

LCLGRP presents Draft Plan for Economic Recovery

LAKE GEORGE, NY – The Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRP) is pleased to announce the completion of the *Forward Together Economic Resiliency Plan* for the five-county region of Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington Counties. **The draft plan will be presented during two virtual public events on October 7 (2 PM and 6 PM) hosted by the LCLGRP.**

Forward Together presents strategies for short-term recovery and long-term resiliency and growth from the economic impacts of COVID-19 for the five-county region of Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington Counties. LCLGRP Director, Beth Gilles says, “this plan reflects nine months of planning and collaboration with economic development leaders and stakeholders across the region and provides a strategy for the economic resiliency and prosperity of the five-county area.”

Six economic imperatives identified through intensive economic analysis and public engagement serve as organizing principles for the plan. They are: Connecting our People, Child Care Access, Housing Access and Stability, Main Street & Community Centers as Economic Engines, Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Building, and Career Building & Training.

Forward Together makes 39 recommendations to address the region’s economic imperatives, including 11 priority projects that will be initiated immediately. Funding has already been secured for several priority projects including local broadband initiatives and a Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Strategy.

Forward Together was funded through the CARES Act. Planners from the Chazen Companies and Camoin Associates were hired to assist with the development of the plan.

The draft *Forward Together: Economic Resiliency Plan* is available for public review on the *Forward Together* page of the LCLGRP’s website: www.lclgrp.org/forward-together-initiative/. Public comments on the draft document are being accepted by email at info@lclgrp.org through October 14.

LCLGRP is one of nine federally designated regional planning and development organizations in New York State. The organization is focused on supporting regional economic and community development projects and connecting communities and organizations with state and federal funding dollars.