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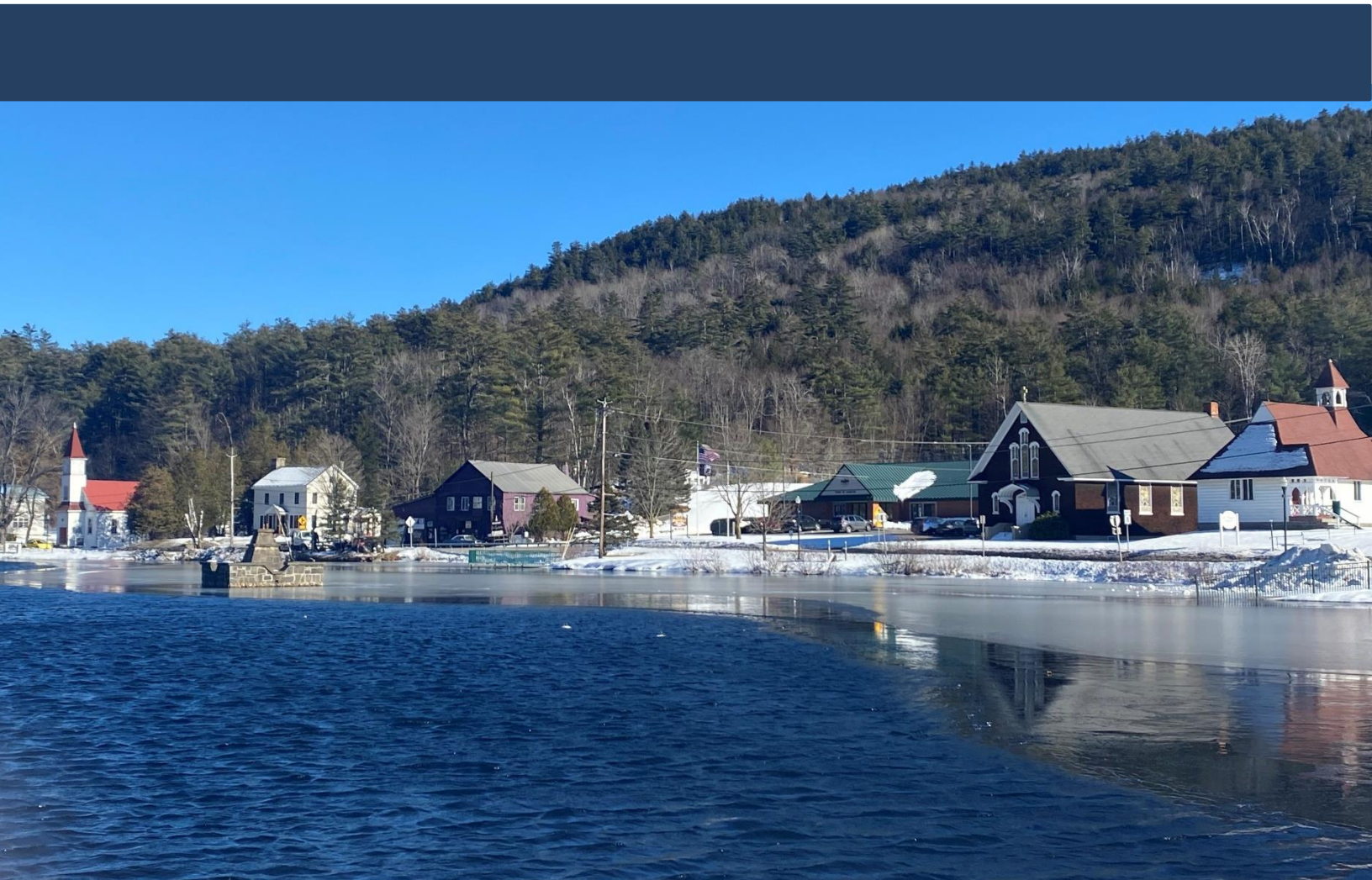
ANNUAL REPORT

Warren County Department of

Planning and Community Development

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Message from the Department Heads

The following Annual Report highlights the accomplishments and projects of the Department in 2023. The Department continued to administer existing grants while providing the primary staff assistance to the ARPA Committee as it solicited, reviewed and awarded funding to address COVID impacts within the County.

With a number of staff changes and adjustments to roles and responsibilities, it became apparent that the Department would operate more efficiently with some adjustments to the organizational structure. With the retirement of the former Director of Planning and Development, the position will not be replaced. Alternatively, an appointed representative from both the Planning and GIS offices will serve as joint-department heads and report to the County Administrator. Those two sides, or Offices, continue to operate as equal components of the Department.

Many Planning initiatives were underway in 2023 with the final Housing Needs Study released in October of 2023, continued development of Warren County 2040, and the start of the Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan.

GIS staff continued to support existing operations of county and municipal staff during 2023, as well as implement a variety of new applications. Additionally, the GIS staff has played an important role in the public outreach of Planning initiatives utilizing GIS products.

2023 saw significant changes to the department, with multiple retirements as well as the addition of new staff. Looking forward to 2024, we anticipate additional staffing changes due to both retirements and new hires. We continue to focus on adapting to changes while continuing to support County initiatives.

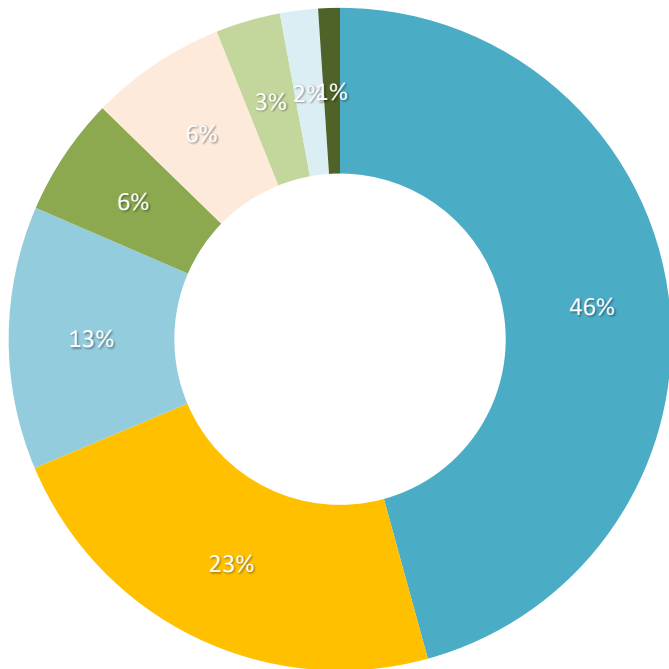
Ethan Gaddy, AICP

County Planner

Sara Frankenfeld

GIS Administrator

Key Facts and Figures for 2023



Staff Time Distribution

- General Planning – 3953 hrs/46%
- GIS – 1981 hrs/23%
- ARPA – 1110 hrs/13%
- Comp/ORE Rec Plan – 501 hrs/6%
- LWRP Lakes – 575 hrs/6%
- 239 – 273 hrs/3%
- Shared Services - 160 hrs/2%
- E-911- 91 hrs/1%

Warren County Comprehensive Plan

Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan

Trail Connectivity Study

3 plans and reports underway

2 major projects completed

Housing Needs Analysis

Countryside Improvements

\$200
thousand
in grant money received

RESTORE Emergency Repairs for Elderly Homeowners

1
grant award received

\$1.43
million
in project money expended

Organization and Staff

The Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development provides general planning services, community development assistance, and geographic information system support for the County. The Department consists of six full-time and one part-time staff member. Staffing changes in 2023 include the retirement of Wayne LaMothe, AICP and Patricia Tatich, AICP. The Director of the Planning and Development Department position was eliminated and Ethan Gaddy, Assistant County Planner was promoted to the position of County Planner. The County Planner and GIS Administrator now serve as co-department heads of the Planning and Community Development Department. Sarah Brugger joined Warren County Planning in November of 2023 as a Principal Planner.



Ethan Gaddy, AICP

County Planner
full-time

Sara Frankenfeld

GIS Administrator
full-time



Sarah Brugger

Principal Planner
full-time

Amanda Beck

GIS Specialist
full-time



Gina Martin

Office Specialist
full-time

Martin Fitzgerald II

Housing Cost Coordinator
part-time



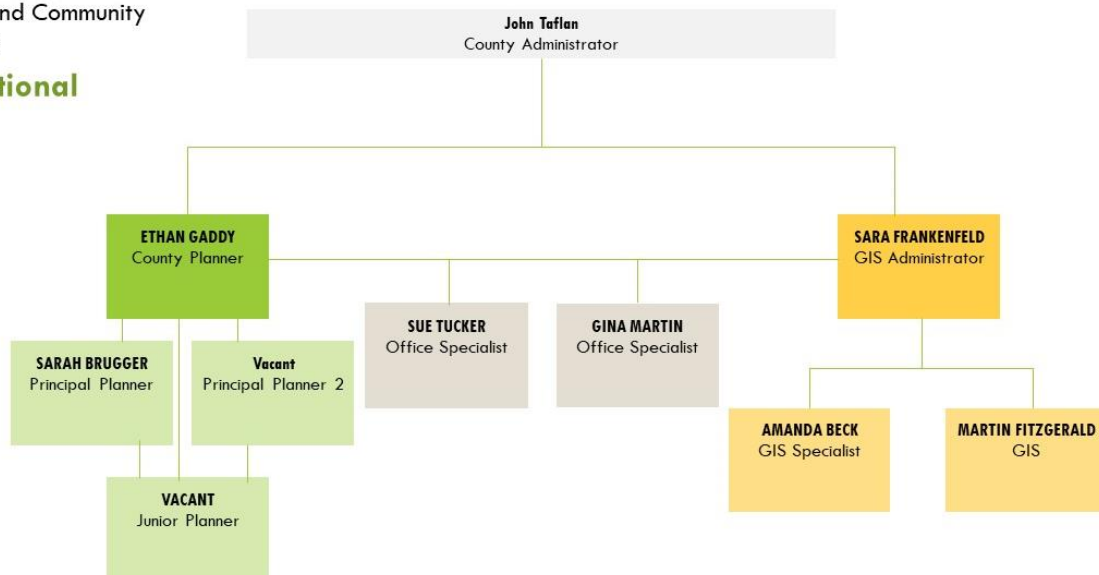
Sue Tucker

Office Specialist
full-time



Warren County Department
of Planning and Community
Development

Organizational Chart



County Planning Agency

Local law number 3 of 2012 authorized the Planning Department to fulfill the County's obligations pursuant to GML 239 l and m. This report fulfills the Agency's responsibility in accordance with Section 239d paragraph 6 of the General Municipal Law to provide an annual report to the County Board of Supervisors. The County Planning Board function continues to be staffed by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Site Plans

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Area Variances

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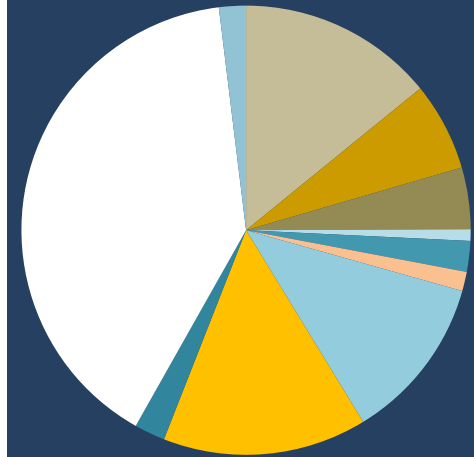
Total Projects

Reviewed

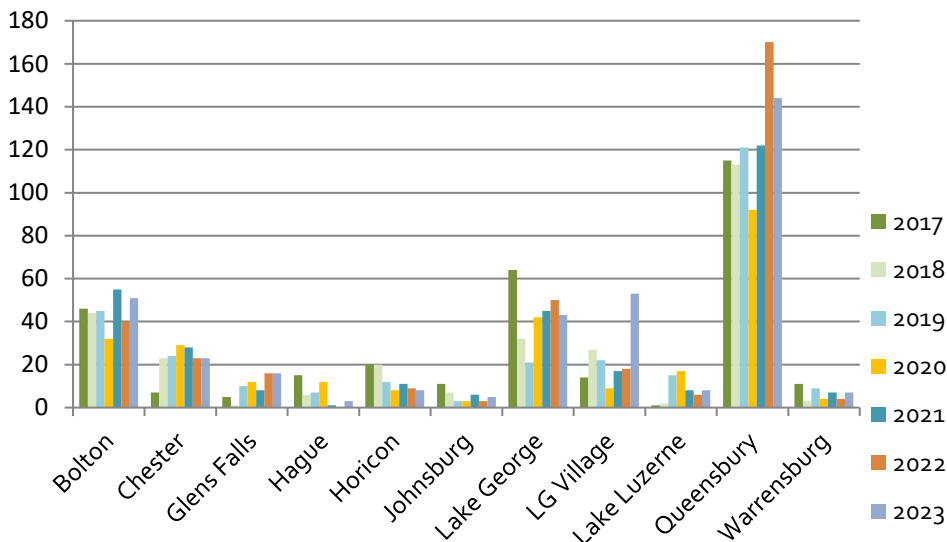
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	Site Plan	Area Var	Use Var	Rezone/ LL	Cond Use	Sign Var	Other	Total
Bolton	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	51
Chester	13	10	0	2	0	0	0	23
Glens Falls	8	4	1	1	0	2	0	16
Hague	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Horicon	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	8
Johnsburg	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	5
Lake George	31	9	2	1	0	0	0	43
LG Village	28	14	0	1	1	7	2	53
L Luzerne	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	8
Queensbury	66	38	0	14	4	8	14	144
Warrensburg	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	7
TOTALS	180	117	3	20	6	19	16	361

The towns of Bolton, Queensbury, and Lake George make up over half of all referrals to the County. Presently, the County has agreements in place that reduce the number of projects from each community. The total number of referrals, 361, is the largest it has been over the past six years. The previous high was 340 projects in 2022.



- Bolton - 17%
- Chester - 7%
- Glens Falls - 5%
- Hague - 1%
- Horicon - 3%
- Johnsburg - 2%
- Lake George - 14%
- LG Village - 17%
- Lake Luzerne - 3%
- Queensbury - 47%
- Warrensburg - 2%





Planning and Community Development Programs

Warren County Comprehensive

Plan



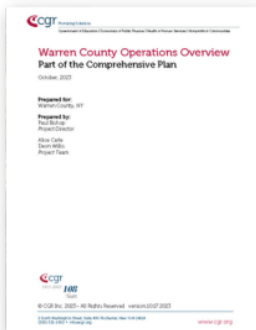
Initial Plan Products Released in 2023

Partner Interview Summary

As part of the Warren County 2040 public engagement. Identifies important partners that either regularly coordinate services with the County, fund or regulate key County activities, or provide essential services to County residents.



Operations Overview



As part of the Comprehensive Plan, this subreport, completed by the respected non-profit strategic analysis firm, provides an overview of Warren County's existing operations, and budget and compares findings on demographics, revenue, visitor spending, staffing, and crime rates with several peer counties in the state.

Demographics

An interactive overview of Warren County's population and various demographic trends, to be used as a reference for informing discussions related to the comprehensive planning process.



In January of 2023, Warren County initiated its first Comprehensive Planning process. The purpose of the planning initiative is to create a unified vision for the future of the county and develop an actionable plan to realize it. The insights gathered during this process will contribute to the development of a Comprehensive Plan, a critical policy documents for Warren County.

Warren County 2040 is designed to: establish the key priorities for the future of Warren County; review and modernize the county's vision and objectives; and chart a course for success in the upcoming decades.

The public engagement process will continue in 2024 with the close of the County survey request input from the public, a public open house in January, and regular Planning Advisory Group meetings. The identification of vision and goals in addition to recommendation development is ongoing. **It is anticipated that a Draft Plan will be provided to the County in summer 2024 with anticipated adoption in late 2024.**

Did you know?

In the Community Planning process, we use WC GIS capabilities for the project website, survey development and analysis, and demographic data presentation!

Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan



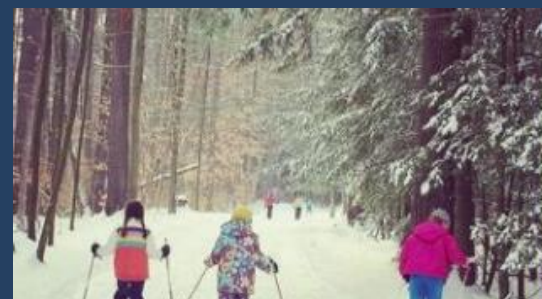
The Warren County Planning Department and a team of outdoor recreation planners from SE Group and Common Ground Consulting are leading this initiative. The plan will provide a county-wide perspective on outdoor recreation priorities for county government and its many municipal, business, and nonprofit partners and identify ways to amplify the economic impact of outdoor recreation.



The plan will identify the current status of outdoor recreation opportunities, economic impact, and assets in Warren County, and provide guidance on how to make it better based on the input of many community partners.

In 2023, the project was commenced with the selection of the SE Group and Common Ground Consulting to lead the development of this plan. A project advisory committee was created to provide representation from outdoor recreation stakeholders throughout the county. In November and December of 2023, a series of eight (8) stakeholder group interviews were conducted with representatives from local government, non-profit environmental organizations, recreation-oriented businesses, chamber and economic development agencies, trail user groups, private and developed recreation, lodging, and ski areas.

It is anticipated that the final capital project package and final report be completed by summer 2024.



Trail Connectivity Study



In 2022 the Warren County Planning Department won a competitive State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission. The award of \$160,000 is for a \$200,000 modernization and connectivity study of the trails and downtowns that connect Lake George to the Empire State Trail. This project was launched in 2023 with Barton and Loguidice assisting with plan development.



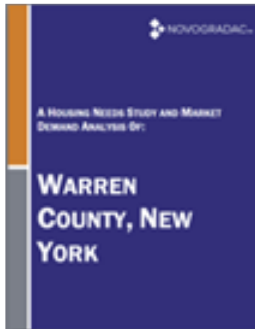
In 2023, a project advisory committee was established composed of interested stakeholders of the Warren County Bikeway and Feeder Canal Trail. A survey was released seeking public input from users of the Warren County Bikeway and Feeder Canal Trail on trail access, uses, safety and amenities. Existing trail conditions were established and documented.

The final report is planned to be complete by summer 2024.

Project Purpose and Goals

- Identify connections between the Feeder Canal Trail, the Warren County Bikeway, and the nearby downtown areas
- Identify and prioritize future improvements to the existing trail network to meet modern standards, including ADA compliance
- Evaluate and develop improvements to road crossings
- Develop a wayfinding system to allow users to navigate to and from the trail systems to the downtown areas and places of interest
- Determine trailside and trailhead amenities that are needed
- Develop a funding and implementation strategy to complete the project recommendations

A Housing Needs Study and Market Analysis



The purpose of the Housing Study was, 'to conduct and provide a housing needs and market demand analysis for Warren County to be utilized by Warren County and partner organizations to assess current and future housing needs and market demand.' The \$50,000 study was funded by a grant from the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation and direct financial contributions from Warren County. **The firm Novogradac was engaged in spring 2023 and a final draft of the study was received in October 2023 and was adopted in November of 2023.**

Study Recommendations

Recommendation #1: Add Housing Supply with Focus on Addressing Identified Gaps

Recommendation #2: Manage/Proactively Respond to Changes in Demand

Recommendation #3: Leverage existing capacity, local and regional

Recommendation #4: Develop a strategy to attract new residents, particularly younger people

Recommendation #5: Leverage Opportunity Zones (OZ) designations

To better address the housing shortage facing Warren County, Planning and Development produced a website utilizing GIS capabilities to serve as a consolidated County resource and information platform. Additionally, the website provides additional data and analysis performed by the Planning Department staff that is consistently updated.



HOUSING DATA AND ANALYSIS- Click on the icons below to view data collected and analyses completed by Planning Department staff, outside of the formal Housing Study completed by Novogradac.



Homeownership Trends

Trends in local vs. non-local homeownership from 2001-...

Explore



Housing Dashboard

Housing indicators for the five county region, including renter..

Explore



Glens Falls Vacant Parcel:

Vacant Parcels in the City of Glens Falls.

Explore



Town of Warrensburg NY Buildout Analysis

A buildout analysis is a spatial analysis undertaken using...

Explore

Protecting Our Lakes

Since 2017, the Warren County Planning Department has submitted funding applications and overseen the implementation of critical water quality projects in the Lake George and Schroon Lake watersheds as well as assisted with water protection initiatives throughout the County.

Septic Initiatives

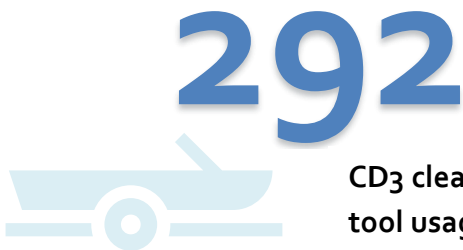
The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded \$340,000 to Warren County in 2021 to assist property owners to repair and replace underperforming septic systems on the shore of Lake George. Due to overwhelming interest in the program the Planning Department worked with regional clean water advocates to petition NYS for additional funding for the program. In 2022 NYSDEC and EFC announced that Warren County would receive an additional \$635,000 for the septic replacement program, nearly doubling the previous allotment. In late 2023 NYSDEC announced that Warren County will receive additional septic replacement funds for additional waterways in 2024.

Warren County Water Quality Strategy Committee

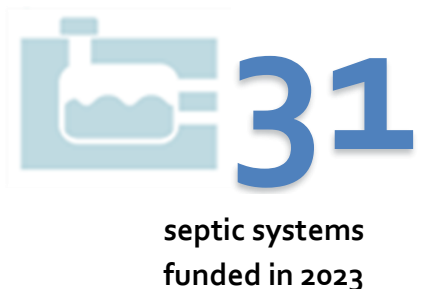
The Warren County Planning Department staff attended these meetings as an opportunity to interface with other groups that are involved with understanding and promoting water quality protection. Additionally, WC Staff presented at two of the committee meetings discussing Milfoil Harvest Data and the CD3 boat cleaning system unit on Schroon Lake.

Pilot Program for Schroon Lake

In June of 2023, Warren County placed a portable CD3 waterless cleaning system at the Horicon boat launch and the Schroon Lake boat launch. The unit allows for boaters to utilize an unmanned station to clean their boats and hopefully play a role in reducing the spread of aquatic invasive species. The program will continue in 2024.



CD3 cleaning system tool usage count in 2023



septic systems funded in 2023

Community Development



Pottersville Water District

In 2021, the Town received a Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$36,100 to complete an engineering study to identify significant issues with the Pottersville public water system and to provide solutions and recommendations for critical improvements to the water system for this rural Adirondack Hamlet. The engineering study will be used to secure state and federal funding to complete essential improvements. In 2022, the County Purchasing Department solicited written proposals on behalf of the Town and Cedarwood Engineering Services PLLC was selected and a contract with the Town was put in place. The project was completed in December 2023.

Countryside Adult Home

In 2018 the Department secured a grant from the NYS Office of Community Renewal to undertake a Building Condition Assessment Report for the Countryside Adult Home. Utilizing the recommendations of that report the Department worked closely with the County Engineering staff to secure a grant of \$300,000 to assist with replacement of the roof. A subsequent funding round to address COVID related issues provided \$810,932 to upgrade the HVAC to comply with MERV 13 standards. The Director worked closely with DPW staff and the consultants to ensure that bid documents and requirements met all of the grant regulatory requirements. In 2022 the Director was successful in securing an additional \$950,000 of ARPA funds to reduce County General Fund expenses for building upgrades. The Department is monitoring labor standards compliance and provides all reporting to the grantor agencies. Construction commenced in 2022 and completed in August 2023.

Transportation



Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council



The Planning Director continued to serve on the A/GFTC Planning Committee and as an alternate on the Policy Committee.

Planning Department staff also provided GIS technical assistance to A/GFTC, assisting with preparing data, providing training and setup of field data collection for pedestrian facility and pavement scoring in the City of Glens Falls and updating the Transportation Improvement Plan dashboard.

Rural Workforce Transportation Plan

Planning Department staff served on the steering committee for the Rural Workforce Transportation Plan. This is a joint effort of the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board and Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council with the purpose of developing an understanding of barriers to workforce engagement and exploring the feasibility of new transportation options. This plan was declared complete in December 2023.

ARPA Committee



Glens Falls Fire Department used \$75,000 in ARPA funding to help purchase a new, \$180,000 all-wheel-drive ambulance.



As part of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Warren County was awarded approximately \$12.4 million to support economic and community recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. The ARPA Advisory Committee was formed for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors about how to best use the funding.

Planning Department staff serve on the ARPA Advisory Committee and several additional staff members supported the operations of the Committee. Facilitating the distribution of ARPA funds and providing support for the committee was a major task for the Planning Department in 2023: thirteen percent of the department's overall staff time for the year was spent on ARPA related tasks.

Department staff tracked award recipients, the reporting of ARPA funds spent, and the documentation to support the expenditures. Staff coordinated with the County Attorney, Treasurer and County Administrator to make sure that spending decisions were legal and accountable and filed required quarterly and annual reports to the US Treasury.

Staff continue to work closely with applicants and awardees to develop projects and effectively use ARPA funds. As of end of 2023, there have been 30 ARPA projects completed out of the 84 awarded.

Letterboxing

Letterboxing 101

What is Letterboxing?

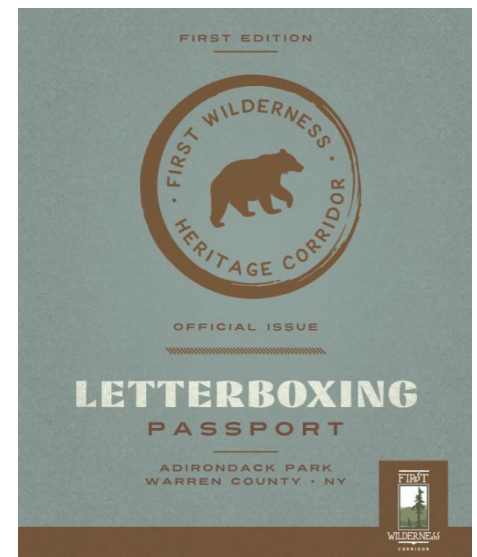
Letterboxing is a fun treasure hunt activity, incorporating orienteering, art, and puzzle solving.

Letterboxing got its start in 1854 in England, when a National Park guide placed a jar for visitors with his calling card inside, and an invitation for those who found the jar to leave their own cards. After awhile, visitors started leaving postcards or notes in the jar, and the next visitor would return them by mail. ("Letterbox" is the British term for Mailbox.). Eventually, instead of calling or postcards, visitors started using hand-carved rubber stamps to leave their mark in a logbook, which is the current practice today. After an article in Smithsonian Magazine in 1998, letterboxing caught on in the U.S., and there are now over 90,000 active letterboxes in North America.

Learn more about letterboxing, including **how to create your own hand-carved stamp** (a fun part of letterboxing, but not mandatory for this challenge) at the website for the largest online letterboxing community Atlas Quest.



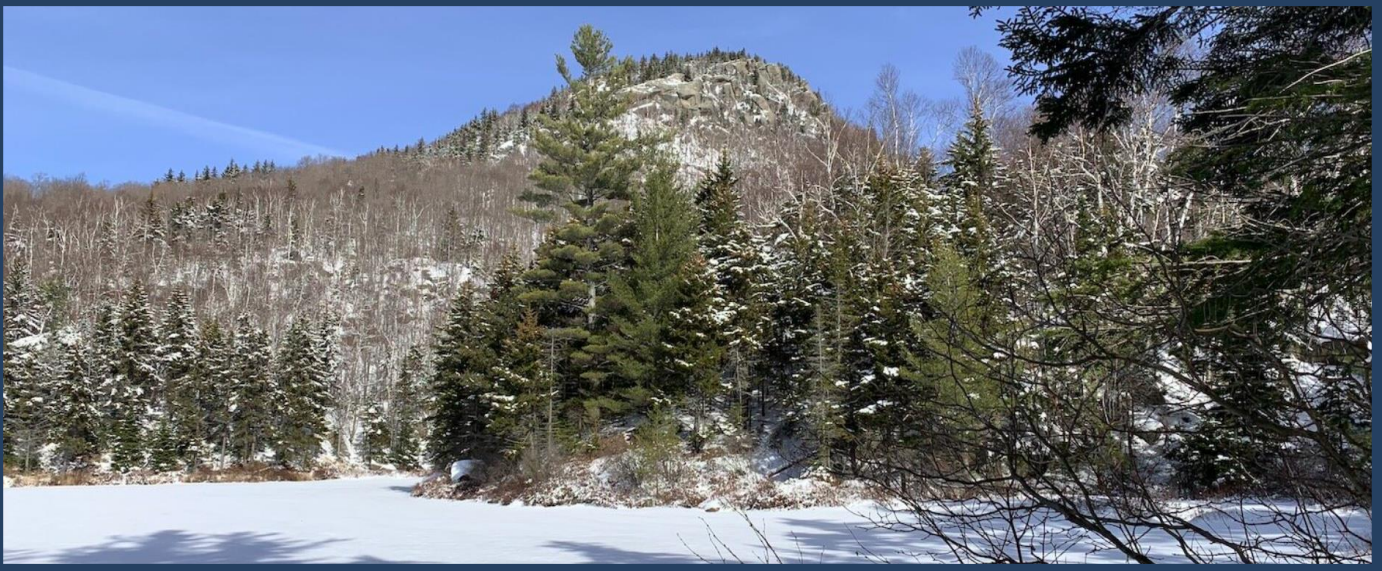
Although we did not launch a new letterboxing trail in 2023, we had another successful year, with over 1000 new First Wilderness and Historians' Challenge passports distributed throughout the County. We had 41 Historians' Challenge finishers and 39 First Wilderness Challenge finishers in 2023, including multiple families who traveled to Warren County from out of state to complete the challenges. We continued to receive many positive comments from finishers, including one from Janet in Massachusetts, who writes "...I have greatly enjoyed exploring Warren County. We have had a wonderful time seeing new places. We very much appreciate the work you have put into this and hope to continue exploring." Nancy in Round Lake shares "thank you for providing this fun way to explore Warren County. We have made it an annual tradition."



After three successful years, the decision was made to retire the First Wilderness Letterboxing Challenge. In its place the department looks forward to launching a new letterboxing trail in the spring of 2024 – stay tuned!



Stories from Open Space



2023 saw the continuation for the third year of our productive partnership focused on promoting cultural and historic tourism in the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor with local collaborative media firm Cliff & Redfield Interactive (CRI). We worked with local historians and student interns to produce three history-focused Storymaps on topics including *Warren County's Underground Railroad*, *Warren County's Indigenous Peoples*, and *A Dam We're Glad Never Happened*. We also continued to produce articles and trip reports on our StoriesFromOpenSpace.org website to encourage both visitors and locals to enjoy the historic and recreational opportunities throughout the First Wilderness. In addition, we produced a hardcopy map of the Gore Region which will be provided free of charge to visitors' centers and town halls in the area for distribution to visitors.

The most exciting development of the year included the creation of a mobile app entitled *Explore Warren County*. This app uses the STORY software platform to enable the creation of GPS-triggered audio tours. The app is free to visitors and works without requiring cell services. In the fall, we launched a beta version of *Explore Warren County* featuring a Walking Tour of North Creek and a Driving Tour from Big Bend to North River, as well as an audio tour to accompany our Historians' Challenge letterbox trail. We look forward to launching the full version of the app in the spring of 2024.



First Wilderness Audio Tour

The First Wilderness Story Collaboration is developing three audio tours on an advanced GPS platform called STORY. The most expansive follows the Central Adirondack Trail from "Big Bend" on the Northway to Thirteenth Lake and other attractions on Garnet Hill in the county's northern-most corner. We're also developing an audio walking tour of North Creek and an audio companion to the letterboxing route we call the Warren County Historians' Challenge. Ultimately, we aim to secure high-quality recordings of local historians and long-time residents telling the stories they know best.

Regional Planning Board

The Planning Department continued its productive working relationship with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board during 2023, both providing and receiving assistance with numerous projects. The LCLGRPБ reimburses department staff for time spent on GIS projects.



Map Requests

GIS staff continued to provide support for various map requests for the Regional Planning board, providing both hardcopy and online maps as needed.

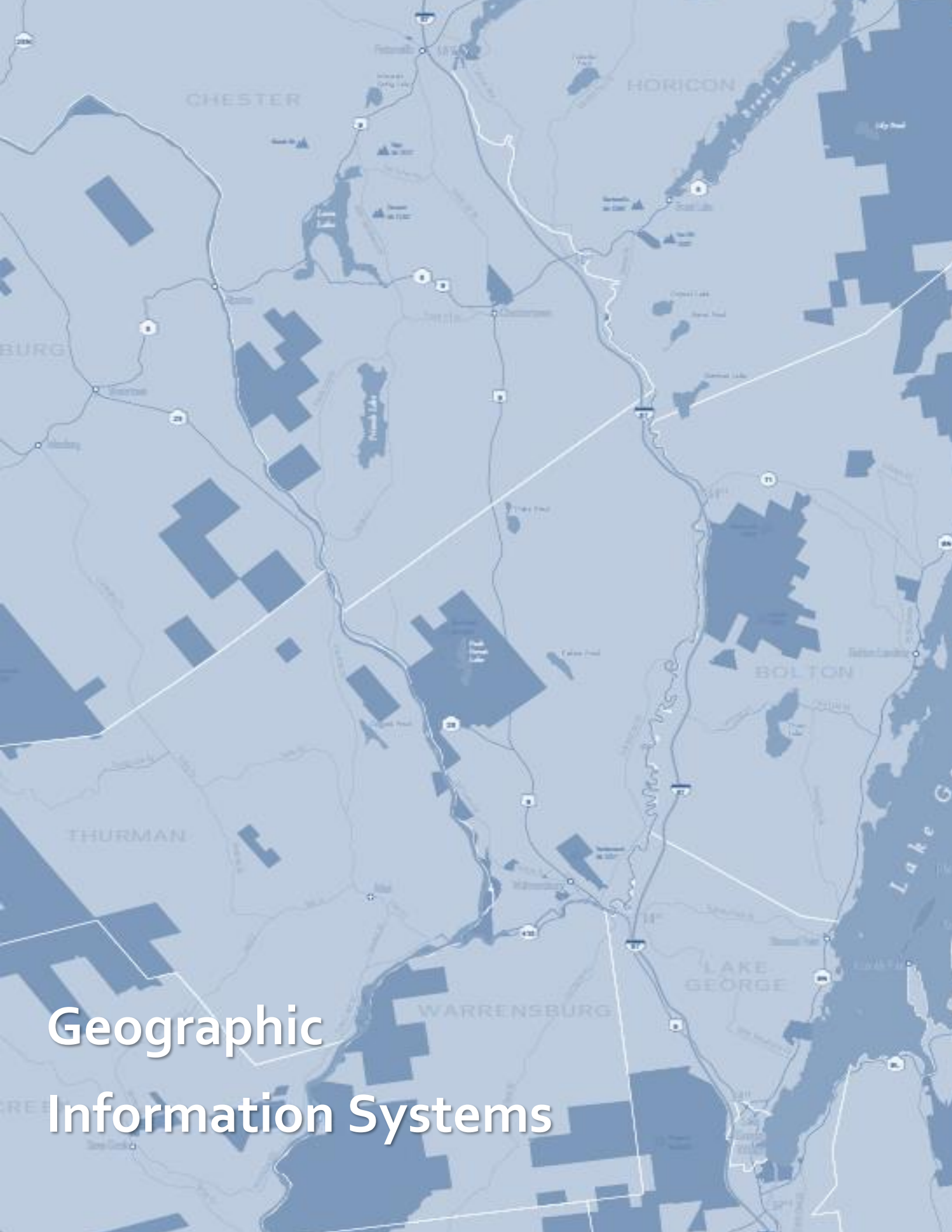


Broadband Challenge Support

In 2023, GIS staff assisted the Regional Planning Board with processing the Federal Communications Commission's broadband availability data at the address level. Staff assisted with preparing data for review by local stakeholders and filing both address and provider challenges with the FCC.

Collaboration

Working with local organizations towards common objectives is a backbone of the Department of Planning and Community Development's philosophy of collaboration. In addition to supporting the towns in various planning and community development initiatives, the department worked closely with numerous agencies and departments in 2023, including the **Sheriff's Department, the Public Affairs director, the County Administrator's office, the Office of Emergency Services, the Office of Aging, the Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Real Property, Tourism, Board of Elections, Treasurers office, County Historian, the Regional Planning Board, A/GFTC, the Lake George Park Commission, and the Soil and Water Conservation District.**



Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information Systems



**91 e-911
addresses
issued**

Warren County GIS is comprised of two full-time and one part-time staff, responsible for maintaining the County's GIS data sets and online GIS presence, including the Community Map, Imagemate Online, the Recreation Mapper and several other widely used applications. In addition, GIS staff has responsibility for assigning e-911 addresses and updating and maintaining the address point, road centerline, and district boundary data used in the County's e-911 Call Center, as well as in other applications. GIS staff also collate and provide demographic data on request in support of numerous projects and agencies.

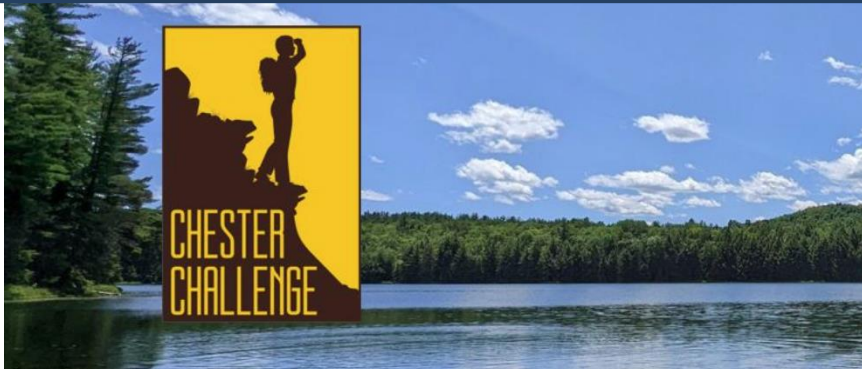


**523,500
2023 views on
Warren
County GIS 10
most popular
products**

Routine GIS maintenance of basemap data and applications accounts for approximately a quarter to a third of staff GIS time, with the remaining time spent in support of Planning Department projects and projects for other departments and agencies. Over the course of 2023, Warren County GIS provided assistance to Board of Elections, DPW, Office of Emergency Services, Parks and Rec, Real Property, Tourism, the Treasurer's office, County Historian, Public Affairs, Office for the Aging, Sheriff, as well as the towns and the City of Glens Falls. In addition, Warren County GIS has contracts to provide technical support and mapping assistance to the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, the Lake George Park Commission, and the Lake George Land Conservancy.

Major GIS Projects

Chester Challenge Website/Brochure



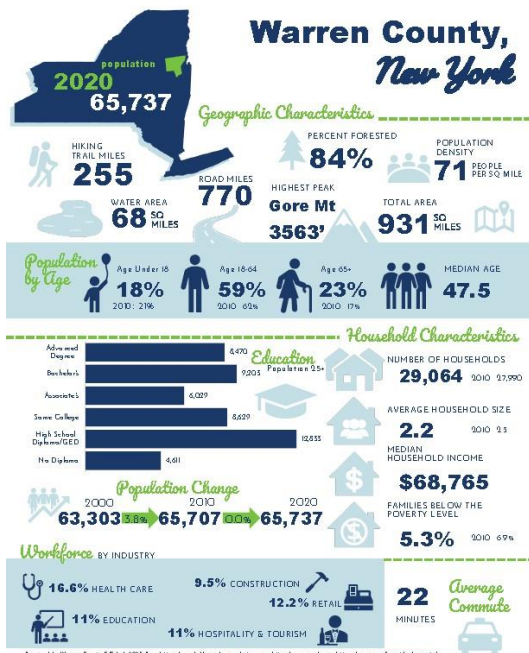
GIS staff revamped the Town of Chester's Chester Challenge website to make it look more modern and to also include the new Panther Mountain trail. Staff GPS'd all trails and made trail maps to go with each. The website is linked on the Town's website and allows finishers to submit a survey on the website if they want their name displayed on the Finisher's list.

Warren County New York 250th Website/Brochure



GIS staff worked with the co-presidents of Warren County's Commission for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution to develop a website and brochure highlighting Warren County's role in the Revolution. The website features a detailed timeline of historic events, as well as maps of historic locations and walking and driving tours. Efforts related to the 250th anniversary will be continuing over the next few years as the celebrations ramp up approaching 2026.

Demographic Data Compilation and Analysis



The release of the 2020 Census data in 2023 resulted in County GIS staff compiling and analyzing demographic data for various sub-geographies within the County. Staff created a web-based analysis of demographic trends over the past five decades, focusing primarily on Warren County's aging population. Staff also created printable multi-page flyers for the County and each municipality highlighting trends in population, age, housing costs, median income and employment.

Major GIS Projects

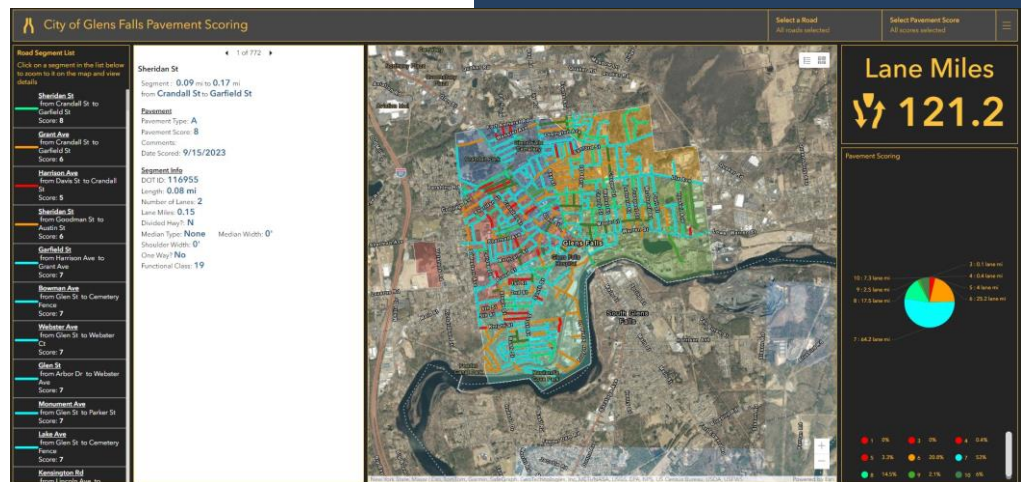
Update of Maps and App for Board of Elections

New ward boundaries in Glens Falls and redistricting in other parts of the County led to an update of the hardcopy Election District Atlas used by Board of Elections. GIS staff also undertook a complete redesign of Board of Elections' Polling Locator web application. The new version of the Polling Locator uses more current technology and accommodates the conditional display of primary ballots by election district, in addition to including the previous functionality of displaying polling location and elected officials. The new app can be accessed from Board of Elections webpage at warrencountyny.gov/boe by clicking on "Where Do I Vote?"



Support for Glens Falls Public Works

GIS staff provided support for a variety of public works related projects in the City of Glens Falls. The County collaborated with A/GFTC and the Regional Planning Board to assess the condition of all sidewalks, curb ramps, and crosswalks in the City for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.



GIS staff created an interactive dashboard that allows City engineering staff to view the rating of all pedestrian facilities throughout the City and easily identify problem areas. In conjunction with this project, all pavement conditions in the City were also rated and a separate interactive dashboard developed that allows staff to quickly tally road miles by pavement score. This dashboard can be used for pavement project planning and will help insure that paving dollars are being spent equitably throughout the City and that areas of highest need are prioritized. In addition, county GIS staff assisted city water and sewer staff with retrieving GIS data off of an old computer and making it accessible via an app that workers are now using in the field on tablets.

County GIS staff also created a hydrant flushing app that will allow real-time data collection of conditions during the twice annually hydrant flushing process. Additionally, the County's GIS and Public Affairs staff assisted with the countywide effort led by the City of Glens Falls to inventory all lead water service lines in compliance with an EPA mandate.

Continuing/Minor GIS Projects

Warren County GIS Hub Products

- Development of the following maps on the GIS Hub:
 - Special Districts, Water Districts, Lighting Districts, Fire Districts, EMS Districts, School Districts, Parks

GIS Support for Municipalities

- Assistance to municipalities with the EPA's required lead service line inventory



Logo and excerpt from the map of the Warren County Fish Hatchery Disc Golf Course.

GIS Support for County Planning Initiatives and Agencies

- Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Multi-Use Trail Study, Hazard Mitigation Plan –surveys, data prep and analysis, website development, etc
- Support for FCC broadband fixed availability challenge
- Meals on Wheels maps for Office of the Aging
- New graphic for the top of Swede Mountain to be displayed at tower.
- Development of map, website, brochure and signs for the new Warren County Fish Hatchery Disc Golf Course
- Continued support for invasive species identification and eradication efforts, both aquatic and terrestrial

Excerpt of graphic produced for the top of Swede Mountain to be displayed at tower.



Warren County GIS Views



GIS Hub: 55,500 views

Welcome to Warren County, New York's GIS Hub

Imagemate Online
Web Application



128,500 views

Community Map
Web Map Application



127,000 views

Sheriff's Office
Web Application




105,500 views

First Wilderness Heritage Corridor



74,300 views

Historians' Challenge Letterboxing



11,400 views

Recreation Mapper



3,700 views

Chester Challenge



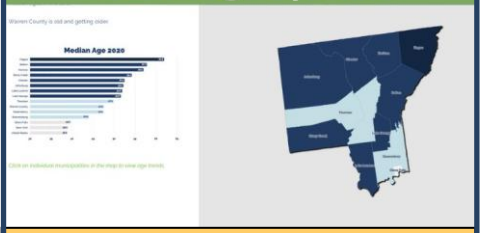
6,200 views

Warren County 250th



6,000 views

Warren County Demographics



5,400 views



Looking Forward

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As well as ongoing projects such as ARPA, septic replacements, planning board review, the Housing Study, and continuing GIS technical support, several initiatives will occupy the bulk of staff time during 2024.

WC Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan will identify the county's shared goals and suggest policies and programs to achieve such goals. Once complete, the comprehensive plan will help Warren County competitively pursue state and federal grants.

WC Housing Strategy

The Planning Department is leading an effort to develop an actionable strategy for Warren County housing efforts based on the findings from the 2023 Housing Study. This initiative will commence in spring 2024.

Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan

The ORESP is well underway and will continue into 2023 with expected project completion by mid-2024.

Bikeway Connectivity Study

Project was launched in mid-2023 with expected project completion by summer 2024.

RESTORE

In late 2023, the County Received a RESTORE Grant in the amount of \$200,000 to complete emergency repairs for elderly homeowners within Warren County. This amount should provide 15 eligible homeowners with emergency repairs to their housing units. The County will work in 2024 to administer this program.

Tax Map Software Transition

Warren County GIS plans to transition and convert tax parcel data from ArcMap to ArcGIS Pro. ArcMap software is being phased out of usage. In addition, with upcoming staff changes, GIS staff will be responsible for providing training and support for the County's new tax map technician.

Development of new Community Map

Warren County GIS plans to create an updated version of its widely used online Community Map to provide better functionality and stay current with recent technology updates.

Letterbox the Bikeway

We are continuing our Letterboxing program with a new theme and sites along the Warren County bikeway.

Hamlet Buildout Analyses

Staff plans to complete an in-depth buildout analysis for hamlets within the Adirondack Park in Warren County.

Support for Local Planning

Warren County Planning and GIS will be helping municipalities as they develop Comprehensive Plans over the course of 2024. Many of our municipalities won competitive planning grants and our staff will be working to ensure that their projects are successful.

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Grant Funds Awarded to Warren County Department of Planning and Community Development 1977-2023

Year	CD#	Source	Purpose	Units	Funds	Function
1977	CD1	B-77-DN-36-0114	Housing	90	\$275,000	Applicant
1979	CD2	B-79-DN-36-0151	Public Facilities		\$350,000	Applicant
1979	CD3	B-79-DN-36-0306	Housing	210	\$528,000	Applicant
1979	CD4	B-79-DN-36-0081	Public Facilities		\$500,000	Applicant
1980	CD5	B-80-DN-36-0069	Housing	105	\$750,000	Applicant
1981	L&WCF		Parks		\$13,000	Facilitator
1981	CD6	B-81-DN-36-0099	Housing	270	\$480,000	Applicant
1983	CD7	B-83-HJ-36-0054	Economic		\$163,300	Applicant
1983	CD8	B-83-HJ-36-0055	Economic		\$137,000	Facilitator
1983	L&WCF		Parks		\$135,000	Facilitator
1983	CD9	B-83-DH-36-0432	Housing	200	\$936,000	Applicant
1983	CD10	B-83-DH-36-0431	Housing	136	\$750,000	Facilitator
1985	CD11	B-85-DH-36-0345	Housing	48	\$400,000	Applicant
1985	CD12	B-85-DH-36-0377	Housing	41	\$362,835	Facilitator
1986	CD13	B-86-DH-.346	Economic		\$550,000	Applicant
1986	CD14	AHC-86-280/15	Housing	52	\$200,000	Applicant
1987	CD15	B-87-DH-36-0364	HHHN		\$582,000	Applicant
1988	CD16	B-88-DH-36-.0326	Housing	103	\$599,605	Facilitator
1988		Clean Lakes Program			\$79,390	Facilitator
1989		Planning Assistance			\$20,000	Applicant
1990	CD17	B-90-DH-36-0040	Housing	36	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD18	B-90-DH-36-0029	Housing	37	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD19	B-90-DH-36-0064	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1990	CD21	B-90-DH-36-0431	Public Facilities		\$337,003	Applicant
1990	CD22	B-89-DH-36-1030	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD23	B-91-DH-36-0029	Housing	35	\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD24	B-91-DH-36-0084	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Facilitator
1991	CD25	B-91-DH-36-0288	Housing	10	\$449,580	Applicant
1992	CD26	B-92-DH-36-0058	Housing	17	\$578,200	Applicant

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1993	CD27	DHCR 93000689	Housing	32	\$377,140	Applicant
1993	CD28	B-93-DH-36-0249	Housing	34	\$400,000	Facilitator
1993	CD29	B-93-DH-36-0303	Housing	15	\$467,040	Applicant
1995	CD30	B-95-DH-36-0210	Housing	26	\$400,000	Facilitator
1996	CD31	DHCR	Housing	24	\$300,000	Facilitator
1996	CD32	B-96-DH-36-0355	Housing	10	\$716,000	Facilitator
1996	CD33	B-96-DH-36-0328	Public Facilities		\$155,000	Facilitator
1997	CD34	B-97-DH-36-0030	Canal Corridor		\$920,000	Applicant
1997	CD35	DHCR	Housing	32	\$378,400	Applicant
1998	CD36	B-98-DH-36-0494	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Applicant
1998	CD37	B-98-DH-36-0475	Housing	32	\$400,000	Facilitator
1999	CD38	B-99-DH-36-0307	Public Facilities		\$400,000	Facilitator
1999	CD39	B-99-DH-36-0313	ED Stonecast		\$446,000	Applicant
1999		EPF	Turntable		\$30,000	Applicant
1999		LWRP	Planning		\$27,500	Facilitator
2000	CD50	GOSC	Public Works		\$302,000	Applicant
2000	CD51	GOSC	Planning TA		\$20,000	Applicant
2000		Quality Communities	Planning		\$35,000	Applicant
	CD52	GOSC	Housing	36	\$400,000	Applicant
	CD53	DHCR	Housing	12	\$50,000	applicant
	CD54	DHCR	Housing	28	\$400,000	Applicant
	CD55	GOSC	Public Works		\$237,000	Facilitator
	CD56	GOSC	Public Works		\$129,000	Facilitator
		ANCA	Scenic byway		\$30,000	Applicant
		DOS	Archives		\$75,000	Applicant
		L&WCF	Ski Bowl		\$175,000	Facilitator
		LWRP	Planning		\$85,000	Applicant
2004	CD57	GOSC	Micro		\$336,200	Applicant
	CD58	GOSC	Chester Health Center		\$400,000	Administrator
	CD59	GOSC	Housing	7	\$247,800	Applicant
	CD60	HTFC	HOME Horicon	26	\$486,000	Applicant

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	CD61	HTFC	RESTORE	14	\$40,000	Applicant
	CD62	GOSC	Housing Chester	26	\$400,000	Applicant
		Main Street	ED		\$200,000	Facilitator
		Access to Home	Housing	15	\$200,000	Facilitator
2004	DOS	LWRP	Design/construction		\$150,000	Facilitator
2005		Quality Community	Planning		\$9,725	Applicant
2005	DOS	Luzerne LWRP	Planning		\$75,000	Facilitator
2005	CD63	GOSC	ED		\$320,000	Applicant
2006	CD64	Ski Bowl GOSC	ED		\$516,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	Ski Bowl N Grid	ED		\$250,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	Ski Bowl HUD	ED		\$498,000	Facilitator
2006	LDC	SKI Bowl HUD	ED		\$248,000	Facilitator
2006	CD65	GOSC	ED		\$320,000	applicant
2007		Canal funding			\$150,000	Applicant
2007	CD66	HOME	Housing	32	\$500,000	Applicant
2007		LWRP	FWHC		\$505,000	Facilitator
2007		LWRP	Warrensburg		\$60,000	Facilitator
2007	CD68	HOME	Warrensburg	22	\$300,000	Applicant
2008	CD67	RESTORE	County	12	\$125,000	Applicant
2008	CD69	CDBG	Luzerne Senior Center		\$400,000	Applicant
2008		NYS DEC	Quadracentential		\$45,000	Applicant
2008	H312	LWRP	FWHC		\$258,270	Applicant
2009		AHC			\$120,000	Applicant
2009	CD70	RESTORE	Housing	12	\$70,000	Applicant
2010		ANCA	BYWAY Planning		\$59,026	Applicant
2010	CD71	DHCR	HOME ext		\$300,000	Applicant
2009	H313	LWRP	FWHC projects		\$415,006	Applicant
2010	CD72	HTFC	Westmount sprinklers		\$493,705	Applicant
2011		OCR	Micro		\$200,000	applicant
2011	H334	DOS	FWHC2011		\$463,116	applicant

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2012		EFC	Public works - bridges		\$324,500	applicant
2012	H340	DOS	FWHC2012		\$308,000	applicant
2012	CD73	CDBG	HHHN		\$400,000	applicant
2013	H349	DOS	LWRP2013		\$553,500	applicant
2013	H347	DOS	LG		\$482,050	applicant
2013	H349	DOS	LG Village		\$390,000	Administrator
2014	CD74	CDBG	Countryside		\$400,000	applicant
2014	H356	DOS	LWRP2014		\$410,450	applicant
2014		DOS	LG Village		\$535,250	Administrator
2015	H367	DOS	LWRP 2015		\$425,988	Applicant
2016	H372	DOS	LWRP 2016		\$520,300	Applicant
2017	H380	Smart Growth	FWHC Marketing		\$69,700	Applicant
2017	H382	DOS	LG LWRP		\$600,000	Applicant
2017	CD75	CDBG	Countryside		\$43,237	Applicant
2018	H383	DOS	Invasives		\$800,000	Applicant
2020	CD76	CDBG	PF Countryside		\$300,000	Applicant
2020	H405	DEC	LG Septic Round 2		\$340,000	
2021	CD77	CDBG	CARES Act		\$812,932	Applicant
2021	CD78	DHCR	Housing needs		\$46,000	Applicant
2021	H409	DEC	Organic management		\$40,000	Applicant
2021	H408	DOS	Invasive species		\$251,838	Applicant
2021	H407	ESD	Recreation study		\$42,500	Applicant
2021		CDBG	Chester water study		\$36,100	Facilitator
2022	H423	Northern Borders	Bikeway study		\$160,000	Applicant
2022	H418	DEC	LG Septic Round 3		\$635,000	Administrator
2023	H407	ESD	Outdoor Rec. Economy Plan		\$42,500	Applicant
2023		RESTORE	Housing	15	\$200,000	Applicant

Total: 117 awards

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