

LAKE CHAMPLAIN - LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

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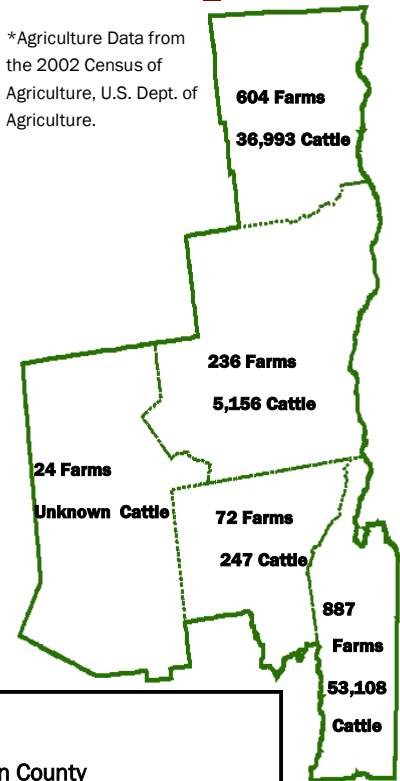
Harry Booth

We gathered and disseminated over 800 requests for Census data from the General Public, Government, Academic, Business, and Not-for-Profit agencies in 2004. A majority of the requests were Census only and did not involve mapping. The largest project, which is still ongoing, involved gathering data for the last 30 years in the Town of Lake George. We are looking at many different variables gathered by the Census and other entities to see if we can determine any trends that are occurring with the local population. Our thoughts are that the local population might be getting squeezed out by new more expensive seasonal homes and higher taxes.

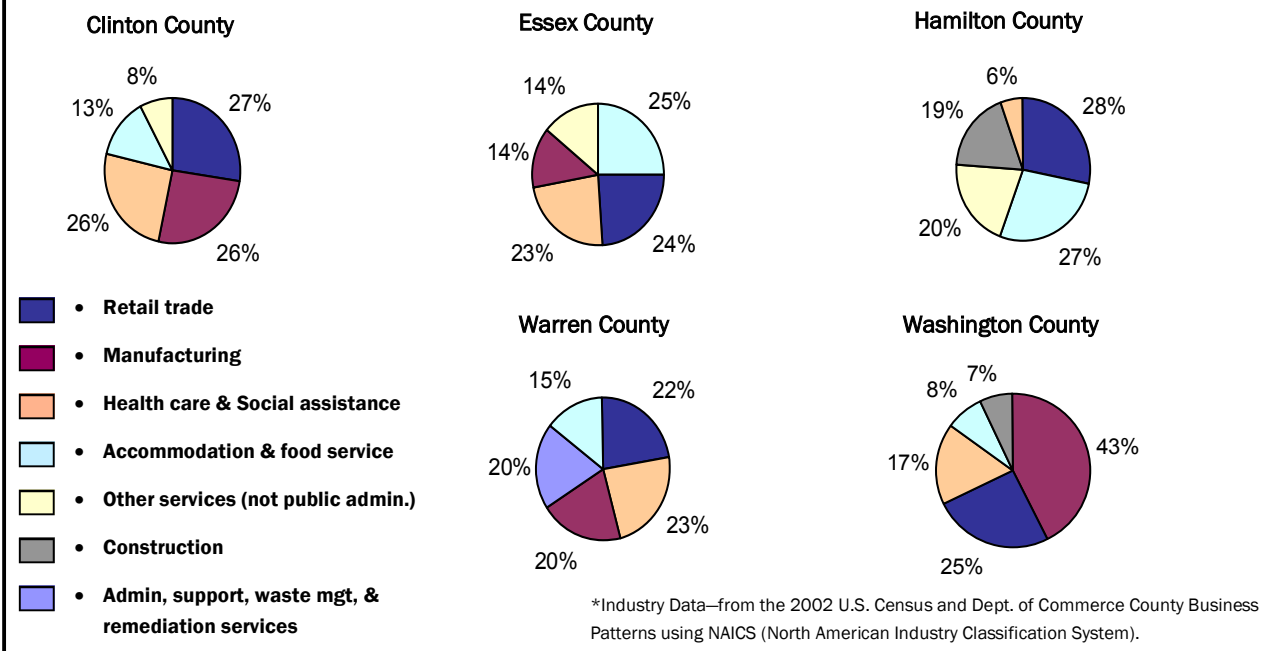
Some of the mapping projects involved importing specific Census data (e.g. number of cars per household) into a GIS database at the lowest geography available (Census Tract, Block Group, or Block). We also completed a watershed study for Hadlock Pond as well as several posters for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) communities. The posters are required by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as part of the eight regulated MS4s in Warren and Washington County.

Even though the 2010 Census is 5 years away, the ACS is already here. The ACS or American Community Survey is part of the Census. It is a new way for the Census Bureau to collect data throughout the decade rather than once every 10 years. At the bottom of the page is a timetable that shows the rollout schedule for the ACS. The ACS will actually replace the long form for the 2010 Census. The ACS is more favorable over previ-

*Agriculture Data from the 2002 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.



Top 5 Industries by County



Type of Data	Population Size of Area	Data for the Previous Year Released in the Summer of:							
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010+
Annual estimates	>250,000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Annual estimates	>65,000				█	█	█	█	█
3-year averages	>20,000						█	█	█
5-year averages	Census Tract and Block Group*								█

█ Data reflect American Community Survey testing through 2004. *The Census Bureau will not publish estimates for small numbers of people or areas if there is a probability that an individual can be identified.

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BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND FINANCING SERVICES

The Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board and Development Corporation operates a regionally based revolving loan fund program, which provides financing to support the growth of small businesses throughout the five-county area. Funding for this program has been provided by the US department of Commerce, US Department of Agriculture and local economic development agencies. Since its inception in 1985, nearly nine million dollars in business loans have been made to 150 area businesses for either start up or expansion costs. Just within 2004, nearly \$400,000 in new loans were issued to the following firms:

Natec County	Clinton
Dee's Salon County	Clinton
Elizabethtown Cabinetry and Construction	Essex County
Olde Mille Café County	Essex
Tracy Trucking County	Warren

**EDA AUTHORIZES 1.3 MILLION TO SUPPORT
ADIRONDACK TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

The US Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration (EDA) has authorized the LC-LGRP to submit a final public works application to begin construction-related work on the Adirondack Regional Accelerator/Incubator Building.

The proposed Technology Center is a three-story, 20,000 square foot former textile mill, located within an Economic Development Zone and Brownfield Site in downtown Glens Falls. The City of Glens Falls Local Development Corporation (LDC) has formed a partnership with Adirondack Community College (ACC), Queensbury Economic Development Corporation (QEDC), Warren County Economic Development Corporation (WCEDC) and the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) to acquire and rehabilitate the old manufacturing building and convert it into a state-of-the-art business accelerator/incubator complete with a clean room and wet lab facility.



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE
NEW BUSINESS INCUBATOR

The project would provide shared work space, financing, legal and other technical services to small start-up companies and existing businesses that have additional space requirements. The end goal is to encourage those businesses to ultimately expand elsewhere in the greater Glens Falls area. Proposed business targets to fill the incubator space would include companies such as light manufacturing and assembly companies working in the medical device or papermaking fields (both of which are targeted cluster based industries) and technology-based firms that operate in the area of e-commerce and software development. This facility would be the only one of its kind north of the Albany area. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,140,000 of which EDA was requested to fund \$1,335,000 for construction-related work.

Assisting the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) communities continues to be large part of the Environmental Planning Assistant's scope of work. The eight regulated MS4 communities in Warren and Washington County are required by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to implement Stormwater Management Plans (SWMPs). These SWMPs specify how the regulated communities will control stormwater through public education, construction, local laws and much more. Their SWMP must be fully implemented by 2008

The eight regulated communities in Warren and Washington County have worked together to apply for funding to help implement their individual SWMP on a regional level. In the Fall of 2004 they were awarded a \$100,000 grant. They are currently working on obtaining a contract from DEC to start receiving their grant funds.

Working with the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York (CWICNY) and several other organizations, the 2004 Lake Champlain Regional Stormwater Tradeshow was held in Lake Placid this past Fall. Participants included contractors, engineers, municipal officials and much more. Educational presentations and stormwater vendors were present to teach people about available current technology and issues in the stormwater field.

Another large part of the Environmental Planning Assistant's job is the annual Adirondack Waterfest, a family oriented event focused on water quality. This past Summer it was held at Roger's Island in Fort Edward. The Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D), Saratoga and Washington County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), the Town of Fort Edward, DEC, Roger's Island Visitor's Center and several other organizations worked together



RONNIE RAINDROP AT WATERFEST

Along with the aforementioned projects this position continues to work with CWICNY, the County Water Quality Coordinating Committees (WQCCs), County SWCDs and RC&D Council. Projects for 2005 include Erosion & Sediment Control Workshops to educate contractors, developers, and municipal officials about stormwater requirements in construction and another Stormwater Tradeshow scheduled for March 2006.

The Environmental Planning Assistant was also awarded the RC&D's 2004 Partnership Award for her outstanding assistance and support with numerous water quality initiatives.

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STORMWATER HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Do not litter
- Don't dump anything down a storm drain
- Check your car for leaks
- Recycle used motor oil
- Wash your car on the lawn or
- Use a car wash that recycles it's water
- Use fertilizers sparingly
- Properly dispose of pet waste in the toilet



STORMWATER RUNOFF
FROM A CONSTRUCTION SITE
ENTERING A STORM DRAIN

1. Completed a feasibility study for a conceptual transportation center/parking facility for the City of Glens Falls.
2. Advanced major corridor study for Route 4 in Washington County from Kingsbury north to Vermont boundary. Two sets of public workshops were held to identify priorities and review proposed design alternatives. Study will be complete by April 2005.
3. Produced a public survey as part of efforts to update the Council's Long Range Transportation Plan. The survey was distributed to 1,000 randomly selected registered voters residing within the A/GFTC Planning and Programming Area (Warren, Washington and northern Saratoga Counties) and it is also available online.
4. Staffed an information booth at the Washington County Fair.
5. Worked with several Washington County departments to identify opportunities for human service transportation coordination and consolidation.
6. Distributed a rural transit survey to towns, villages, and economic development organizations to assess the demand for transportation services between southern and eastern Washington County and the Capital District.
7. Continued to participate in discussions to advance work for projects along the Exit 18/Main Street corridor and the 5-leg intersection in downtown Glens Falls.
8. Monitored progress of projects listed in the 2003 Transportation Improvement Program and processed amendments to that document as necessary.
9. Completed work on functional classification and jurisdictional transfer review for Washington County highways.
10. Completed study of traffic circulation in the Village of Greenwich to address congestion issues related to school traffic.
11. Began inventory of ten years' worth of accident data for town and county highways in Washington County. Accident summaries are coded into GIS and rates are being calculated and analyzed. Will begin a similar effort for Warren County once Washington County is completed.
12. Completed updates to the Public Involvement Policy and the Environmental Justice Review.
13. Provided mapping and technical assistance to Greater Glens Falls Transit.
14. Provided transportation-related assistance to member municipalities as needed or requested, including applications of A/GFTC Traffic modeling capabilities.



ROUTE 4 IN WASHINGTON COUNTY



ROUTE 4 STUDY IN PROGRESS