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2016-2017 REPORT ON OPERATIONS

The mission of the Town of Erwin Community Development Agency is to continue to undertake projects that improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Town. These projects will include the support of job creation and the expansion of local businesses, as well as the improvement of public infrastructure. The Agency will continue to secure and manage resources to improve the social, physical and economic characteristics of the Town by strengthening neighborhoods and the local economy, and supporting other community activities.

In 2011, the Agency wrote a grant for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in furtherance of the Coopers Plains-Long Acres Sewer Extension Project, and in 2012 was awarded \$4,785,774 in CWSRF interest-free financing. This is in addition to the \$5,000,000 grant already awarded from the Water Quality Improvement Program. In 2015, project design was complete and approved by the funding agencies and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Construction began in 2015, and this \$9.8 million was 80% operational in 2016. Residences and businesses have already connected to the new system. The project will be completed in 2017.

In 2015, the Agency partnered with counties and municipalities in the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council to create the I-86 Innovation Corridor Strategic Action Plan, which became the basis of the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) competition. The Southern Tier's URI \$117 million award will allow the Agency to further its mission and it is actively involved in the Vibrant Communities component of the grant. In 2017, The Vibrant Communities Committee has funded and is undertaking a Quality of Life Index project to identify specific projects and focus areas that will enhance the community and foster economic development.

In 2016, the Agency funded and undertook a Visioning Project to update the Comprehensive Plan vision for the Town center area of the Town. The Agency will adopt the final report and make zoning law amendment recommendations to the Town Board in 2017.