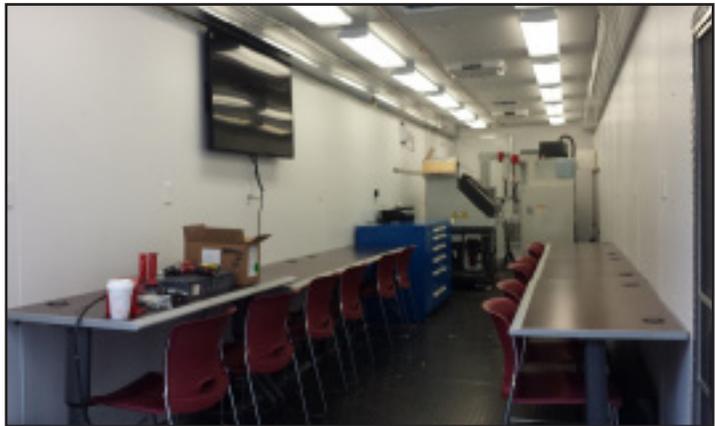
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apprenticeship Accelerator Career Training (AACT) “Advanced Manufacturing”

In 2017, the Career Center undertook a very innovative and collaborative approach toward helping some of the manufacturing companies in Madison County by supporting the Apprenticeship Accelerator Career Training program. The goal was to train and employ local workers to fill some of the many open Computer Numeric Control (CNC) manufacturing jobs that Madison County manufacturers were having difficulty filling with qualified candidates.

The program highlights were as follows:

- Provide the Advanced Manufacturing training skills that Madison County employers need.
o Use the Vermont HITEC training model that has been very successful.
- 9 weeks of training, Monday-Friday, 40 hours a week.
o There is absolutely no cost to the students.
- Employers commit to hiring and select the students.
o Students paid \$10 per hour while in training (40 hours).
-- MACNY pays 20 hours and employers pay for 20 hours.
- At end of 9 weeks, students go to work at their sponsored employer and begin a 4 year Apprenticeship.
o Start out at \$13 per hour and receive pay raises as Apprenticeship milestones are met.



The players: Onondaga Community College (OCC), Madison County Workforce Development, Workforce Development Board + AAI Grant + DEI Grant, MACNY, WDI and the 5 employers.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BOCES- Oneida Worksite



Landscaping at
the Great Swamp
Conservancy



Summer Youth Employment Program 2017

MADISON COUNTY

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUTH PLACED: 102 (IN 2016, THERE WERE 92 YOUTH PLACED)

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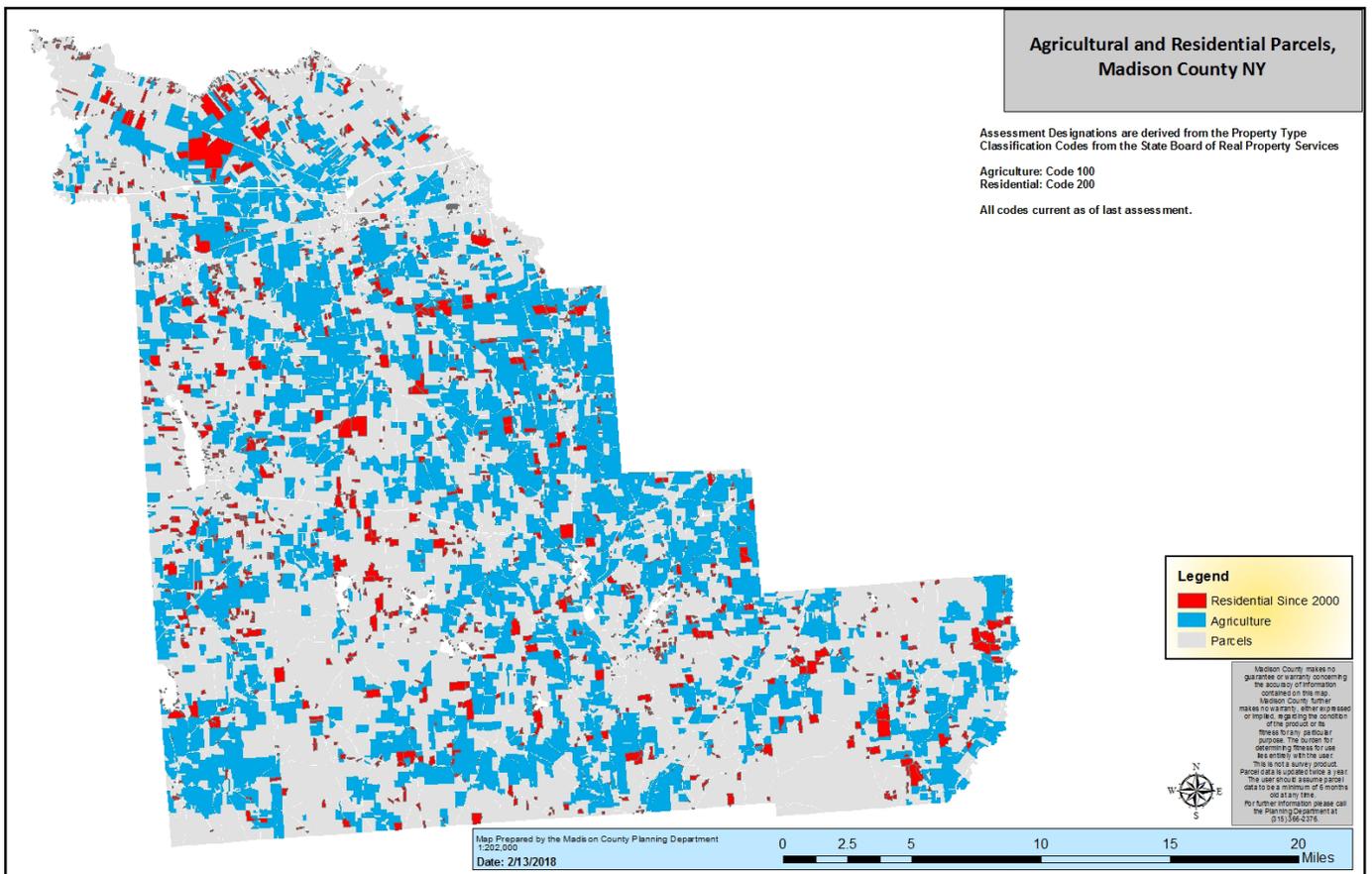
14 YEAR OLDS... 25
15 YEAR OLDS... 26
16 YEAR OLDS... 18
17 YEAR OLDS... 18
18 YEAR OLDS... 8
19 YEAR OLDS... 5
20 YEAR OLDS... 2

28 OUT OF 62 YOUTH AT THE BOCES WORKSITES HAD
"PERFECT ATTENDANCE"

In 2017 the total number of youth placed in the Madison County Summer Youth program was 102. We have 4 large worksites located in Oneida, Canastota, Chittenango and the Southern End of the County. The youth on these worksites are supervised by Madison Oneida BOCES instructors and complete outdoor projects in landscaping, trail maintenance and general labor in and around their local areas. We were proud to see that 28 out of the 62 youth placed at the BOCES worksites had perfect attendance last year. In addition to the large worksites, we coordinate and work with employers in Madison County that are willing to take on summer youth participants and provide them with excellent work opportunities during the summer.

AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION & DEVELOPMENT

We are currently working through our new Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan. This plan will be a guiding document for how to strengthen and build the agricultural economy and mitigate threats to farms and farmland. Agriculture is a hugely important and diverse economic sector in our county, and the issues farmers face are unique and challenging. With the help of our farm community, we are looking forward and anticipating how we can preserve farmland and enhance the economic viability for all forms of agriculture, county-wide. If you're a farmer yourself, keep your eye out for our survey, which will be heading out in the mail this spring!



BUY MADISON



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JANUARY

Laurie Zblock
Massage
Therapy



FEBRUARY

The
Raider
Diner



MARCH

HAMILTON
THEATER



APRIL

TANNER
INSURANCE



MAY

STONE
BROTHERS
GREENHOUSE



JUNE

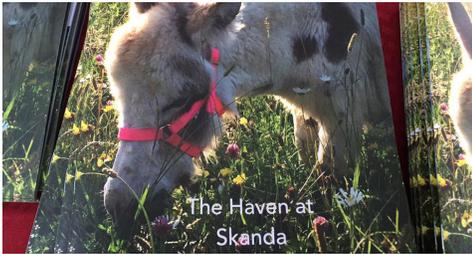
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FIRST WEDNESDAY

Shop
Fun

5-7pm



The Haven at Skanda

JULY

THE HAVEN
AT SKANDA



AUGUST

EQUULEUS ACRES
PERFECT PONIES
FARWELL
PHOTOGRAPHY



SEPTEMBER

THE
ROADSIDE
INN



OCTOBER

EXTREEM
CAR WASH



NOVEMBER

CAZENOVIA
ANIMAL
HOSPITAL



Cazenovia Animal Hospital

2750 Rt. 20 East
Cazenovia, NY 13035



DECEMBER

HEDGEROW
GENERAL



CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES

The Clean Energy Communities program was created by NYSERDA and the State of New York as a means to encourage local governments in New York State to implement clean energy actions, save energy costs, create jobs, and improve the environment. In addition to providing tools, resources, and technical assistance, the program recognizes and rewards leadership for the completion of clean energy projects. NYSERDA has identified ten high-impact actions that local governments can take to save money, foster a vibrant economy, and improve the environment. By completing four of the ten high-impact actions, the applying jurisdiction shall earn the Clean Energy Community designation as well as a grant, up to \$250,000 per municipality with no local cost share, to support additional clean energy projects.

Madison County became the first designated Clean Energy Community in the large community category in 2017. We became the first eligible large community for a \$250,000 award in Central New York and one of the first Counties in the State to attain this designation.

Program. A community must complete at least four High Impact Actions to earn the Clean Energy Communities designation.

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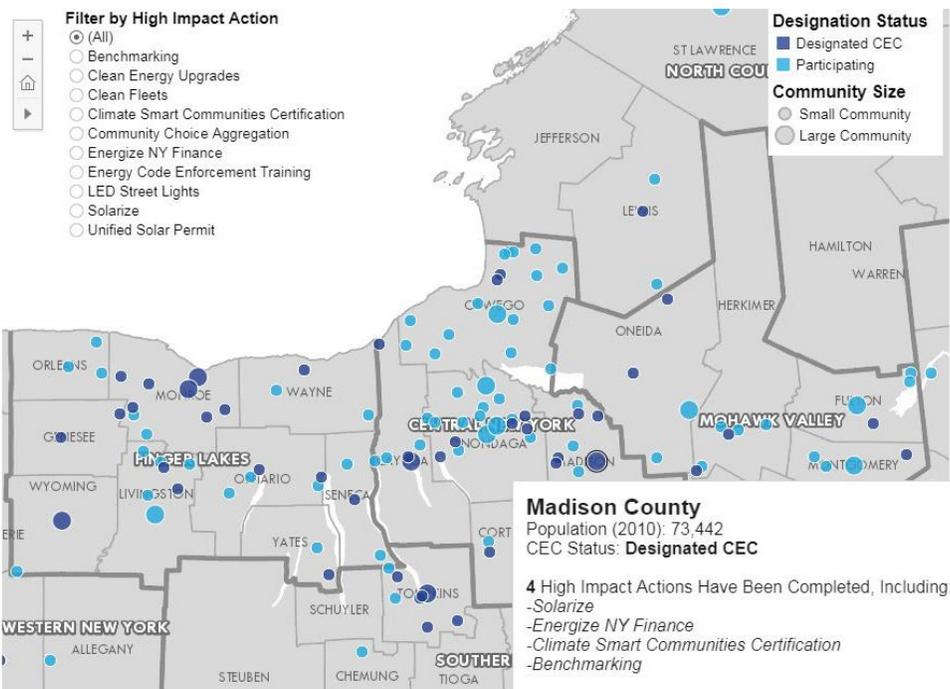
Participating Communities

134

Designated Communities

846

Actions Completed



The Planning Department completed 4 High Impact Actions to attain this award, which included:

- Participating in a Solarize campaign
- Benchmarking Municipal energy use
- Being designated a Certified Climate Smart Community
- Adopting Energize NY PACE financing.

We will be working with NYSERDA in 2018 on implementing our \$250,000 award which will be put toward Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, electric vehicle purchases, and a main street redevelopment project. We look forward to the implementation of these projects in 2018!!



ENERGY

Madison County is pleased to announce that our County Buildings are now powered by locally generated solar energy! Many of you have been witness to energy efficiency improvements the County has made over the past few years, including: window tinting, new LED lighting, improved insulation, motor upgrades, and much more. These upgrades save costs and also made the economics of going solar more favorable. New rules allow for the installation of large scale solar energy system to be installed offsite from the intended point of use, using the electric grid to move the power produced. As a result, the solar array is located in Lincoln on County owned property behind the Child Advocacy Center.

The array, which consists of 7,752 ground-mounted, photovoltaic solar panels, was developed to supply energy to the county office building, county jail, and other utility accounts. This system will produce more than 2.8 million kWh of lower-cost renewable energy annually. Over the projected 25-year term, the agreement will result in more than \$3 million in cost savings for the county and its residents. When we started this project, we anticipated it would cover about 60 percent of the County's energy needs. However, due to conservation measures and energy efficiency upgrades overseen by the county maintenance and the Board of Supervisors, we now anticipate it will cover approximately 73 percent of the county campuses energy needs.

It should be noted that these savings come at no cost to the county or its residents. Madison County is not paying for the installation or maintenance of the array; they are simply agreeing to purchase the power the array produces under a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).



OLD ERIE CANAL WORKING GROUP

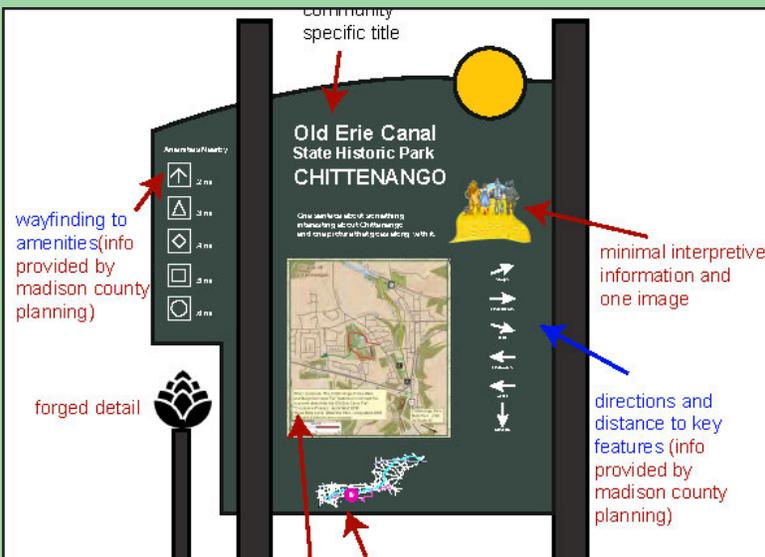
The Planning Department continues to lead the Old Erie Canal Community Working Group. Accomplishments include securing funding and promoting the corridor through special programs and events.



The 3rd Annual Tour the Towpath was an official pre-conference event to the 2017 World Canal Conference. The 2-day event brought 151 participants, including one from France (pictured left above), through the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park and our canal-side communities.



The first Old Erie Canal Boat Float was organized for June 17, 2017. 101 participants came out to paddle the canal from DeWitt to Chittenango (10+ miles of uninterrupted paddling). The Planning Department also created a draft paddle guide for the event which will be finalized in 2018.



The Planning Department selected a consultant to fabricate community wayfinding signage to be placed along the Erie Canalway Trail in our area. This signage will direct the thousands of trail users into our communities. This project is made possible through a \$30,000 NYS Canals grant secured by the Planning Department. The signs will be installed summer 2018.



The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is underway for the Old Erie Canal Corridor. The Planning Department received a \$83,000 grant from NYS DOS to create the LWRP which will be a new land and water use plan that will help inform strategies to revive the Erie Canal waterway and waterfront. A kick-off meeting between the NYS DOS and stakeholders was held August 2, 2017.

In 2017, the Planning Department also created a new website to increase tourism and awareness across the 36 mile Old Erie Canal Corridor: www.TourtheTowpath.com

PARKS & RECREATION



IMPROVEMENTS AT NICHOLS POND PARK!

The Champlain Pavilion was constructed at Nichols Pond to replace the retired front pavilion. This beautiful pavilion is part of the ADA compliancy plan and welcomes all to sit and enjoy the beauty and peace of Nichols Pond Park.



A wildlife observation area was also constructed for easy view of the Nichols Pond Wetland area from Nichols Pond Road.

AQUISITION OF SCENIC DELPHI FALLS!

Madison County is excited about owning this spectacular property! Formerly privately owned, through the coordinated efforts of many, it will now be a County Park for years to come, and open to the public to visit and enjoy.

PLANNING & ZONING INSTITUTE - SPRING

SPRING 2017

PLANNING AND ZONING INSTITUTE TRAINING

YOU ARE INVITED !

- WHO:** Planning and Zoning Board Members and interested participants
WHAT: Training Event
WHERE: STUAC Theater: Morrisville State College
WHY: Helps fulfill Training Credit requirement and expand your knowledge by learning from specialists on topics pertinent to your position
WHEN: **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017** 5:30-8:30 P.M. (3 credit hours)
HOW: Call MC Planning at 315-366-2376 or send an email to register at:
gwen.williamson@madisoncounty.ny.gov

PRESENTATION TOPICS:



Christopher Eastman from the NYS Department of State will be speaking on:

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Overview**

CNY Regional Planning and Development Board



Chris Carrick from the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board will be speaking on:

**CNY Model Solar Zoning
Ordinance**

PLANNING & ZONING INSTITUTE-FALL

FALL 2017 - Focus on HOUSING
PLANNING AND ZONING INSTITUTE TRAINING



- WHO:** Planning and Zoning Board Members and interested participants
- WHAT:** Training Event to include speakers **-AND-** food to snack on! **Free!**
- WHERE:** Cazenovia College - McDonald Lecture Hall
- WHY:** Helps fulfill Training Credit requirement and expand your knowledge by learning from specialists on topics pertinent to your position
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017** 5:30-8:30 P.M. (3 credit hours)
- HOW:** Call MC Planning at 315-366-2376 or send an email to register at:
gwen.williamson@madisoncounty.ny.gov

PRESENTATION TOPIC: CREATIVE HOUSING APPROACHES

Robert Morache



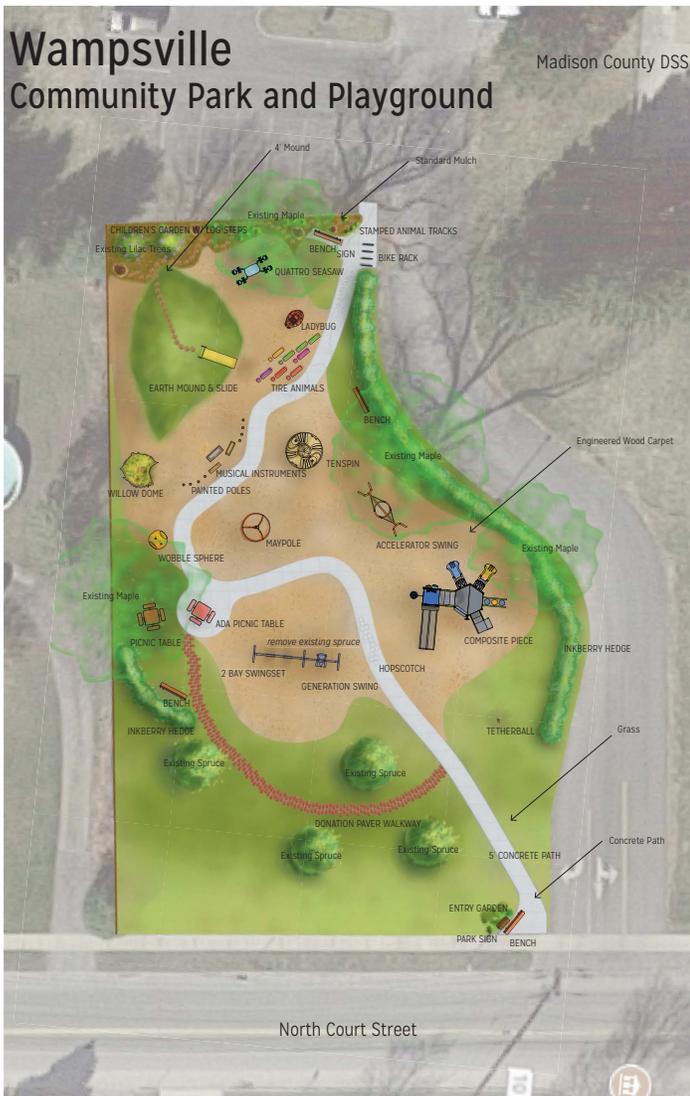
Senior Associate
STREAM Collaborative

George Frantz



Associate Professor of the Practice
Cornell University

WAMPSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK



Conceptual plan



Future site of the park

The Wampsville Community Park made steady progress toward becoming a reality in 2017.

The Planning Department has been assisting a committee of volunteers from the Village of Wampsville to design and build a community park and playground, which will be located on the lawn in front of the Department of Social Services parking lot. The vision for the park is that it will be a gathering place for the whole community, including Wampsville residents, visitors and employees of the County Complex and travelers on the Erie Canal and Oneida Rail Trails. The project is a collaboration between the Village of Wampsville, Town of Lenox and Madison County.

The design for the park was finalized early in early 2017, and in the spring the committee selected a company to provide the play equipment. In July the Madison County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution allowing the park to be built on the DSS property and committing staff to help build and maintain the park. In the fall and winter the committee undertook fundraising efforts including raffles, mailings, and direct solicitations.

With spring fast approaching, the committee is beginning to focus its efforts on breaking ground for Phase 1 in the summer of 2018. Stay tuned next year for updates on the progress of the Wampsville Community Park.

The committee welcomes any community members who wish to participate in this project. If you would like to get involved, contact the Planning Dpt. at 315-366-2377.



The committee participates in a design exercise