

2020

Annual Report



REGIONAL
ANALYTICS
AND MAPPING



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES



WATER
QUALITY



HUMAN
SERVICES



A Note from the Chair

As we all know, 2020 was an extremely challenging year impacting all facets of our daily lives. Whether it meant working from the "home office," learning how to "zoom," or remembering to grab your mask before running into the store, we adapted. CDRPC also adapted and continued to provide the valuable services to our region as it has for the last 54 years.

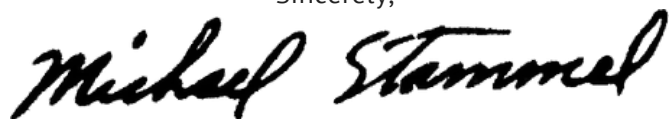
CDRPC staff quickly pivoted in the spring to ensure our portfolio of training opportunities would continue virtually and hosted 22 webinars providing nearly 1200 registrants with planning and zoning board credits. CDRPC also continued to engage partners throughout the year whether socially distanced or virtually in the nearly 2500 hours of zoom meetings hosted by staff.

Throughout the year, CDRPC continued to deliver valuable planning assistance benefiting communities in our region including completing four municipal technical assistance program projects, beginning source water protection planning projects in Albany and Rensselaer Counties, launching capitalregionindicators.org and updating the Capital Region Atlas which includes more than 50 regional maps. In addition, staff facilitated grants and other funding for the region including \$1 million dollar grant supporting Monument Square redevelopment in Troy, assisting the Capital Region Chamber capitalize a new regional \$8.7 million-dollar revolving loan fund, and helping communities secure nearly \$8 million dollars of match free grant funding during the first phase of the Clean Energy Communities Program which wrapped up in 2020.

Core funding invested by our counties- Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady- allows CDRPC to secure other revenues to support the full complement of our programs and services. Every county dollar invested in CDRPC leverages \$4.25 in grant and other funding that supports our work.

This report highlights a sampling of CDRPC's programs and contributions in 2020. As always, we appreciate your support and encourage your feedback on our work.

Sincerely,



Michael Stammel
Chairman



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Outreach and Training

Events and Workshops

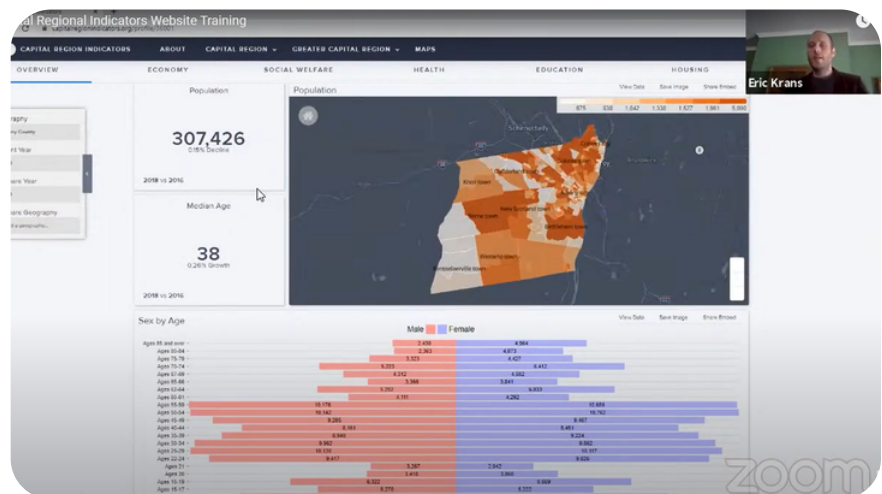
Amid social distancing requirements brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, CDRPC quickly pivoted to offer our planning and zoning workshops in virtual format. CDRPC hosted a spring and fall webinar series' which officered 22 training sessions. Total registrations for the sessions totaled nearly 1200. All 2020 webinars are available on our website <https://cdrpc.org/webinararchive>.

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CapitalRegionIndicators.org

Version 1.0 of a new regional indicators dashboard capitalregionindicators.org was officially launched at an event hosted at the SEFCU auditorium in February 2020. The project is funded by the Capital Region Chamber, the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, the Capital District Transportation Committee, and CDRPC and was developed by the AVAIL lab at UAlbany. In 2020, CDRPC conducted a variety of training sessions to introduce the tool to not for profit and government stakeholders. Throughout the year, improvements and new features were added. Looking forward to 2021, available census data will be added at the school district and zip code geographies and new mapping features will be built out.



Technical Assistance and Data Services

GIS Services

Significant 2020 GIS mapping projects include:

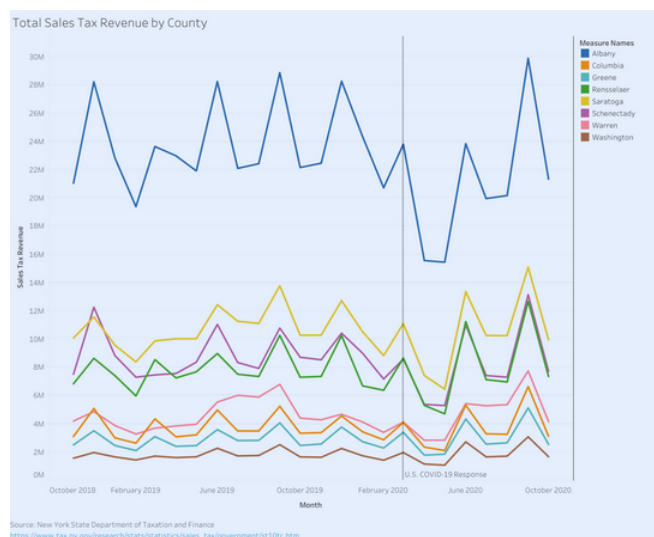
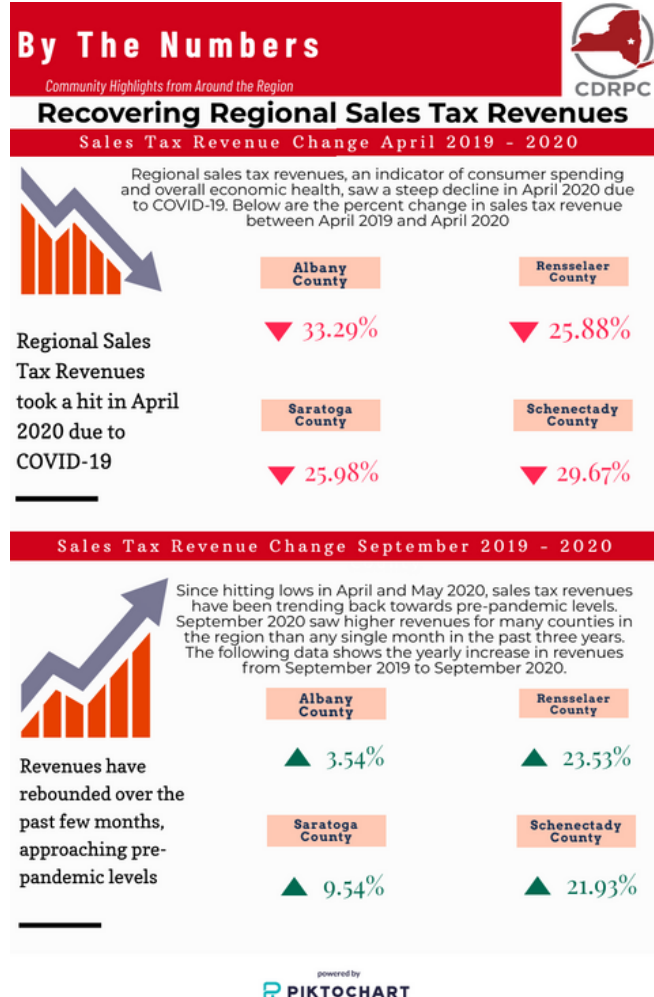
- Creation of 15 maps for the Town of Westerlo, (**Albany County**) Comprehensive Plan technical assistance project.
- Performed advanced spatial analysis and development maps for Town of Clifton Park GEIS Update (**Saratoga County**) technical assistance project.
- Creation of 10 maps for the Tomhannock Watershed Update Study. (**Rensselaer County**)
- Developed and presented a complete streets analysis for the Town of Bethlehem (**Albany County**)
- Release Capital Region Atlas CDRPC developed a new Capital Region Atlas <https://cdrpc.org/atlas> which includes 53 regional maps that portray a broad spectrum of demographic characteristics, such as population, housing values, vacancy, race, income, commuting patterns and educational attainment.

Data and Data News

CDRPC maintains a variety of data and data visualizations on our website including:

- [Building Permits](#)
- [Consumer and Producer Price Index](#)
- [Employment, Unemployment, and Unemployment Rate](#)
- [Regional Gross Domestic Product](#)
- [Capital District Youth Center Usage](#)
- [Cost Of Living Index](#)
- [Total Sale Tax Revenue by County](#)
- [Weekly Unemployment by Industry](#)
- [Weekly Unemployment Claims by County 2019 vs 2020](#)

In addition to updating the data sets, CDRPC produced a number of DataNews articles on these topics which shed light on trends and changes in the data <https://cdrpc.org/news-events/datanews>



Technical Assistance and Data Services

Five School Enrollment Projections

In 2020, CDRPC provided school enrollment projections for a number of local school districts, including Bethlehem and South Colonie in **Albany County**; Averill Park and East Greenbush in **Rensselaer County** and Ballston Spa and Shenendehowa in **Saratoga County**.

Community Technical Assistance Program

CDRPC partnered with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) on the third year of the Community Technical Assistance Program. In 2020, CDRPC completed four technical assistance projects and started four additional projects which continue into 2021. The following projects were completed in 2020:

*Clifton Park, **Saratoga County**: Update to Western Clifton Park GEIS*

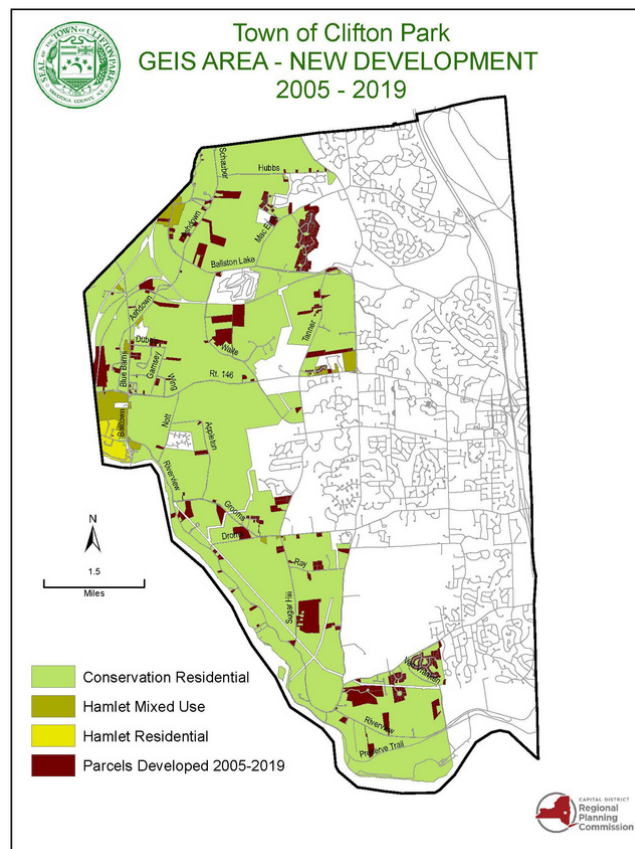
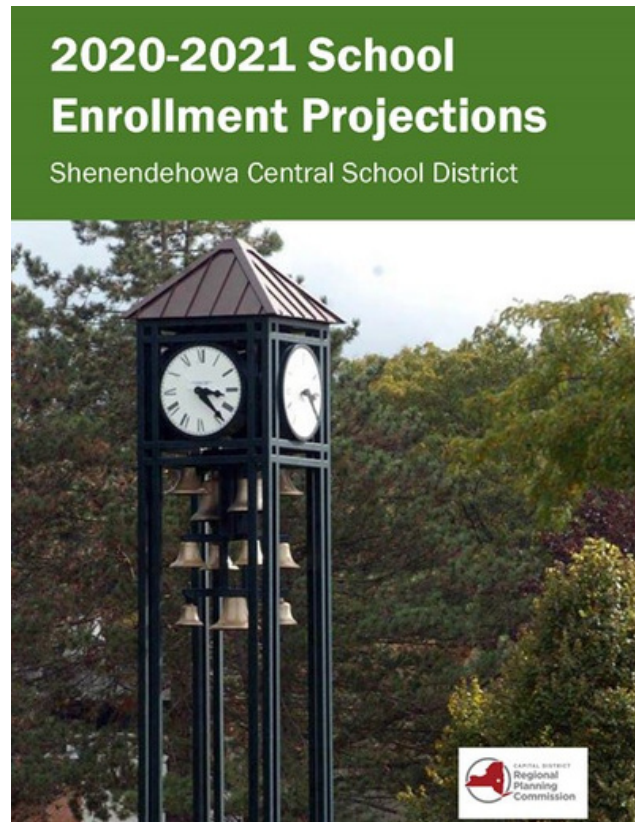
The analysis provided a snapshot of the study area conditions for a range of issues including land use, transportation, socio-economic and demographic data and changes that have occurred in the study area since 2005. The data and analysis will be used to support a public participation process and to develop land use and transportation recommendations to update the 2005 plan.

*Westerlo, **Albany County**: Existing Conditions Analysis/ Mapping for Comp Plan*

The Town has initiated a comprehensive plan update and CDRPC/CDTC staff provided an existing conditions analysis, mapping and guidance on public outreach as foundational elements of the comprehensive plan.

*Glenville, **Schenectady County**: Rt. 50 Area Study*

The Town recently updated its comprehensive plan and this project would review the zoning regulations in the vicinity of Route 50 between the Thomas Corners intersection and the Target plaza intersection. The zoning code review provided background information to guide Glenville's Code Review Committee as they continue modernizing development regulations in the Town.



Technical Assistance and Data Services

*East Greenbush, **Rensselaer County:** Gilligan Rd. Pedestrian Access "Safe Routes to School"*

This project supports a feasibility study by identifying bicycle and pedestrian routing options to provide safe, segregated and supporting infrastructure in the Gilligan Road corridor. Tasks include an existing conditions assessment, the identification of "complete street" options on Gilligan Road and identification of options for neighborhood level connections.

Technical Assistance Projects Beginning in 2020:

*Town of Colonie, **Albany County:***

Enhanced Development Regulations

The project will develop a best practices white paper to help reduce stormwater runoff and maintain greenspace, identify best practices for developing an EV ordinance, and make related recommendations to the town's zoning and building regulations.

*City of Troy with **Rensselaer County:***

Infrastructure Capacity and Development

The project will identify best practices for better communication between interested agencies during development review, both within the City and surrounding municipalities, as it relates to sewer system capacity.

*Ballston Spa, **Saratoga County:***

Comp Plan Update

Project staff will develop an existing conditions analysis and mapping as a preliminary step of the Village's comprehensive plan update. An RFP will also be drafted for the Village to engage a consultant to complete the remaining plan update work.



Town of Westerlo Existing Conditions 1990-2020



Town of Glenville-Route 50 Study Area Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Analysis



December 4, 2020



Clean Energy Communities Program

Successful closeout of the first CECP Grant

CDRPC completed the first iteration of the Clean Energy Communities program in July 2020. The \$4 million-dollar program which began in 2016 assisted 208 communities in complete 670 high impact actions, 128 communities achieved CEC designation and facilitated nearly \$8 million in municipal grant awards for clean energy projects territory wide. Within the immediate Capital Region, 38 communities achieved CEC designation securing \$2.6 million match free grants for clean energy projects.

Awarded \$1.67 Million Dollar CECP Grant

CDRPC was awarded a second grant for our regional administration of the Clean Energy Communities Program in 2020. The grant covers the first term of a 5.5-year engagement for the CEC Program. CDRPC administers the program with partners in the Capital Region, Mid-Hudson, Mohawk Valley and North Country. Outreach coordinators in these regions help municipalities complete clean energy High-Impact Actions to achieve CEC designation and assist communities to qualify for match-free grants for clean energy projects.

Grants Awarded since 2016:

Albany County (\$280,000): Altamont (\$35,000), Bethlehem (\$130,000), City of Albany (\$180,000), Cohoes (\$130,000), Town of Colonie (\$27,150), Guilderland (\$35,000), Knox (\$130,000), New Scotland (\$80,000), Voorheesville (\$80,000), Watervliet (\$80,000), Westerlo (\$35,000); **Rensselaer County**: Town of Nassau (\$35,000), City of Troy (\$180,000); **Schenectady County** (\$250,000): Niskayuna (\$100,000); **Saratoga County**: Clifton Park (\$50,000), Edinburg (\$50,000), Saratoga Springs (\$50,000), Malta.

HeatSmart Capital Region

Beginning in April 2019, CDRPC has been working on the Clean Heating and Cooling Communities Campaign—conducting community-based outreach, education, and installer promotion for clean heating and cooling (CH&C) technologies (e.g., ground- and air- source heat pump systems). The campaign increases education and awareness of CH&C technologies and their financial and environmental benefits. Campaign outreach, educational, and marketing events are underway. For more information see: www.heatsmartcapitalregion.com



Albany County Officials with Electric Vehicle Purchased with CECP Grant in 2018

Since 2016, 128 communities have achieved Clean Energy Community Designation and were awarded nearly \$8 million dollars in grants. In the Capital Region, 38 communities became designated earning \$2.6 million in match free grants.



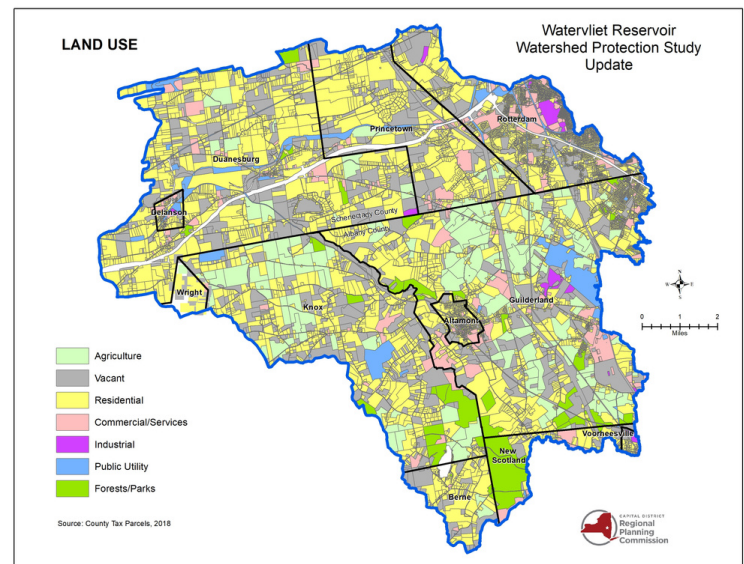
Water Quality Programs

Albany Pool Communities CSO Long Term Control Plan

CDRPC coordinates a jointly implemented 15-year CSO Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). This \$136 million-dollar project administered collectively by six municipalities and two sewer districts is an unprecedented collaboration to complete more than 50 abatement projects to improve water quality in the Hudson and its tributaries.

In 2020, highlights related to the CSO project include:

- Three CSO Projects Completed
- CDRPC Executed a \$400,000 grant for CSO Administration
- Post Construction Monitoring Program Underway
- 65m Beaver Creek Clean River Project ("Big C") Final Design Completed
- 11 CSO Pool Projects Remain



604b Water Quality Program

CDRPC provides a variety of water quality technical assistance to communities and organizations through a partnership program with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Source Water Technical Assistance

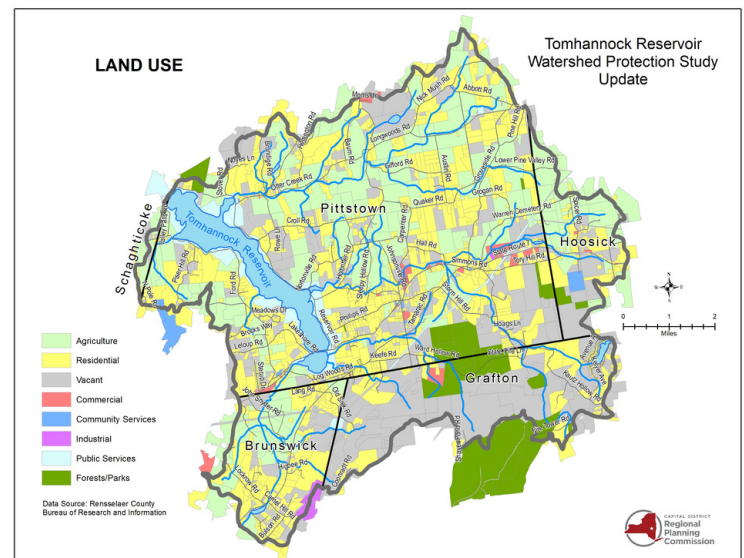
CDRPC was the first Regional Planning Commission to develop and deploy Source Water tech assist program under the new 604b program guidance.

Watervliet Source Water Protection Plan Update (Albany/Schenectady County)

Staff conducted stakeholder outreach and coordination, produced 11 watershed maps, collected related data and conducted zoning code audits.

Tomhannock Source Water Protection Plan Update (Rensselaer County)

Preliminary work in 2020 included identifying appropriate stakeholder and completed related GIS mapping.



Economic Development

CDRPC is the Economic Development District designated by the US Economic Development Administration and the Local Development district designated by the federal Northern Border Regional Commission. In addition, the Commission administers the 10-county Foreign Trade Zone.

CDRPC Awarded \$400,000 from CARES Act for Recovery Work

CDRPC was awarded funding through the CARES Act to support economic recovery. Grant funds were allocated to support CDRPC technical assistance, develop a COVID recovery dashboard, \$50,000 subawards to economic development partners within the four-county area and recovery planning.

CDRPC helps Chamber Establish EDA-funded \$8.7M revolving loan fund

The EDA allocated CARES Act funds to recapitalize or recapitalize revolving loan funds to support economic recovery. CDRPC identified this opportunity and the Capital Region Chamber pursued the funding as an eligible applicant. The Chamber was awarded \$8.7 million dollars to establish the Capital Region Advancement fund which expanded their RLF eligibility from **Albany County** to also include Columbia, Greene, **Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady**.

Troy Secures \$1 Million for Monument Square with CDRPC help

The first Northern Border Regional Commission grant awarded in our area was made to the City of Troy, **Rensselaer County**, to support the redevelopment of monument square. This \$1 million project will fund critical work to prepare the site for redevelopment.

Economic Impact Analysis

CDRPC launched a new economic impact analysis program in 2017 and has continued to provide these services to economic development organizations in the region. In 2020, CDRPC conducted several studies for organizations around the region including:

- 700 Clinton Square, Capitalize Albany Corporation, **Albany County**
- 745 Broadway, Capitalize Albany Corporation, **Albany County**
- 1211 Western Ave, Capitalize Albany Corporation, **Albany County**

Employment By Industry

Capital Region 5-Yr comparison dtd. Dec. 2020 (sortable by column) *Hover over bar if values are hidden in visualization.

Industry	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	National Average in 2020 Jobs	Change in Jobs	% Change in Jobs	2020 LQ	2020 Earnings Per Worker
Government	99,844	99,330	68,535	-511	-1%	1.45	\$98,002
Health Care and Social Assistance	61,906	66,899	58,693	2,563	5%	1.14	\$61,728
Retail Trade	48,050	44,520	44,172	-3,530	-7%	1.01	\$40,628
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	33,143	32,819	30,307	-324	-1%	1.08	\$102,885
Accommodation and Food Services	32,096	28,990	36,214	-2,106	-7%	0.83	\$27,339
Manufacturing	25,416	25,929	35,479	523	2%	0.73	\$116,473
Finance and Insurance	21,139	21,772	18,737	633	3%	1.16	\$110,066
Construction	21,401	20,813	25,989	-588	-3%	0.80	\$81,138
Educational Services	21,881	19,783	11,949	-2,098	-10%	1.66	\$62,293

Excerpt from CARES Act-funded COVID Recovery Dashboard

In 2020, CDRPC was awarded \$400,000 in CARES Act funds to support economic recovery and sub awarded \$200,000 to county Economic Development entities in support of their recovery work



**CAPITAL REGION
ADVANCEMENT FUND**

FINANCING TO FUEL BUSINESS GROWTH



Capital District Youth Center, Inc

CDRPC hosts and provides management services to the Capital District Youth Center, Inc (CDYCI). Administered by CDYCI and operated by the Berkshire Farm Center for Youth, the Capital District Juvenile Secure Detention Facility has provided significant savings for the member counties since it opened in 1997.

CDYCI New Omnibus Agreement

New Omnibus Intermunicipal Agreements Executed: The new intermunicipal omnibus agreements govern the financial operations of CDYCI and financial relationships between the counties from 2020 and beyond including cost share of capital project costs. The new agreements replace those in place since 1996.

Bedroom Furniture Replacement Project

In compliance with new regulations, all of the bedroom furniture in the detention facility was replaced with detention grade ligature resistant furniture. The project was completed in October.

Secure Detention and Specialized Secure Recertifications

Working with the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the State Commission of Correction (SCOC) the facility was re-certified to operate for the next two years. The Facility continues to operate under certain conditional waivers pending the completion of a larger capital improvement project to bring the facility into full compliance with the regulations

Infectious Disease Action Plan

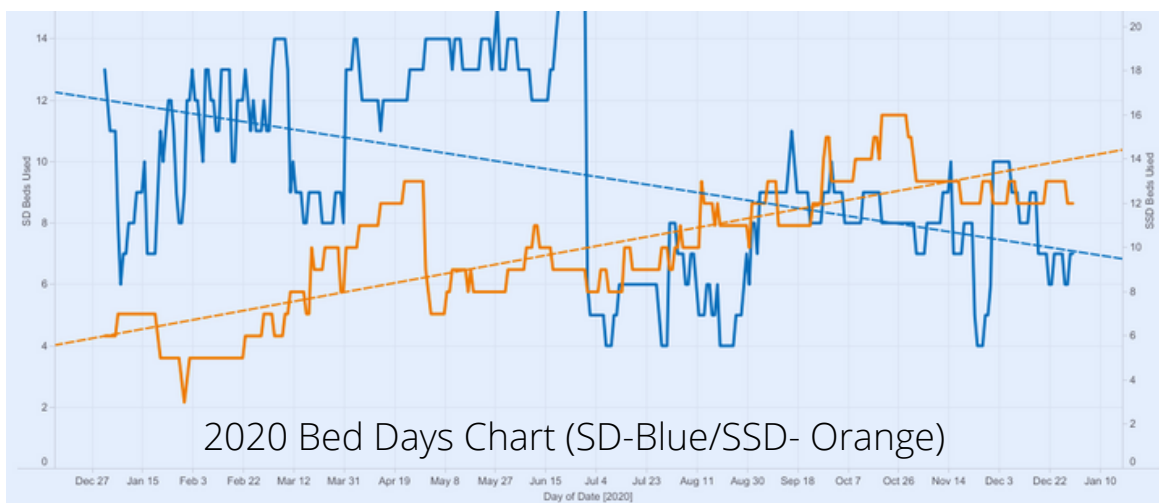
Facility operator Berkshire Farm developed a detailed action plan governing operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan included more detailed procedures related to the use of PPE, intake screening, quarantine and visitation.



New Ligature- Resistance Furniture

New Facility Director Hired

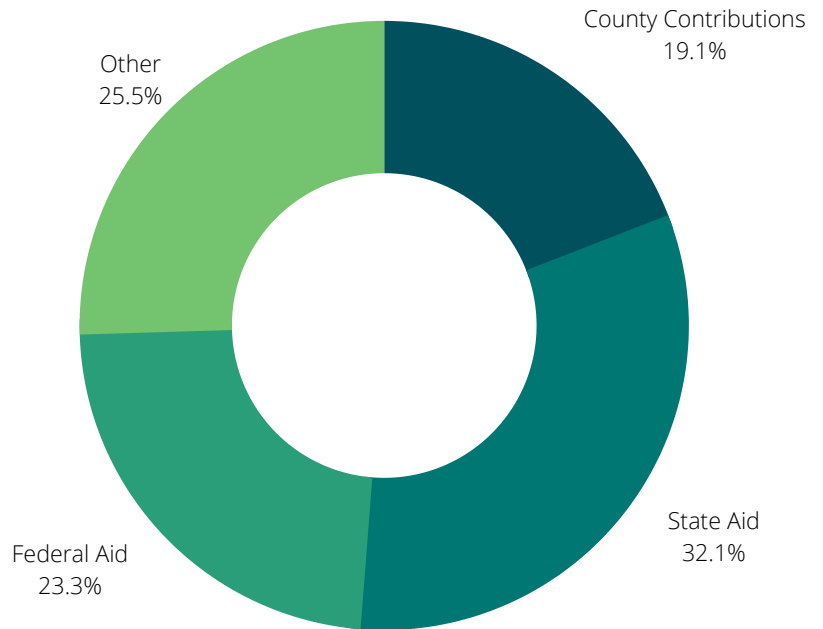
Facility operator Berkshire Farm hired Joe Mancini as Secure Detention Facility director in the summer of 2020. Mr. Mancini brings extensive background in child welfare and programs and is a former Deputy Commissioner of OCFS. He is the fourth facility director since the opening of the facility in 1996.



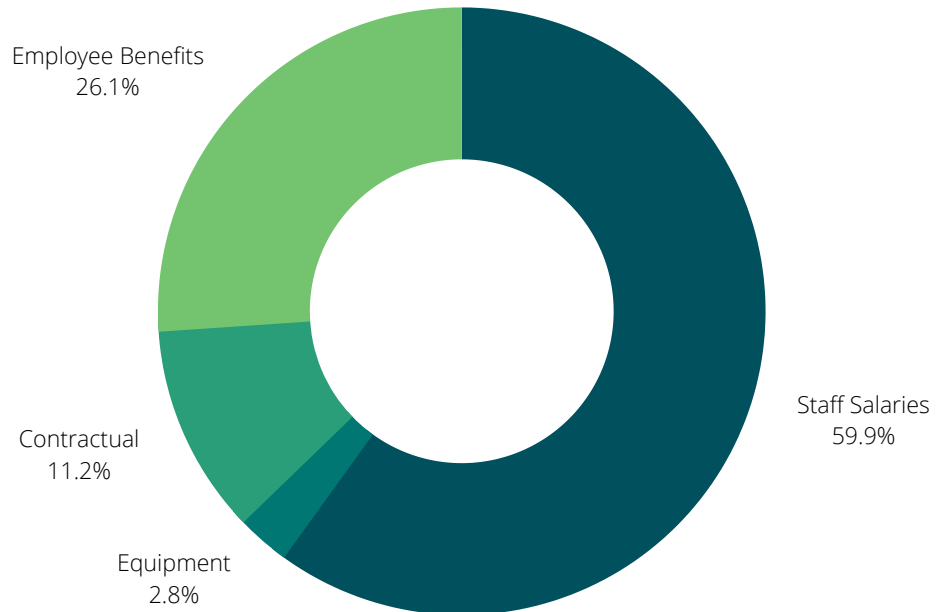
Financial Summary

Fund Balance December 31, 2019
\$492,868

2020	REVENUE
County Contributions	\$205,466
State Aid	\$345,932
Federal Aid	\$250,591
Other	\$274,138
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Total Revenue	\$1,065,159



2020	EXPENSES
Staff Salaries	\$623,768
Equipment	\$29,399
Contractual	\$116,110
Employee Benefits	\$271,399
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Total Expenses	\$1,040,617



Fund Balance December 31, 2020
\$517,411



Capital District Regional Planning Commission, 2021



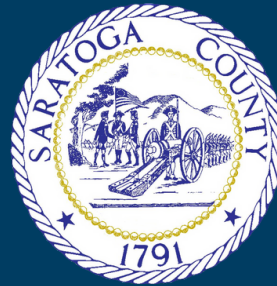
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