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2014 Annual Report



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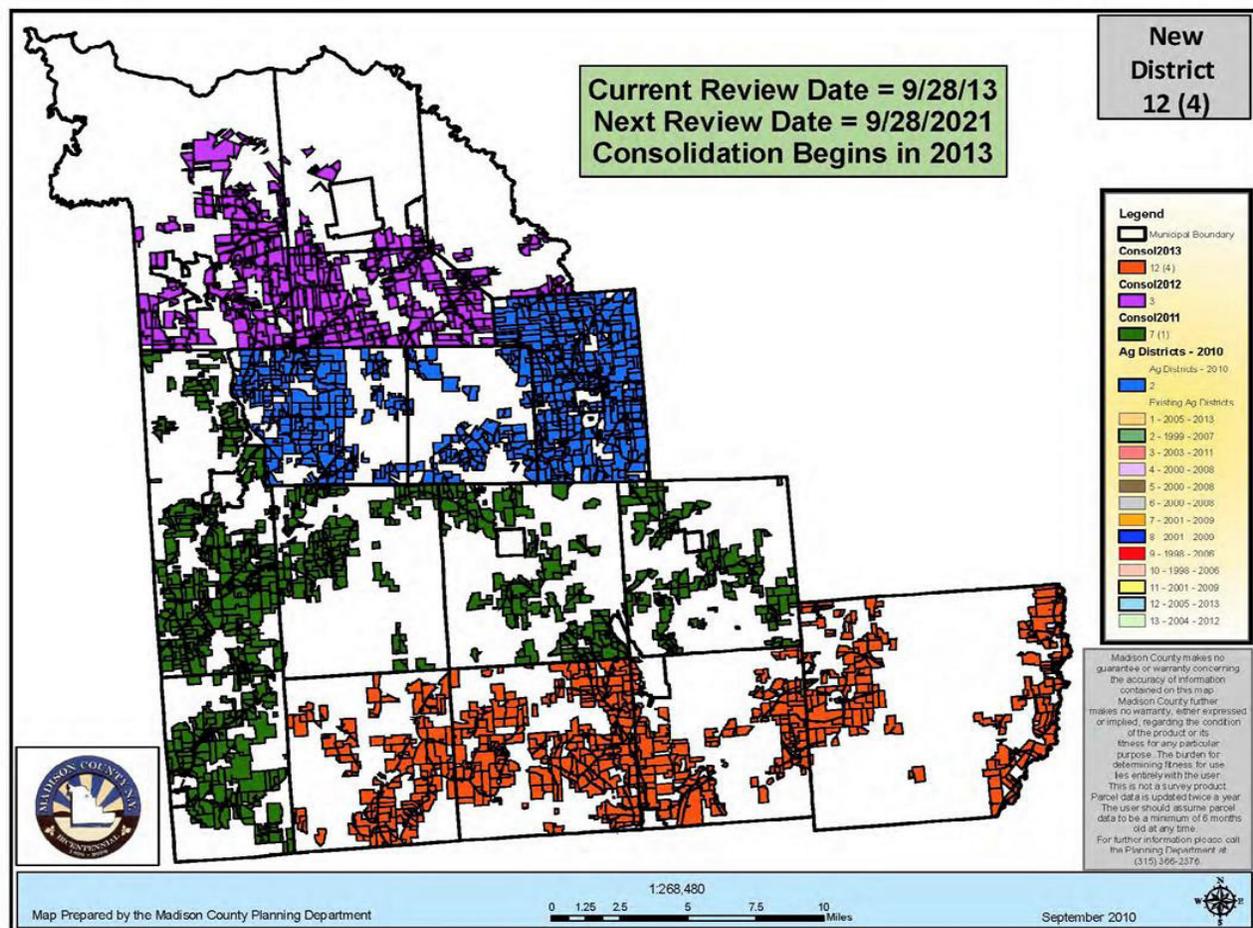
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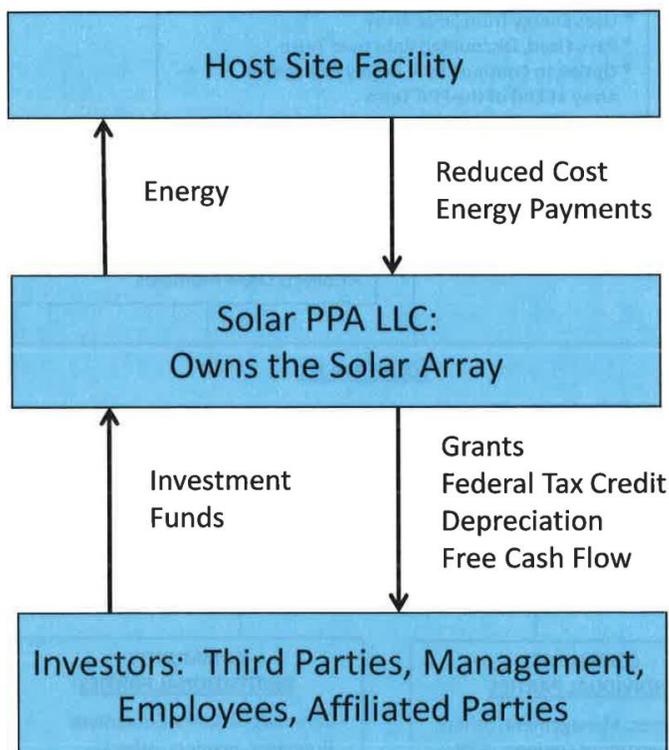
Agricultural Districts-Annual Open Enrollment during month of October. 16 parcels, 8 applicants. Two parcels not recommended to be added. Ag Dist 3 & 4 also being reviewed. Recommendation report scheduled to be presented to Ag & Farmland Protection Board in January 2015.



ENERGY

The Planning Department is working to site a 2 MW solar array at the County's Solid Waste Facility as part of the Agricultural Renewable Energy (ARE) Park located in the Town of Lincoln through a Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Under a PPA structure the County only pays for the energy produced by the system; there is no upfront capital costs to the County. The solar power produced at the Solid Waste Facility will be remote net metered, offsetting approximately 60% of the County's energy consumption with clean, renewable energy. The project will provide cost savings and builds on the County's longstanding support and promotion of alternative energy sources.

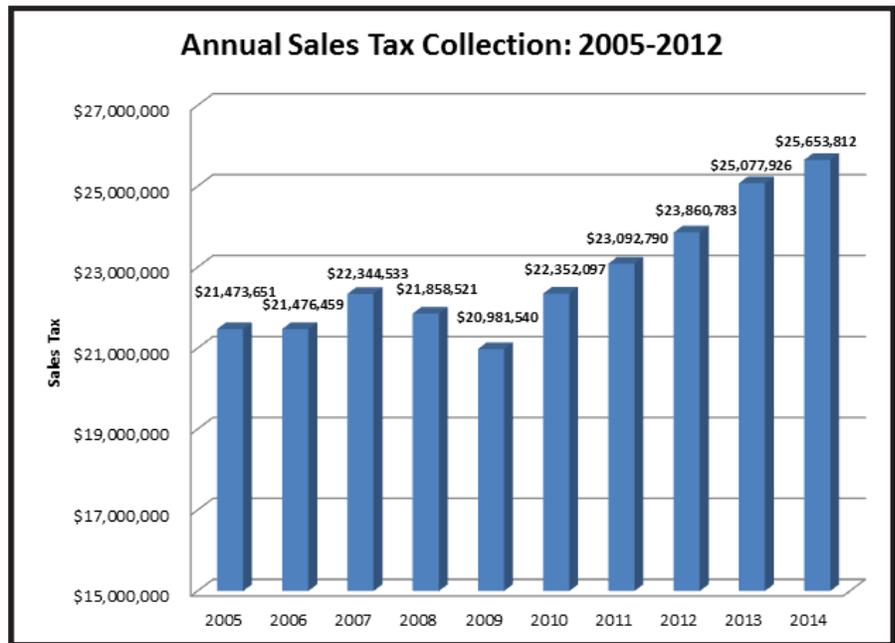
RER Energy Group was selected as the solar developer for the project. In April, a site visit was conducted at the Solid Waste Facility in coordination with County Planning and Solid Waste staff, RER, and Barton & Loguidice. National Grid was also engaged to better understand capacity and grid interconnection at the site. In July, RER, in collaboration with Madison County, submitted the project for grant funding under PON 2956, NYSERDA's NY SUN Competitive PV Program. In September, it was announced that Madison County/RER was successful in receiving funding which will provide approximately 20% of the project costs. RER has proposed an innovative Community PPA model to secure the remainder of the project costs. "Wall-street" companies are the typical investors in these solar PPA projects, but under a Community PPA model local investors would have the opportunity to finance the project which would have additional benefits of recirculating dollars within the community. The project is anticipated to be complete in Fall 2015.



BUY MADISON



Buy Madison is enjoying steady and continued business additions to the website business listing. Promotion of the program is done through mass mailings, Madison County Tourism, as well as advertising at the Glenwood Movie Plex Theater, local newspapers, Facebook and press releases.



The Annual Sales Tax Collection chart shows significant and steady increase in sales since 2008!

First Wednesday Event began in Oct at The Country Artist, November First Wednesday was held at Nelson Farms and December at Route 20E/Cazenovia Cutblock, all were very well received by the business and well attended. With businesses already lined up for the coming year, the event will continue into 2015.



SMART GROWTH

The newsletter keeps everyone informed and up to date while we await EPA to send us the final Smart Growth Audit Tool.



Planning for a Healthy Design Newsletter

— A Madison County Newsletter dedicated to Planning and Land Use —

Fall 2014 Issue #6

The semiannual *Planning for a Healthy Design Newsletter* is meant to facilitate discussion between Madison County Planning and Zoning Boards and others interested in local land use decisions.

It is designed to highlight local examples and experiences to foster communication between our communities as well as be a resource with tools and ideas to further advance the principles of Smart Growth.

This newsletter is brought to you by the Madison County Planning Department.

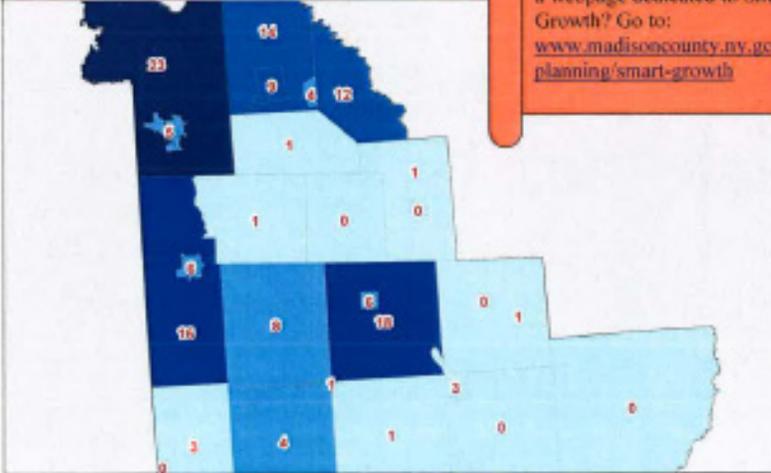


Welcome to Madison County's sixth *Planning for a Healthy Design Newsletter!* In this issue get a recap on land use activity for 2013. The Smart Growth Spotlight in this issue focuses on Sense of Place and features tools as well as local examples to foster your community's distinct sense of place to enhance quality of life and attract economic development.

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This is an electronic newsletter—Please click on and utilize all the links and videos provided!



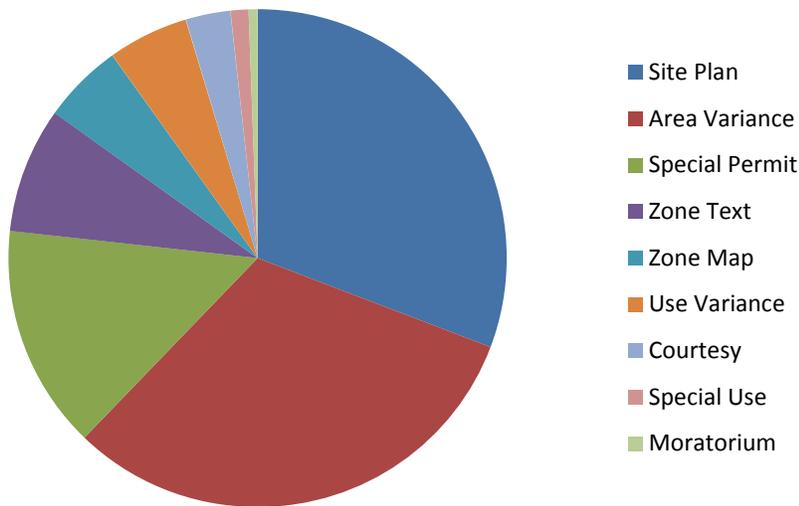
Did you know that the Madison County Planning Department has a webpage dedicated to Smart Growth? Go to: www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/planning/smart-growth

Land Use Activity Recap for 2013—how does your municipality compare? Find out on Pages 2-4.

GML REVIEW

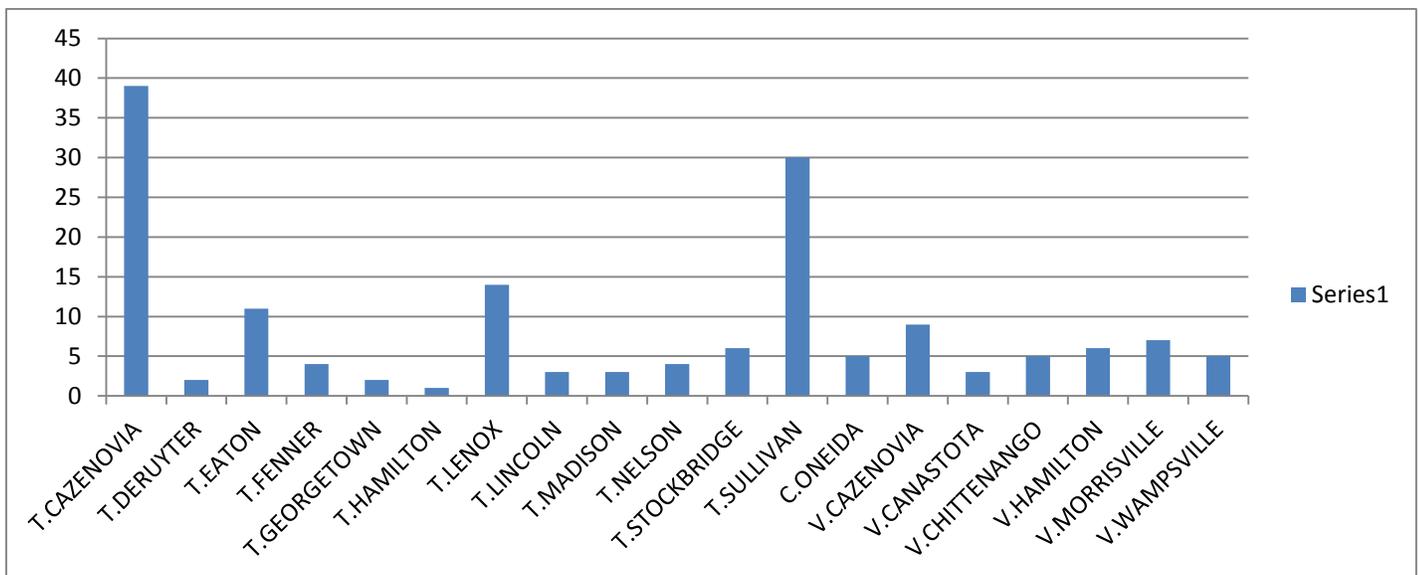
There were 157 GML Reviews requested in 2014. Some were for more than one action, resulting in 172 recommendations submitted by Planning to various municipalities.

REVIEWS BY SPECIFIC ACTION CATEGORY



How does it break down overall?

REVIEWS BY MUNICIPALITY



PARKS & RECREATION

FWMB Planning report:

Dave Lemon, DEC Region 7 Fisheries Manager, working with the Region 7 Fish and Wildlife Management Board, acquired 0.5 mile of Public Fishing Right (PFR) and a parking area on the Cazenovia Preservation Association property on Chittenango Creek was completed in the Town of Cazenovia. The DEC Region 7 Operations staff subsequently constructed a six car Fisherman Parking Area and cleared a 200 ft. long footpath to the creek, which can now be used for public fishing. The PFR and parking area are located approximately 1.5 miles south of Village of Cazenovia on Route 13.

A new pavilion was constructed at Nichols Pond!!



Welcome to
Madison County
Parks



The parks are available for everyone's use and enjoyment. The following rules have been created to assure that the natural setting and tranquility of the parks are protected.

- Open year round from sunrise to sunset
- For special vehicle access call the Madison County Planning Department at (315-366-2376)
- No artifacts or plants to be disturbed or removed from park property
- Park facilities and equipment to be used as designed and intended
- No off-road vehicles
- Pets to be under control at all times
- Be courteous to your surroundings and others
- Priority is given to those who have made reservations
- To make reservations call (315-366-2376)
- To check to see if the park is reserved, visit the web site at:
 - <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/planning/calendar-field-date/month/>

• Or scan this QR link



Check out the new signs going up at Madison County Parks!

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS

NYS CDBG RFP was released December 10th 2014. We are submitting an application for \$590,000 for the continuation of the First Time Home Ownership Program. Planning will work with Community Action Partnership on this application. Grant application will be due Feb 27, 2015.



Community Action Partnership

Strength Through Resilience in the Face of Adversity

PLANNING & ZONING INSTITUTE - SPRING

Session 1: State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Basics

JD Wood: NYS Department of State

2 Hours

This introduction to the State Environmental Quality Review Act included an overview of the environmental assessment form (EAF), Type I, Type II, and Unlisted actions and the sequence of making a positive or negative declaration on a project's potential to have an adverse impact on the environment. The relationship between the administration of local regulations and SEQRA was also discussed.



Session 2: Planning Board Overview, Short Course

Christopher Eastman: NYS Department of State

1.5 Hours

This basic course addressed the powers and duties of town, village, and city planning boards and commissions. The administrative and regulatory roles of the planning board, including its review of site plans, special use permits, and subdivision plats were discussed, along with the planning board's role in the municipal comprehensive plan. The importance of board procedures, referral to the county planning agency, and making findings were also covered.

PLANNING & ZONING INSTITUTE-FALL

Madison County Planning & Zoning Appreciation Banquet 2014 SMART GROWTH AWARD

Awarded to:

Village of Canastota

For outstanding participation and contribution while serving on the

**Village of Canastota
Downtown Revitalization Project**



Congratulations to the Village of Canastota for being selected for a Smart Growth Award. This municipality was selected for its dedication to coordinate and encourage the revitalization of Main Street and the downtown area.

Scott Ingmire— Director, Madison County Planning Department

Village of Canastota Downtown Revitalization



Adam R. Schnell,
NYS Solar Ombudsman
made a presentation on
Unified Solar Permits



Mayor Carla DeShaw spoke
along with Larry Carpenter
regarding the Village of
Canastota

Madison County Planning & Zoning Appreciation Banquet 2014 SMART GROWTH AWARD

Awarded to:

Susan Galbraith

For outstanding participation and contribution while serving on the

**Town of Lebanon
Comprehensive Planning Committee**



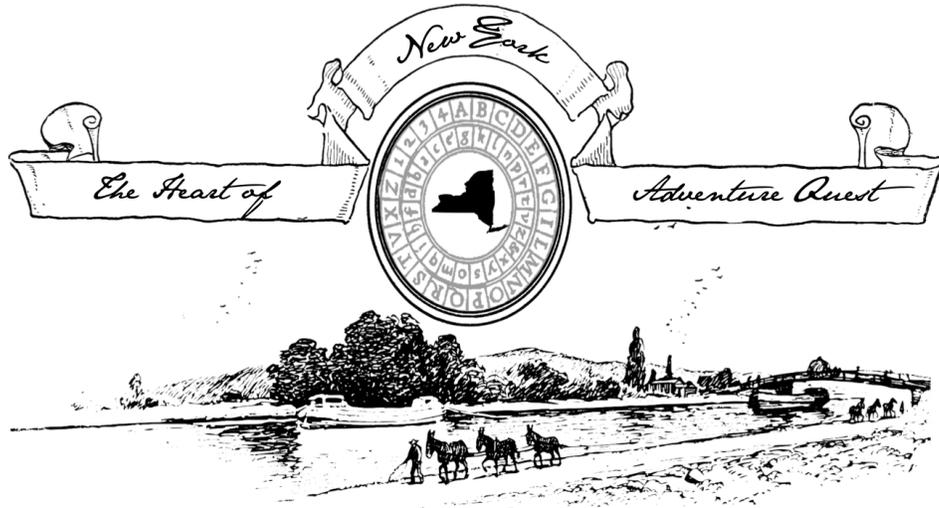
Congratulations to the Town of Lebanon Comprehensive Planning Committee for being selected for a Smart Growth Award. This Committee was selected for its dedication to creating the first Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Lebanon.

Scott Ingmire— Director, Madison County Planning Department



Town of Lebanon Comprehensive Plan

ADVENTURE QUEST



Hamilton, New York

Adventure awaits in this ultimate action, scavenger-hunt game! Follow clues - old maps, coded letters - to solve a mystery and a chance to win the grand prize! To find the clues, explore scenic trails, historic sites, and the charming downtown of Hamilton, a picturesque village surrounded by beautiful rolling-hill vistas. *Can you solve the quest?*

SUMMER 2015

Click on the Adventure Quest link at
www.BuyMadisonNY.com!

Much work and planning went into the creation and design for the Adventure Quest Logo as seen above. Maxine Lammers, an intern from Colgate University worked in cooperation with Jamie Hart to complete this final rendering. All the components of this project did not fall into place in time for the projected Summer 2015 date, but there are plans to revisit this quest in the future.

ERIE CANAL WORK GROUP

2014 Initiatives

First meeting January 15, 2014
Canalways to Country Byways Bike Guide
Trail Adoption
Tuesdays on the Towpath
Participated in the Cycle the Canal Event
PTNY Events and Initiatives
Meeting with Senator Valesky

Mission:
Coordinate efforts and resources to create a more cohesive and more utilized Old Erie Canal corridor in order to better preserve and share canal history and leverage it as a catalyst for economic vitality of surrounding communities.



TRANSPORTATION

- Madison Transit System – in 2014, the MTS traveled 159,390 and transported 23,740 passengers.



NEW YORK RISING

- “As a result of the devastating flooding experienced by many Madison County communities in the summer of 2013, the County was chosen to participate in the NY Rising Communities program in 2014. With the involvement of other local stakeholders, County Departments, consultants, and State employees, the Planning Department participated in the planning project to make the County more resilient in the face of future natural disasters.”



WATER QUALITY

– “Through the Planning Department and season employee Charlie Pace, we harvested 6 lakes this summer, which was more than we’ve harvested in any year for at least the last 10 years”. Lebanon Reservoir, Gorton Lake, Eaton Brook Reservoir, Craine Lake, DeRuyter Reservoir, Hatch Lake.



IN A GALAXY NOT FAR AWAY

In 2014 the staff in the Planning Department: served as the Chairperson of the 25 County Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance, participated in the CNY REDC Arts & Tourism Committee, served on the Board of the Central NY Regional Market Authority, assisted the Village of Morrisville and Towns of Lebanon and Brookfield in developing their comprehensive plans, sat on the Board of the Cazenovia Area Community Development Association, served as a liaison to the Region 7 Fish and Wildlife Management Board helping to create additional opportunities in Madison County for hunters, anglers, trappers as well as other outdoor recreationalists , created the Open Farm Day map, maintained and updated the Planning Department website, made countless GIS maps for members of the community, sat on County's Traffic Safety Board, managed the County's Pictometry aerial imagery program, sat on CAP's Continuum of Care Committee, applied for and received over \$250,000 in State and Federal transportation operating assistance, wrote a \$400,000 EPA Brownfields assessment grant, co-wrote a TAP grant for \$716,000 with the City of Oneida, member of Colgate University's Max A. Shacknai Center for Outreach Volunteerism and Education (COVE) committee, grew the Buy Madison program to over 1,330 Facebook "likes" and grew the Business Directory to over 134 businesses, tabulated and analyzed the County's annual energy use, participated in Madison Business Development's FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) Committee, began work on a First Time Homebuyer NYS CDBG grant application, undertook the County's first Community Energy Strategic Plan, created and distributed 2 "Healthy Design for Madison County newsletters", sent out and compiled information on Open Enrollment for Agricultural Districts in October, worked on Agricultural District 3 & 4 recertification, started the Buy Madison First Wednesday Program, helped build a pavilion at Nichols Pond Park, provided training opportunities for municipal planning boards and zoning boards, selected and awarded Smart Growth Certificates to 2 municipalites at the appreciation dinner, updated programming and training to include Adobe InDesign which we used for publication and graphics support , participated in departmental trail inspection of The Link Trail, served on the Ad Hoc Energy Committee, retained tracking records for Revolving Loan repayments, created this report.....