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Honorable Joanne Yepsen
Mayor
City of Saratoga Springs
474 Broadway - Ste 9
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Re: Climate Smart Communities Project # 76290 - Natural Resource Inventory

Dear Mayor Yepsen:

In 2011, Governor Cuomo launched the Regional Economic Development Councils and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to provide each New York region with the tools to create and implement a roadmap for economic prosperity and job creation. This community-based model uses local assets to drive economic growth and has resulted in unprecedented collaboration and partnerships.

After six successful rounds, the 2017 CFA has made over \$800 million in economic development resources available through thirty programs across twelve state agencies. The CFA provides resources for projects promoting community development and job creation, tourism, waterfront revitalization, energy and environmental improvements, sustainability, and low-cost financing. The Department of Environmental Conservation is proud to have contributed \$100 million to this year's Consolidated Funding Application.

We are pleased to inform you that the Natural Resource Inventory project has been selected to receive up to \$15,000 through the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program. On behalf of our federal, State, and local partners, we thank you for taking the initiative to participate in this program. If you applied for funding from other programs or other State agencies, you will receive information from those programs/agencies separately.

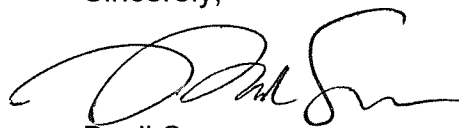
Once the Department has received approval from the Office of the State Comptroller, we will reach out to the person identified in your grant application as the primary contact to provide you with additional information to assist in developing a contract. Contracts for CSC projects will be completed through the NYS Grants Gateway (<https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/>). We recommend visiting the Grants Reform portal at <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/Grantees> to become familiar with the Gateway and the contracting process. The document titled "Quick Start Guide: Contracts" can help those new to working in the Grants Gateway. Once familiar with the process, we suggest you begin drafting a work plan and budget for your project so you will be prepared to enter it into the Grants Gateway.



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We look forward to working with you on this important climate action project. If you have any questions, please contact the Climate Smart Communities program staff at climatechange@dec.ny.gov or call 518-402-8448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Basil Seggos', with a stylized, flowing script.

Basil Seggos
Commissioner