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GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$1,161,225 TO THE TOWN OF EVANS FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AWARDED THROUGH 2018 REGIONAL COUNCIL COMPETITION

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that more than \$763 million in economic and community development funding has been awarded through Round VIII of the Regional Economic Development Council initiative.

Established in 2011 as a centerpiece of the Governor's strategy to jumpstart the economy and create jobs, the Regional Councils replaced the state's old top-down approach to economic development with one that is community-based and performance-driven. The initiative empowers communities, business and academic leaders, as well as members of the public in each region of the state, to develop strategic plans specifically tailored to their region's unique strengths and resources to create jobs, improve quality of life and grow the economy.

"Over the last eight years, we have implemented a vision to move New York State's economy forward by allowing communities to make strategic investments to help grow their local economies and reenergize and develop their unique regions," Governor Cuomo said. "Regional-based economic development is vital for maintaining New York's thriving, prosperous economy. I congratulate all of the winners of this year's REDC awards and look forward to working together to build a stronger New York for generations to come."

Town of Evans Supervisor Mary Hosler stated, "The Sturgeon Point Marina is a regional asset which is enjoyed by many people. Sturgeon Point Marina is not only used for recreational water and fishing activities, but it plays an important role in keeping our border and boaters safe."

Sturgeon Point Marina Repairs

Through New York Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) he Town of Evans will implement its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program by designing and constructing repairs to the western breakwater which protects the Sturgeon Point Marina. The walkway atop the breakwall will also be repaired to reestablish safe public access. This project will guarantee the safe operation of this popular recreational resource, which provides boat dockage and public access to the waters and fisheries in Lake Erie and opens the door for future marina expansion.

"By empowering the people who know their communities best, we have transformed the state's economic development strategy into one that is not only successful, but is built to last," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Chair of the Regional Economic Development Councils, who made today's announcement. "Together, we're restoring downtowns, supporting local businesses, and welcoming new residents and visitors. Through the REDC process, we're advancing the strategic economic development plans of each region and supporting growth as part of the Downtown and Upstate Revitalization Initiatives. With a focus on workforce development and growth of high-tech industries, we're adding new job opportunities and strengthening the economy of the entire State of New York."

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky said, "Across the state, communities remain actively engaged in their own economic development strategies and, as a result, we are seeing economic growth and job creation. By empowering regions to create their own path to success, New York State is making smart, strategic investments that promote sustainable economic development."

The REDC process has transformed New York State government's approach to economic development, creating a statewide framework for bottom-up, regional economic growth and streamlining the state funding application process. Since the initiative's inception in 2011, over \$6.1 billion has been awarded to more than 7,300 projects that are projected to create and retain more than 230,000 jobs statewide.

About the Regional Economic Development Councils

The Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative is a key component of Governor Cuomo's approach to State investment and economic development. In 2011, Governor Cuomo established 10 Regional Councils to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for their regions. The Councils are public-private partnerships made up of local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government, and non-governmental organizations. The Regional Councils have redefined the way New York invests in jobs and economic growth by putting in place a community-based, bottom up approach and establishing a competitive process for State resources.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (DOS LWRP)

The Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), funded under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund, provides matching grants on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, cities, and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts. Grant categories include preparing or updating an LWRP; preparing an LWRP Component, including a watershed management plan; updating an LWRP to mitigate future physical climate risks; implementing an LWRP or a completed LWRP Component; and celebrating the bicentennial of the Erie Canal - improving public waterfront access for canal communities. This program helps communities breathe new life into their waterfront and underused assets in ways that ensure successful and sustainable revitalization.