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CEDC Holds Economic Roundtable

Local efforts tie into the bigger picture

HUDSON, NY –(September 19, 2014) - How local community development and economic development efforts tie into the bigger, county-wide picture was the theme of a Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) roundtable discussion on September 18, 2014 at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Spearheaded by CEDC Executive Director Ken Flood, community development leaders from the City of Hudson, Village of Chatham and towns of Claverack, Kinderhook, Germantown, Hillsdale, New Lebanon and Greenport came together for the lively, three-hour discussion. Participants shared their economic development ideas and best practices, their challenges and needs, and received guidance and feedback from CEDC.

"Sharing strategies about what works and what doesn't work on the local level, in turn feeds into the bigger picture at the county level," stated Flood. "The ultimate goal, whether at the city, town, or county level, is to meld community development and economic development to create a seamless cooperative effort that results in a thriving county-wide economy. "

Local community and economic development efforts range from grassroots to comprehensive and from new organizations to established ones. The roundtable discussion was coordinated by Ken Flood and CEDC Marketing Director Carol Wilber. Attendees were: John Lee, Claverack; Roy Brown, Germantown; Steve Tiger, Hillsdale; Tom Curran, Chatham; Sarah Sterling, Hudson; Renee Shur, Kinderhook; John Porreca, Greenport; Sheena Salvino, Hudson; and Max Gitter, New Lebanon.

Throughout the year, CEDC actively supports the county's community development groups by participating on local committees, offering technical support in areas such as grant writing assistance, group facilitation, connection to additional resources, promotion and marketing, and assistance with local and state government agencies.

The next CEDC Economic Development Roundtable is scheduled for December 2014.

Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), the lead economic development organization for Columbia County, is committed to strengthening the county's tax base through economic development and job creation while maintaining the quality of life so desired by the people who live and work here. For more information about CEDC programs and services visit our website or call us at 518.828.4718.

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