


Development Authority OF THE **North Country**



**Annual Report
2025-2026**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With great pride, I look back at this past year, as the Development Authority of the North Country celebrated its rich, 40-year history. Since its inception in 1985, the Development Authority has worked collaboratively with our regional and state-wide partners to advance and maintain critical infrastructure to support the current and future needs of the residents and businesses who choose to call Northern New York home.

I am incredibly proud that the Development Authority was selected by the State of New York to implement key components of the “Next Move NY” initiative and was successful in officially launching this important program this past year. Next Move NY is dedicated to connecting transitioning service members, veterans, and their spouses with meaningful employment opportunities throughout the North Country and across New York State. By partnering with employers and leveraging regional resources, Next Move NY helps those who have served our nation successfully move into rewarding civilian careers, strengthening both local communities and the workforce.

This past year, we experienced changes on our Board of Directors, with Mary Doheny selected to serve as our new Chair. I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincere gratitude to Margaret Murray for her four years of service as Chair. Her leadership and insight have been invaluable in furthering the mission of the Development Authority.

The past forty years have brought many accomplishments of which we are proud. As we celebrate these milestones, we are equally focused on the future and committed to ensuring the North Country remains the best place to live, work, and play.



Carl E. Farone, *Executive Director*

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON



Mary Doheny, *Board Chairperson*

I would like to extend my deep appreciation to Margaret (Peg) Murray for her years of dedicated service as the Development Authority's Chairperson. She established an exceptionally high standard through her leadership, and I look forward to building upon the strong foundation she established.

This past year, the Development Authority officially marked its 40th anniversary. While the past four decades have brought remarkable growth across the tri-county region, I am even more excited about what lies ahead.

We have laid the groundwork for continued progress with strong and collaborative partnerships across the region. Those partnerships support the expansion of telecommunications facilities, facilitate economic development, and assist municipal partners with modernizing aging infrastructure. Continuing this collaborative work is critical to ensure that our region remains resilient and also well-positioned for future growth.

I am optimistic about the future of the Development Authority and the vital role it will play in helping to keep the North Country a great place to live. We remain committed to serving the communities that call Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties home, while also supporting the mission and members of Fort Drum.



OVERVIEW

The Development Authority of the North Country was created in 1985 to implement a comprehensive, coordinated program of economic development activities in the area comprised of the Counties of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence, which surround the U.S. Army base at Fort Drum. The purpose of its creation was to provide the region with the capability to effectively plan and develop the infrastructure needs of the region required by the population increase due to the expansion of Fort Drum. Forty years later, the organization has a proud history of fulfilling that mission and addressing new challenges as they arose.

Unique among public authorities in New York State, the Development Authority's scope of activities is extensive. Unlike other single-purpose state authorities, the Development Authority owns and operates a number of revenue-based infrastructure facilities and manages a wide range of business and housing development programs. The Development Authority owns and operates water and sewer infrastructure linking the City of Watertown's facilities to Fort Drum, a regional waterline serving communities in western Jefferson County, a materials management facility in Rodman and a 2,000-mile open access telecommunications network. Additionally, the Authority offers contract operations and maintenance services for water and sewer facilities, technical assistance in geographic information systems and telemetry services, and administers revolving loan funds for affordable housing and small business development. It also provides services on behalf of New York State and contractually for municipalities throughout the North Country Regional Economic Development Region, including Franklin, Essex, Clinton, and Hamilton counties, as well as the tri-county area.

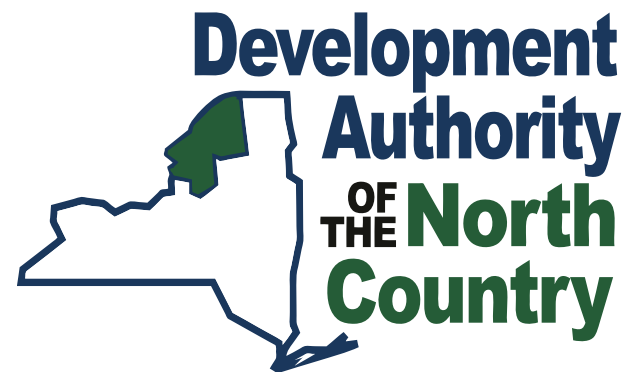


This past year, the Development Authority saw the official launch of the Authority's newest initiative, Next Move NY. This program, created by the North Country Regional Economic Development Council, aims to connect soldiers transitioning out of active-duty, spouses and veterans with meaningful employment opportunities across the North Country and the Empire State.

Operating under the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, the Development Authority is a self-supporting public benefit corporation. The majority of its revenue is derived from the sale of services to its customers. As a nonprofit entity, all revenue is allocated to operating expenses, construction costs, designated reserves, and outstanding debts.

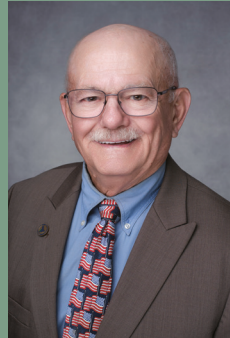


The Development Authority is committed to environmental stewardship, fiscal integrity and building partnerships. To achieve these objectives, the Development Authority collaborates with its municipal partners through shared service solutions, using advanced technology and fostering municipal cooperation to achieve cost-effective services for the region.





Mary Doheny
Board Chairperson
Appointed by City of Watertown



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Vice Chair
Appointed by St. Lawrence County



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Appointed by Jefferson County



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Secretary
Appointed by Lewis County



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Appointed by NYS Governor



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Appointed by St. Lawrence County



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Appointed by City of Watertown



Nancy Henry
Appointed by NYS Governor



Stephen M. Hunt II
Appointed by NYS Governor



Brian S. McGrath
Appointed by NYS Governor



Margaret L. Murray
Appointed by Jefferson County



Eric J. Virkler
Appointed by Lewis County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors sets the policy and strategic direction for the Development Authority and provides oversight through established policies for implementation by the executive director. All members serve in a voluntary capacity and are not paid for their service.

During the recent fiscal year, Travis Flint was appointed to the Authority's Board of Directors by Governor Kathy Hochul. Additionally, Alex MacKinnon and Mark Hall were reappointed by the St. Lawrence County Legislature to serve another four-year term.



249,606
tons of waste safely disposed at the landfill

267,093
pounds collected at Household Hazardous Waste Days

1,357
households participated in Household Hazardous Waste days

25,139
megawatt-hours of renewable energy produced from the landfill

60,476
tons of waste diverted from the landfill

55
healthcare sites provided with broadband service

459,945,977
gallons of water sold

27
soldiers, spouses and veterans placed in meaningful employment

15
housing units rehabbed

\$1,333,000
in new Business Loans Closed

121
telecom circuits upgraded or added

40 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

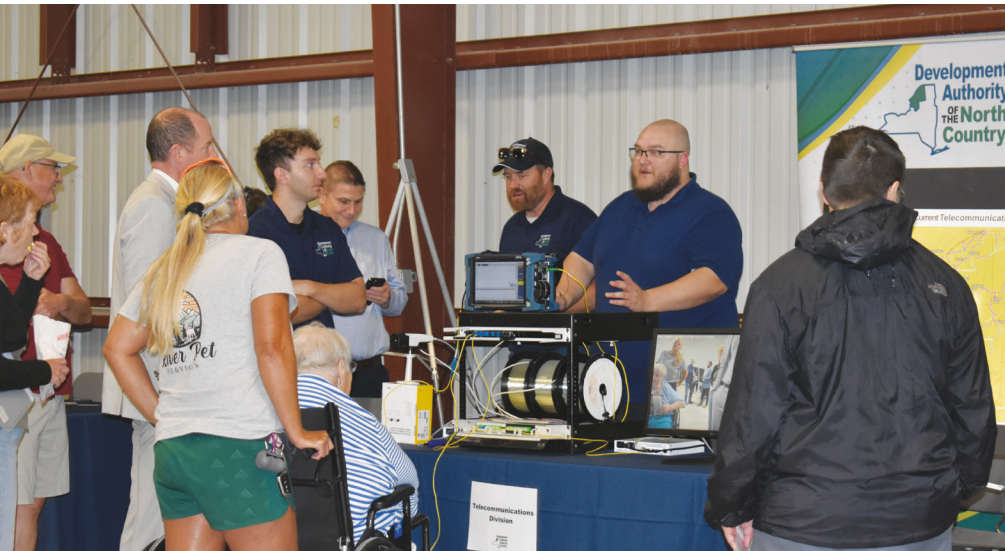


On July 30, 1985, the Development Authority of the North Country was created. Immediately following the passage of the enabling legislation, the inaugural Board of Directors was appointed by Jefferson, St. Lawrence, and Lewis Counties, along with the City of Watertown, and the Governor; who appointed James Kanik as the Development Authority's first Executive Director.



The Development Authority's first few years were spent preparing for the influx of Fort Drum troops, addressing the immediate needs of the Authority's tri-county service area; water, sewer, housing and waste disposal. In just seven years' time, the Development Authority addressed such critical needs through the creation of the following projects:

- In 1987, a 12-mile sewer line servicing Fort Drum as well as sewer districts in LeRay, Champion and Pamela began operation.
- In 1988, the Authority received \$12 million from the state to create its first housing program. This allowed the Authority to work with developers to build rental housing units in the Fort Drum impact area. The Authority implemented two more housing programs through the years and to date, has lent over \$60.6 million toward projects totaling \$440 million, assisting 4,175 units.
- In 1991, an 11-mile water line servicing Fort Drum as well as water districts in Champion, LeRay and Pamela began operation.
- In 1992, the regional Solid Waste Management Facility in Rodman commenced operations.



This past year marked a significant milestone for the Authority, as it celebrated 40 years of progress while reflecting on the strong partnerships built along the way. To commemorate this achievement, the Authority hosted an Open House at the Materials Management Facility in Rodman. Held on a beautiful August day, the event attracted more than 200 attendees, who had the opportunity to explore interactive exhibits, many of which highlighted the Authority's four decades of commitment to regional development.



In addition, the Authority's Executive Director, Carl Farone, was presented a special Legislative Proclamation from State Senators Mark Walczyk and Dan Stec, along with Assemblymembers Ken Blankenbush and Scott Gray. The proclamation recognized the Development Authority of the North Country's continued progress in supporting Fort Drum and enhancing the surrounding communities.

The Authority takes great pride in the accomplishments achieved over the past 40 years. These successes would not have been possible without the strong collaboration and support of our county, regional, and statewide partners. Throughout its history, the Authority has consistently demonstrated the ability to identify challenges, develop strategic solutions, and effectively implement them.

As Northern New York continues to face evolving opportunities and challenges, the Development Authority remains well-positioned to serve as a leader and trusted partner. Its commitment to innovation, problem-solving, and regional collaboration will ensure the region remains poised for sustainable growth well into the future.



THE NEXT MOVE FOR FORT DRUM SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



The recent fiscal year marked a significant milestone for the Development Authority, highlighted by the successful launch of key components of the Next Move NY initiative. The Next Move NY website, nextmove.ny.com, went live in July, followed by the launch of the job-matching portal in January 2026.

Next Move NY staff have worked closely with Fort Drum's Transition Assistance Program to connect soldiers, spouses, and veterans with employment opportunities throughout the North Country and across New York State. During FY 2026, program staff engaged with 268 businesses across the region and 1,658 transitioning soldiers from Fort Drum. 27 soldiers, spouses, and veterans were placed into meaningful employment throughout Northern New York and the state via Next Move NY.

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Fort Drum is a cornerstone of the North Country economy, and initiatives like Next Move NY are vital to the region's long-term viability. By creating meaningful career pathways for transitioning service members and their spouses, this program empowers veterans to put down roots and build their futures in the region. Empire State Development supports DANC through this collaboration, which leverages local expertise and state resources to position the North Country as a premier hub for talent and opportunity."



North Country Regional Economic Development Council Co-chairs James McKenna and Kathryn Morris said, "The North Country REDC is thrilled to champion the 'Next Move NY' initiative and support DANC's leadership in implementing the vision. This initiative is a powerful example of our regional strategy in action: identifying our unique strengths and leveraging them to create meaningful economic impact. By working together to support this pipeline, we are ensuring our region remains a competitive force, ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the modern economy."



Next Move NY utilizes a comprehensive, multi-pronged approach to ensure that service members transitioning out of active duty, spouses and veterans fully understand the opportunities available in Northern New York and why their “Next Move” should be New York. The key pillars of the initiative include:

- **CONNECT** service members, spouses and veterans with meaningful employment opportunities in the North Country.
- **TRAIN** participants in in-demand career fields, positioning them for long-term employment success in the region. As part of the Next Move NY initiative, SUNY Jefferson was awarded funding for a training facility to prepare soldiers transitioning out of active service and their spouses for careers in advanced manufacturing in the North Country. This investment will play a critical role in creating pathways for meaningful employment for soldiers, their families and veterans.
- **EMBRACE** them as members of the community, helping to build lasting connections and roots in the North Country. As part of the Next Move NY initiative, Advocate Drum was awarded funding to implement the “Live.Love.Stay” program. This program educates service members and their spouses on the many advantages of living in Northern New York, with the goal of encouraging them to establish long-term residency in the region following their military service.

On March 10, 2026, Governor Hochul met with Next Move NY staff, as well as veterans who have secured meaningful employment with area businesses through the program. During the visit, the Governor heard firsthand testimonials from soldiers who successfully transitioned into the civilian workforce with the support of Next Move NY, highlighting the program’s impact on workforce development and regional economic growth.



“The Next Move NY Job Portal has been a great resource for Empire State Mines to easily partner with our neighbor, Fort Drum! We feel that Empire State Mines, located just a few miles from the outskirts of Ft. Drum’s property, is an unknown professional opportunity for our local soldiers. The Next Move NY Job Portal and support staff made it extremely easy for us to register and get setup on the portal as an employer. Immediately we started receiving qualified candidates for our job postings. We need qualified workers and transitioning soldiers need good paying, professional jobs...Next Move NY is a bridge to meet our job needs. We are very excited about this partnership!”

~ Clara Cummings, HR Director, Empire State Mines in Gouverneur, NY

“The team at Next Move NY demonstrated a deep understanding of the transition veterans face and they didn’t just look at my resume, they took the time to understand my background, values, and long-term career goals. Their genuine commitment to helping veterans succeed with not only finding a job but also in building a meaningful career because of the way they recognize the leadership, discipline, and problem-solving abilities that veterans bring to the workforce and position these strengths to resonate with top-tier employers. Thanks to Next Move NY, I’ve found a role that not only matches my skillset but also offers the growth and purpose I was seeking after my time in service.”

~ Lindsay Widdicombe, Senior Human Resources Generalist with KraftHeinz

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Laying the foundation for the future does not always require constructing new infrastructure; it is equally important to invest in existing systems to ensure their long-term viability for generations to come. The Authority remains committed to maintaining and enhancing its infrastructure, while also partnering with regional stakeholders to create opportunities that bring new life to existing assets and support future development. The recent fiscal year was no exception, as considerable collaboration and effort were dedicated to advancing a number of key initiatives in which the Authority is actively involved.

The Development Authority supplies up to 3 million gallons of potable water per day to Fort Drum, and another 120,000 gallons of potable water per day to communities located along the Army Water Line, including Pamelaia, LeRay, and Champion. An inspection of the 30-year-old water line in 2021 indicated that some sections of the pipeline experienced significant deterioration and needed to be replaced. In 2024, the first phase of the project was completed which replaced approximately 13,000 feet of iron pipe near Patterson Road just north of the City of Watertown.



During this fiscal year, the Authority initiated planning for Phase II of the Army Water Line Replacement Project. In support of this effort, the Authority secured a \$155,585 grant from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to complete the engineering design, which has now been finalized. Additionally, the Authority secured \$5,000,000 in grant funding from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to advance the Phase II Replacement Project, which is expected to cost approximately \$15.2 million to complete. This funding will reduce costs for both Fort Drum and the surrounding communities served by the water line. Given the critical role Fort Drum plays in the economy of Northern New York, it is essential to keep installation related costs as reasonable as possible to ensure the base remains an attractive and sustainable location for Army operations.

This past fiscal year also reflected continued collaboration with regional partners to advance critical municipal infrastructure projects. The Development Authority's engineering team provided technical support services for water and sewer capital improvements across numerous communities, including the Villages of Alexandria Bay, Chateaugay, Clayton, Clifton, Hammond, Heuvelton, Malone, Theresa, and Tupper Lake; the City of Ogdensburg; and the Towns of Champion, DeKalb, Diana, Gouverneur, Henderson, Lawrence, LeRay, Louisville, and Rutland. These multi-year initiatives represent an investment of approximately \$198 million in North Country infrastructure, strengthening the foundation for future economic development, environmental sustainability, and long-term community resilience.

A SECOND LEASE ON LIFE FOR EXISTING PARCELS

Lyons Falls School – Lewis County took possession of the 4.5-acre property in 2023 and contracted with the Authority to oversee and manage roof replacement, asbestos abatement, and cleanup of decades of accumulated debris in the former school. The school was built in 1927 and closed in 1983 after South Lewis Central was constructed. Roughly 115 tons of asbestos-contaminated debris, trash, and furniture were removed to allow for structural repairs. The County sold the property to a local developer, TopView Construction LLC, in 2026. Construction is underway to renovate the historic structure and provide 15 new apartment units.



Deferiet Paper Mill – The Deferiet Paper Mill Redevelopment project demolished 178,000 square feet of dilapidated buildings that were structurally unsound and collapsing. Jefferson County contracted with the Authority to oversee the demolition of the buildings to clean the site up for redevelopment. Approximately 28,000 tons of asbestos contaminated waste and debris was removed from the project site. Prior to removal, the site was a blight on the local community and contained unsafe and crumbling structures. The demolition of the existing facilities is the first major step towards redevelopment. The next phase will be the Jefferson County IDA marketing the property for redevelopment.

Massena School of Business – The former Massena School of Business, located on Main Street in Massena, had deteriorated to the point of structural failure, with the roof and rear wall collapsing and posing a significant threat to nearby buildings and public safety. The Village of Massena retained ownership of the property, while the St. Lawrence County IDA secured funding to address the hazard. The IDA contracted with the Development Authority to oversee and manage the project, ensuring its successful execution. The building was carefully demolished while preserving the historic front façade, balancing safety concerns with community character. Removal of the unsafe structure eliminated a major hazard along Main Street and marked the first major step toward revitalization of the site. The former building footprint is now being transformed into a public courtyard, creating a new community gathering space and contributing to the ongoing enhancement of the downtown area.



BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

TELECOM

It's no secret that in today's day and age, broadband is just as important as electricity or running water. While the "digital divide" remains for some portions of New York State, the Development Authority has been a committed partner since 2004 to ensure connectivity. The Authority owns over 2,000 miles of fiber and is continuing to complement existing efforts to address the lack of reliable broadband in rural areas of the region. The Development Authority itself does not provide internet, voice or cable services. Rather, the backbone that it builds connects communities and allows Internet Service Providers to offer those services.

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

The Authority continues to progress work on a multi-year \$24.45 million telecommunications project to expand middle-mile broadband capacity in Northern New York. This project is funded in part through a \$14.5 million grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and is being constructed in partnership with National Grid. This past year, the Authority has continued to progress engineering, permitting and make ready activities. Make ready - the process of making a utility pole ready for the Authority to attach fiber optic cable – is expected to be completed in 2027 with the installation of fiber on poles to be completed in 2028. When complete, the project will construct approximately 257 miles of middle-mile infrastructure, with the potential to assist over 6,900 unserved/underserved households within a 5-mile radius of the project.



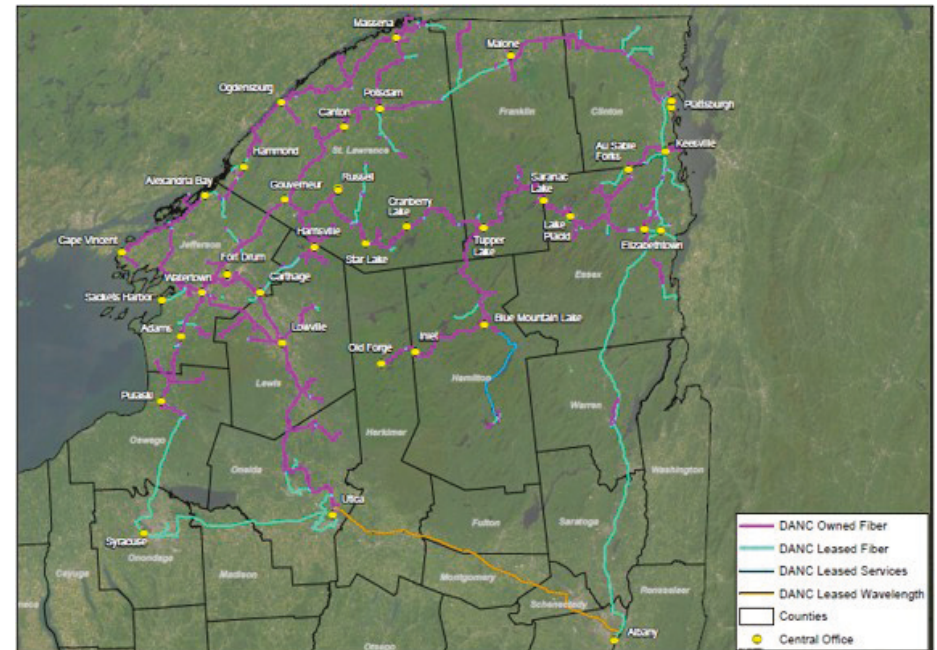
The Northern Border Regional Commission awarded the Authority a grant of \$2,455,079 in 2023 to construct 42.8 miles of fiber. This investment provided an opportunity to deliver affordable, high-speed broadband to approximately 200 unserved households in rural communities in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. The balance of the \$3.1 million project is funded by the Counties and the Authority. This multi-year project has been progressing through engineering, permitting and the "make ready" process this fiscal year. The projects will complement the NTIA project as many of the builds provide extensions from the new NTIA project segments. Construction is expected to commence in 2027 and be completed in 2028.

ENHANCING THE GRID

The Authority entered into new contracts with National Grid this fiscal year to meet National Grid's requirements of their Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. This multi-year project is progressing through design, permitting and make-ready construction and will connect over 30 substations to broadband. These improvements in National Grid's network will increase power reliability for North Country residents and will allow the construction of broadband in rural areas, which will provide opportunities for additional unserved households to be provided with high-speed broadband.



This past fiscal year, the Authority continued to provide service to 55 healthcare providers through a partnership with the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization to implement and deliver a regional telemedicine network that serves the North Country. The Authority has been delivering service to our telemedicine providers through this initiative since 2010.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY GROWTH

The Development Authority of the North Country offers a number of programs designed to support regional businesses, promoting business retention and job creation. Additionally, the Authority administers business loan programs on behalf of partner organizations, while also offering loan underwriting services and overseeing housing administration for local governments and other entities.

In addition to business loan programs, the Development Authority provides funding assistance to develop quality housing throughout the tri-county region. Through these efforts, the Development Authority made significant progress in delivering critical support to a host of projects across Northern New York in the recent fiscal year.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Staff assisted the Lewis County Office of Planning and Development in writing a comprehensive plan for the Town of New Bremen. The comprehensive plan documents a community's vision and needs over a 5 to 10-year period. The comprehensive plan will be used as a resource when applying for state and federal funds to support community projects and investments.



TOWN OF GOVERNEUR



GLOBE BUILDING



LAFARGEVILLE

HOUSING GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DELIVERY

Staff completed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) owner-occupied housing programs for the Town of Gouverneur and St. Lawrence County, assisting with the rehabilitation of 24 homes in total. Staff was also successful in writing a CDBG grant for the Town of Gouverneur to continue their successful owner-occupied rehabilitation program. The grant is for \$400,000 to assist approximately 9 income-eligible households. Additionally, staff was successful in writing a grant through the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation for \$300,000 for the Town of Tupper Lake for a home improvement program to assist 9 households.

The Authority was a partner in the financing of the substantial rehabilitation of the former Globe Building on Court Street in downtown Watertown. The Authority provided \$800,000 in construction financing and \$400,000 in permanent financing toward the creation of 11 market rate apartments. The Jefferson-Lewis BOCES offers classes on the first-floor.

The Authority partnered with a local bank to provide construction financing to North Jefferson Improvement Association as it undertook the substantial rehabilitation of a block of buildings located in LaFargeville. This block of buildings is located in the middle of LaFargeville and was a serious blight to the community. The over \$3.5 million project received significant state and federal grant resources to see the creation of 4 market rate apartments, and first floor commercial space in the community. The Authority provided \$1.6 million in construction financing.

LOANS FOR DEVELOPMENT



BENT BEAM BREWERY



TUG HILL ARTISAN ROASTERS



EMPIRE STATE MINES



SCHINE THEATER

The Authority approved several low interest loans in FY 2026 to spur development across the region. Organizations funded over the past year include:

- Clayton Improvement Association - \$1,600,000 (Housing Revolving Loan Fund)
- Tug Hill Artisan Roasters - \$200,000 (Community Development Loan Fund)
- Cranberry Lake Mountaineers Snowmobile Club - \$485,000 (Community Development Loan Fund / Economic Development Fund)
- Rocking TT Bar, LLC - \$8,000 (Value Added Ag Fund)
- Cedar River Eco Resort - \$250,000 (Tourism Fund)
- Bedford Creek - \$159,000 (Tourism Fund)
- Massena Arts and Theater Association (Schine Theater) - \$300,000 Redevelopment Fund, \$500,000 Economic Development Fund
- Advocate Drum - \$150,000 (Economic Development Fund)
- Hammond Fair Association - \$50,000 (Economic Development Fund)

The North Country Economic Development Fund was utilized in partnership with the St. Lawrence County IDA to provide Empire State Mines a \$500,000 loan in support of a demonstration project to process flake graphite at its mill. Empire State Mines operates a group of high-grade zinc mines in St. Lawrence County and, in recent years, has identified a flake graphite deposit located within one mile of its existing mill. The potential for a local company to successfully process this mineral presents a significant economic opportunity for the region.

The Authority provided a \$250,000 loan from its North Country Value Added Agriculture Fund, along with a \$300,000 loan from the North Country Economic Development Fund, to St. Lawrence Suds, LLC in St. Lawrence County to support the establishment of Bent Beam Brewery in Canton.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

GROWTH FOR RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Materials Management Facility in Rodman commenced operations in 1992 and for nearly 35 years, the Facility has proven to be a valuable resource to our regional partners. With the original landfill projected to reach capacity in the summer of 2026 following the placement of 25,000 tons of waste, the Development Authority has taken proactive steps to ensure continued service. Construction of Cell 14 has been completed to provide additional disposal capacity and will begin accepting waste in Spring 2026. Cell 14 spans a total of 7.12 acres and provides capacity to safely dispose of an additional 613,655 tons of waste; providing for approximately three years of disposal capacity.

The permitted capacity at the Materials Management Facility in Rodman is projected to have capacity to accept waste for the tri-county service area for the next 45 years, ensuring long-term disposal capacity that is controlled locally, environmentally sound and remaining a vital resource for regional development.



ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNER

Through the North Country Recycles initiative, Authority staff spearheaded five Household Hazardous Waste recycling days across the tri-county region. These events provided homeowners with the opportunity to safely dispose of materials that can't be thrown away in regular trash. A record setting total of 267,093 pounds of household hazardous waste were collected during recycling days in Watertown, Massena, Lowville and Gouverneur. This reflects an increase of more than 100,000 pounds of material collected over the prior year.

The Development Authority makes a concerted effort to educate the general public on the benefit of recycling. A brochure was developed to promote educational school tours of the Materials Management Facility among North Country educators. Nine groups, comprised of 387 students, toured the landfill. Additionally, the Authority was asked to present to 485 middle school students at Cornell Cooperative Extension's Adventure Day.





FLARE PROJECT

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY FLARE PROJECT

This critical project will replace the existing gas destruction flare and provide an additional 2,200 linear feet of landfill gas collection and control system infrastructure, combining the existing collection system from the Original Landfill and the Southern Expansion. Landfill gas collection and control is required by the facility's operating permits but is also done to limit ambient odors and emissions. The project is scheduled for completion in late Spring 2026.

DRAFTED THE 2025-2034 LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

In collaboration with staff from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties, the Authority prepared and submitted a Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for approval. The LSWMP is a long-term, strategic plan that outlines how solid waste (trash, recyclables, organic materials, and related waste streams) will be managed across the planning unit in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way. NYSDEC approval is anticipated in late Spring/early Summer.

LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY

Methane gas is produced as waste decomposes in a landfill. In support of its commitment to environmental stewardship, the Authority partnered with a private developer to construct a Landfill Gas to Energy facility at its Materials Management Facility. The Authority utilizes specialized infrastructure to collect methane gas generated from the landfill which is converted into electricity and sold back to the grid. This past year, gas captured at the landfill generated 25,139 megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity.

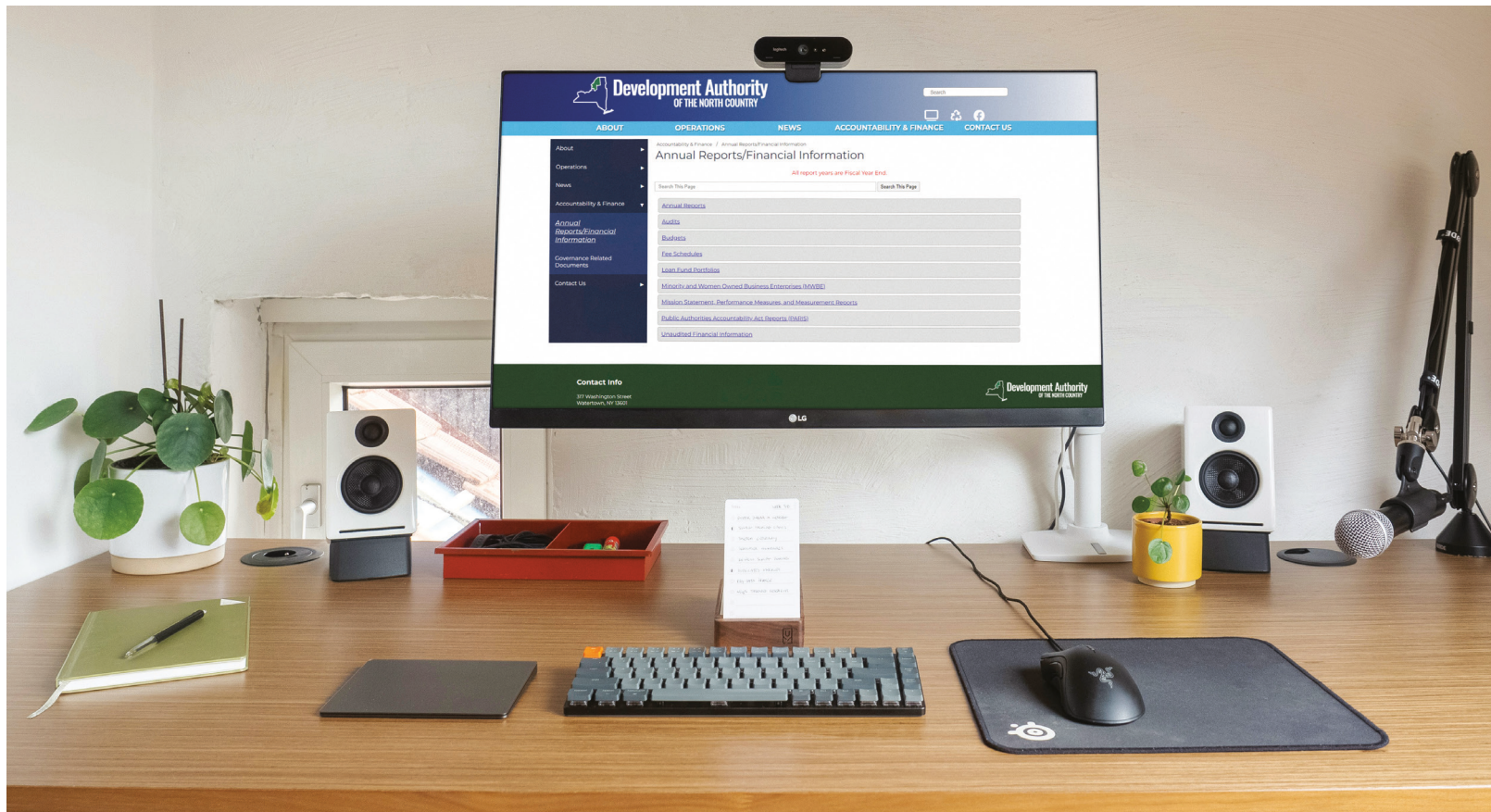
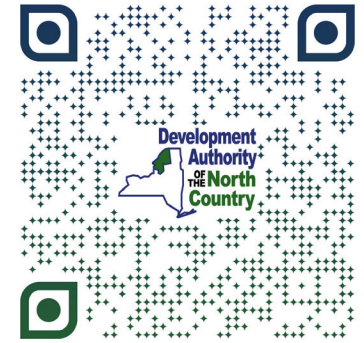



METHANE GAS TO ENERGY FACILITY

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All financial information related to the Development Authority of the North Country, including audits, budgets and reports to the Public Authority Reporting Information System (PARIS), are available online.

For more information on the Development Authority of the North Country, visit www.danc.org.





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