

**Town Board Meeting  
Town of Bergen  
June 24, 2014**

**I Call to Order 7:00pm.**

Prayer Almighty God, grant us wisdom that we may remember as we work, that we are servants of our constituency and all our decisions should be in the best interests of the Town and its citizens, entirely unblemished by any thoughts of personal benefit. Bless us with tolerance and understanding for opinions differing from our own and help us keep an open mind in gathering information before voting on all issues. Help us overcome any ignorance of our duties and enable us to learn more of the intricacies of the roles we have assumed. May we rest assured to know You are with us and will guide us through all we do. Amen.

**Pledge to the flag**

**II Privilege of the Floor** - Bryan O'Donovan, Administrator of Strong West Brockport to present plans for servicing the area.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes for** - June 10<sup>th</sup> 2014

**IV Communications:**

1. Mercy EMS Report for May 2014
2. Letter from NYS Dept. of Labor, Re: Emergency escape systems for firefighters
3. Thank you letter from Assemblyman Steve Hawley
4. Copy of proposed premium rate change from Excellus
5. Letter from NYS Dept. of Public Service, Re: Natural gas risk assessments
6. Request from Genesee Co. Planning Dept. to support grant application to update County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

**V Board Members' items for addition to the agenda**

**VI Reports:**

-Zoning / Code Enforcement  
-Highway

**-Committees**

-Highway & Parks  
- Discuss plans for Drews Nature Center  
- Discuss ATV use of linear park  
-Buildings  
-Update on Bullet Proof Glass replacement  
-Update on court railing  
-Village Relations  
-Briefing from meeting

**VII Old Business:**

**VIII New Business:**

- Discuss request from Genesee County Planning Dept.

**IX Next Meeting Day:** - Regular Meeting Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom,  
Audit of the bills at 6:45 PM

**X Adjournment**

Genesee County 911  
Response Times Report

Mercy EMS

Trip Date IS BETWEEN 05/01/2014 AND 05/31/2014; AND Call Source IS FD GEN BERGEN - EB

**FD GEN BERGEN - EB**

Total number of responses including additional ambulance resources sent to scene and including additional patient contacts or refusals evaluated by crews on scene **25**

Total number of Emergent First on Scene Responses for Mercy EMS **14**

The total number of Emergency Responses: **19**  
The total number of Non-Emergency Responses: **6**

The total number of ALS (Paramedic) Responses or Evaluations: **17**  
The total number of BLS (Basic or Intermediate) Responses or Evaluations: **8**

Number of "Cancelled Enroute" **5**  
Number of Responses that had a "Significant Weather Occurance" **0**

4158	5/2/2014	07:35:04	BLS-4	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	3 HILLTOP DR	STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	911 EMERG-NLS Response Time: 00:25:11
4168	5/2/2014	12:44:51	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	6917 W BERGEN RD	HIGH SCHOOL STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:07:38
4184	5/3/2014	08:14:36	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	7762 CLINTON ST RD	LOT 2 UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:15:10
4229	5/4/2014	19:17:59	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	22 TOWNLINE RD	UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:19:09
4484	5/12/2014	01:14:58	MEDIC2	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	41 HIDDEN MEADOWS DR	HIGHLAND HOSPITAL OF ROCHESTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:18:35
4556	5/14/2014	06:03:16	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	7762 CLINTON ST RD	LOT 7	NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 06:35:40 C4 Patient Refused 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:13:22
4559	5/14/2014	06:48:58	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	7762 CLINTON ST RD	LOT 7 ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:12:01
4583	5/14/2014	20:14:32	BLS-3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	16 LEROY ST		NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 20:30:26 Code 4 Cancelled Enroute 911 EMERG-NLS Response Time Negative Trip
4622	5/16/2014	03:09:36	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	7940 CLINTON STREET RD		NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 03:45:26 C4 Patient Refused 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:17:48
4684	5/18/2014	05:24:06	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	SWAMP RD & W SWEDEN RD		NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 05:33:07 Code 4 Cancelled Enroute 911 EMERG-NLS Response Time Negative Trip
4712	5/19/2014	13:07:46	BLS-1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	22 TOWNLINE RD		NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 13:14:58 Code 4 Cancelled Enroute 911 EMERGENCY Response Time Negative Trip
4714	5/19/2014	13:07:46	MEDIC2	B-MEMS 911 Resp Addl Unit Resp	22 TOWNLINE RD	UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:20:26
4732	5/20/2014	05:24:43	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	42 ROCHESTER ST		NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 05:56:45 C4 Patient Refused 911 EMERG-NLS Response Time: 00:20:10

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4771	5/21/2014	03:05:58	MEDIC1	B-MEMS 911 Resp Addl Unit Resp	UNITY-PARK RIDGE HOSPITAL	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:19:36
38 CANTERBURY CT						
4772	5/21/2014	03:05:58	SQUAD1	A-MEMS Squad Resp 1st Unit		
38 CANTERBURY CT						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 03:44:24 C4 Supervisor Response 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:13:32						
4777	5/21/2014	09:48:06	BLS-1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	911 EMERG-NLS Response Time: 00:21:48
18 RICHMOND AVE						
4813	5/22/2014	10:28:59	BLS-2	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit		
7378 COOK RD						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 11:02:38 C4 Patient Treated No Transpor 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:07:29						
4840	5/23/2014	06:27:26	MEDIC1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:14:55
7445 S LAKE RD						
4956	5/25/2014	19:19:58	BLS-1	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit		
58 WOODSIDE DR						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 19:41:48 Code 4 Not Needed 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:17:40						
5026	5/27/2014	19:45:05	BLS-2	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit		
16 LEROY ST						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 19:54:13 Code 4 Cancel Per Requestor (N 911 EMERG-NLS Response Time: Negative Tir						
5038	5/28/2014	06:26:31	MEDIC2	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit		
42 ROCHESTER ST						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 07:40:25 Code 4 Transport by Other Mean 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:19:06						
5062	5/28/2014	20:29:04	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit		
20 S LAKE AVE						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 20:37:08 Code 4 Cancelled Enroute 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: Negative Tir						
5079	5/29/2014	13:08:50	BLS-2	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:07:40
7111 N BERGEN RD						
5129	5/30/2014	20:08:59	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	UNITED MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER	911 EMERGENCY Response Time: 00:11:42
15 CLINTON ST						
5137	5/31/2014	02:32:27	MEDIC3	A-MEMS 911 Response 1st Unit	ROADSIDE	
39 N LAKE AVE						
NO TRANSPORT CANCELLED AT 02:45:55 Code 4 Cancelled Enroute 911 EMERGENCY Response Time: Negative Tir						



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Response Time Minutes	Call Count	Cumulative Call Count	Percentage of Total Calls	Cumulative Percentage
07:00 - 07:59	3	3	21.00%	21%
11:00 - 11:59	1	4	7.00%	29%
12:00 - 12:59	1	5	7.00%	36%
13:00 - 13:59	2	7	14.00%	50%
14:00 - 14:59	1	8	7.00%	57%
- 15:00 - 15:15	1	9	7.00%	64%
17:00 - 17:59	2	11	14.00%	79%
18:00 - 18:59	1	12	7.00%	86%
19:00 - 19:59	2	14	14.00%	100%

Total Calls: 14



New York State Department of Labor

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor

Peter M. Rivera, Commissioner

June 9, 2014

Town Supervisor  
Town of Bergen  
PO Box 249  
Bergen, NY 14416

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may know, in August 2012, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation amending Section 27-a of the Labor Law which requires employers to provide certain emergency escape systems to firefighters at risk of entrapment at elevations. We at the New York State Department of Labor (the "Department") are charged with enforcing this provision of the Labor Law that requires employers to assess the risk of firefighter entrapment at elevations and provide equipment and training to address that particular risk.

To assist fire departments and municipalities in achieving compliance with this provision of the Labor Law, we provided the following materials at the link below. Please note that the risk assessment worksheet has been modified to assist you in determining whether you need emergency escape equipment:

- a training video on emergency escape systems;
- a copy of the amended law;
- a copy of the regulations;
- a revised risk assessment worksheet (enclosed);
- an equipment inspection guide; and
- a list of our Public Employee Safety and Health ("PESH") district offices.

<http://labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/safetyhealth/Firefighter-Emergency-Escape-Systems.shtm>

This online resource will outline the specific steps each fire department must take to comply with the law. Of course, the Department will continue to work with fire departments throughout the state to ensure that they are in compliance with the legislation and will provide additional guidance where needed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our PESH office at (518) 457-1263 or your local district office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to spread the word about emergency escape systems and keeping firefighters safe in New York State.

Sincerely,

Eileen Franko  
Director  
Division of Safety and Health

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ALBANY

**STEVE HAWLEY**  
Assistant Minority Leader  
Assemblyman 139<sup>th</sup> District  
Genesee, Orleans, and Monroe Counties

June 4, 2014

Ms. Michele M. Smith, Town Clerk  
Town of Bergen  
10 Hunter Street  
P.O. Box 249  
Bergen, NY 14416

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for forwarding the Town of Bergen's resolution declaring "Mayday for Mandate Relief" and urging the state to adopt laws that do not impose further fiscal stress on local governments and taxpayers and build upon recent efforts to reform costly unfunded mandates.

I have read the resolution with much interest and understand your concerns. As I'm sure you know, I have been advocating for mandate relief for years. Please know that I will continue to do so for the grossly overtaxed New Yorkers who simply cannot afford to stay in their homes. It is no wonder people are moving out in droves to other more tax-friendly states.

I strongly agree and have sent correspondence to Governor Cuomo regarding the financial disposition we have put on local governments in by not instituting true mandate relief. Real mandate reform needs to be our top priority and I will continue to do everything within my power to see that this happens!

Your voice has great value and makes it possible for me to represent you accurately. Please do not hesitate contacting me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Hawley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**STEVE HAWLEY**  
Member of Assembly  
139<sup>th</sup> AD

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June 13, 2014

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TOWN OF BERGEN  
P.O. BOX 249  
BERGEN, NY 14416

**COPY**

Re: Notice of Proposed Premium Rate Change

Class A002 - A002/Hourly

**Plan Description**

**HIOS ID**

SimplyBlue Plus PPO Copay

78124NY0980026-00

Dear Group Administrator:

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield is filing a request with the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) to approve a change to your group premium rates for 2015. New York Insurance Law requires that we provide a notice to you when we submit requests for premium rate changes to DFS.

DFS is required by law to review our requested rate change. DFS may approve, modify or disapprove the requested rate change.

**Proposed Premium Rate Changes**

*Class A002 - A002/Hourly*

Plan: SimplyBlue Plus PPO Copay

If approved, the percentage change to your group's premium is 16.8%

Please note that while we try to provide you with the most accurate information possible, the final rate may differ based on the benefit plan design and other features that your group policyholder selects on renewal. Also, the final, approved rate may differ because DFS may modify the proposed rate.

**Why We Are Requesting a Rate Change**

As you know, rising medical costs, an aging population and other factors continue to drive health care costs higher. To cover these expenses, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield must modify rates. If you look below, you can find links to a more complete explanation of why the rate adjustment is being requested. The links to the health plan's web site and the state Department of Financial Services will connect you to a narrative that is written in plain English.

**30-day Comment Period**

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You can contact us or DFS to ask for more information or submit comments to DFS about the proposed rate changes. The comments must be made within 30 days from the date of this notice.

You can contact Excellus BlueCross BlueShield for additional information at:

- Excellus BlueCross BlueShield  
P.O. Box 22999  
Rochester, NY 14692
- 1-855-374-7462
- [www.excellusbcbs.com/contactus](http://www.excellusbcbs.com/contactus)

Comments or requests for more information on the proposed rate change may be submitted to:

NYS Department of Financial Services  
Health Bureau - Premium Rate Adjustments  
1 State Street  
New York, NY 10004

Email: [premiumrateincreases@dfs.ny.gov](mailto:premiumrateincreases@dfs.ny.gov)  
DFS Website: [www.dfs.ny.gov/healthinsurancepremiums](http://www.dfs.ny.gov/healthinsurancepremiums)

If you choose to submit comments to DFS, please include the following information:

1. The name of your insurer, which is Excellus BlueCross BlueShield
2. The name of your plan as listed on your identification card
3. Indicate you have Small Group coverage
4. Your HIOS identification number, which is:

*Class A002 - A002/Hourly*

<b>Plan Description</b>	<b>HIOS ID</b>
SimplyBlue Plus PPO Copay	78124NY0980026-00

Written comments submitted to DFS will be posted on the DFS website with your personal information removed.

### **Plain English Summary of Rate Change**

We have prepared a plain English summary that provides a more detailed explanation of the reasons why a premium rate change is being requested. You can find this information at the following websites:

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield website: <http://excellusbcbs.com/employer/rates>

DFS website: [www.dfs.ny.gov/healthinsurancepremiums](http://www.dfs.ny.gov/healthinsurancepremiums)

### **Notice of Approved Premium Rate**

After DFS approves the final premium rate, you will receive final rate information at least 60 days before your 2015 renewal date.

Sincerely,



James R. Reed  
Senior Vice President, Marketing and Sales





# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

THREE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA, ALBANY, NY 12223-1350

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June 17, 2014

Supervisor Donald Cunningham  
Town of Bergen  
10 Hunter St., PO Box 249  
Bergen, NY 14416

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF,  
CLERKS, AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW OFFICERS

Dear Supervisor Cunningham,

On February 20, 2014, the New York State Department of Public Service issued an Order Requiring Risk Assessments and Remediation of New York Gas Facilities (issued and effective February 20, 2014) (Risk Assessment Order) in Case 11-G-0565, which required all New York State natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs) to conduct risk assessments of their natural gas distribution systems. Specifically, during the course of an investigation of a natural gas explosion in Horseheads, New York, investigators found evidence of excavation damage to distribution pipelines, possibly caused by subsequent municipal installation of services. The Commission's statewide gas risk assessment initiative is aimed at identifying and repairing pipelines the conditions of which are similar to those found during the Horseheads investigation.

Therefore, in the coming weeks and months, natural gas LDCs operating in your jurisdiction should be contacting you seeking information pertaining to the installation dates and locations of underground facilities such as water and sewer networks installed by your municipality or a sub-contractor hired by your municipality. I am writing to ask for your cooperation in quickly responding to the utility's requests for excavation and service installation records. The goal of this endeavor is to identify at-risk natural gas pipelines so that utilities can make the necessary repairs in order to maintain and improve the safety of natural gas distribution systems throughout New York State. Any information you are able to provide the LDCs will assist them in conducting these comprehensive risk assessments and will ensure the risk

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assessments are complete. Perhaps most importantly, the information you provide may help the LDCs focus their efforts on areas in your jurisdiction most in need of rehabilitation.

I personally thank you for any assistance you provide. While we have no reason at this time to believe any imminent threat exists in your area, these assessments must be conducted promptly and thoroughly, so that any necessary repair can be made. If you have any questions about this process or the validity of any request(s) made to you by LDCs operating in your jurisdiction, I can be personally reached at 315-428-5154.

Sincerely,



Kevin Speicher  
Chief, Pipeline Safety Section

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**Don Cunningham**

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**From:** <foltramari@co.genesee.ny.us>  
**To:** "Cunningham Don" <supervisor@bergenny.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 4:34 PM  
**Attach:** proposed scope of work - genesee county afpp update.pdf; letter of support - town of bergen.doc  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Genesee County Ag & Farmland Protection Plan Update

Don,

Genesee County will be applying for a State Ag & Markets grant to update its County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (c. 2001).

I'm asking that the Town of Bergen please consider submitting a letter of support.

Attached is a draft letter of support we would like signed on your letterhead. I also attached the proposed scope of work.

The application is not until the Fall, so there is plenty of time if you would like to discuss this with the board.

Thank you for your attention to this effort and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

-Felipe

**Felipe A. Oltramari, AICP**

Director

Genesee County Department of Planning

3837 West Main Street Road

Batavia, NY 14020-9404

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(585) 345-3062 (fax)

On the web at: [www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning](http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/planning)

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## Application Form A --- Item #2 Scope of Work/ Work Plan

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The overall purpose of this strategic plan is to identify and prioritize actions that will increase the economic viability of all types of agricultural and agri-business enterprises in Genesee County.

The new plan must address emerging agricultural issues in Genesee County including, but not limited to, accessing markets for existing products and developing new agricultural products and value-added agricultural products to supply untapped markets.

### Tasks:

#### 1. Assess the county's current agricultural economy:

- "Data mining" to better understand current production, current markets, potential markets, and potential production to serve those markets.
- Interviews with key farmers in various sectors.
- Interviews with public and private agencies involved in the agricultural economy including, but not limited to, Cornell Cooperative Extension, United State Department of Agriculture, Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District, Farm Credit, Farm Bureau, banks, agri-businesses, etc. and their boards.
- Surveys of local elected boards, and planning boards.
- Interviews with consumers, especially institutional users such as the community college, schools, nursing homes, etc.
- Interviews with agricultural educators.

**Deliverables:** A concise overview of the county's current agricultural economy, including products and existing markets, opportunities for expanded production of current products, potential new products, and untapped markets; an analysis of barriers to markets; and an analysis of the agricultural economy's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis).

#### 2. Identify farmland proposed to be protected and developed land in Agricultural Districts:

- Consultation with local land trusts to assess their priorities
- Consultation with United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to identify prime, unique, or important farmlands or soils.
- Review of recent local comprehensive plans and agricultural and farmland preservation plans to identify local goals.
- Use of County data to identify lands in Agricultural Districts, lands receiving Agricultural Assessments, other active farms, and developed land enrolled in Agricultural Districts.

**Deliverables:** Identification of prime, unique, and locally important soils and farmlands; NYS Agricultural Districts, lands receiving Agricultural Assessments, recommended lists of properties to be added to and removed from the Agricultural District program.

#### 3. Analyze lands identified for potential protection:

- Calibration and use of Natural Resource Conservation Services Land Evaluation and Site Assessment system (LESA) to prioritize farmlands proposed for protection.

**Deliverables:** Identification of agricultural lands in the county as they are prioritized for protection.

#### 4. Identify and select goals and strategies to invigorate Genesee County's agricultural economy:

- Meet with focus groups to review the results of Tasks 1, 2 and 3.
- Meet with focus groups to identify attainable and measurable goals with accompanying objectives and implementation projects.
- Work with project partners to identify potential implementation strategies and funding sources.

**Deliverables:** At least three (3) attainable and measurable goals with accompanying objectives and projects. Projects will include at least two (2) agriculturally-based economic development ventures ready for implementation for which implementation funding can immediately be sought. One of the ready-to-implement ventures should have the potential for broad impact throughout the county's agricultural sectors while other

ventures may be specific to certain sectors or commodities. Additionally an implementation matrix will show key projects, responsible agencies, cost estimates, potential funding sources, and an implementation time frame. The implementation strategy will include projects ready for immediate submission to the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council for funding.

5. Model form-based code regulations for rural transect zones:

- Research proposed and adopted form-based codes across the country for practices that best protect natural resources and farmland specifically.
- Prepare model Rural Transect Zone language that promotes farmland preservation and discourages low-density development utilizing tools such as Transfer of Development Rights (TDR).

**Deliverables:** Model Rural Transect Zone language that can may be incorporated into a municipal form-based code (ie. SmartCode).

6. Identify other county or municipal planning and land use programs consistent or inconsistent with the agricultural and farmland protection plan:

- Review and analyze municipal comprehensive plans, land use regulations, subdivision regulations, local economic development initiatives, etc. in those areas of the County facing the most conversion pressure.
- Review and analyze the plans and policies of plan partners, including, but not limited to, the Genesee County Smart Growth Plan, the Genesee County Comprehensive Plan, the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Genesee County Economic Development Center, and the Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan.

**Deliverables:** A matrix indicating the objectives of the selected plans and whether or not they are consistent with goals identified in this process and the overall mission of promoting agricultural land uses. A table showing the status of local regulations and the extent to which they are or are not protective of agricultural lands.

7. Farm Community and Citizen Participation:

In addition to widely publicized hearings as required for plan adoption, the Genesee County Planning Department, partnering agencies and consultants will make every effort to include participation from farmers and interested citizens. A Farmland Protection Plan Steering Committee will oversee and direct the production of the plan including the ranking the strategies proposed by the plan. In addition to the interviews and focus groups described in the work tasks above, each agency will include progress reports and opportunities to participate in their existing communications with board members and clients. Farmers markets throughout the county could be a conduit to disseminate and collect information from both producers and consumers/citizens. A web page would be developed as part of the Planning Department's existing web page to provide progress reports and opportunities for input.

8. Final Plan Document:

Prepare and deliver a strategic and focused Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan that meets the requirements of NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Planning Program requirements and addresses all 7 tasks described above.

**Deliverables:** A Final document in a searchable, web-optimized PDF and hard copy format including an executive summary and a prioritized implementation matrix. Any GIS data created or modified as a result of the project.

9. The Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will submit the proposed plan to the Genesee County Legislature for their review and approval. The Genesee County Legislature will approve the plan by resolution.

10. Once a resolution approving the plan is adopted, the Genesee County Legislature shall submit the plan to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for approval.

\_\_\_\_\_, 2014

Raymond F. Cianfrini, Chair  
Genesee County Legislature  
7 Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

Dear Chairman Cianfrini,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Bergen in support of Genesee County's grant application to update the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Given the changes that have taken place in the economy and the agricultural industry at the regional, State and National levels as well as all the recent, on-going and future economic development taking place in Genesee County, the time is right to fund a much needed update to the plan that supports the County's number one industry, agriculture.

The plan will align the County's agricultural and farmland policy with other County and regional plans, including the 2013 Update to the Smart Growth Plan, Genesee County Agricultural Districts Consolidation Plan, and the Finger Lakes Regional Sustainability Plan, as well as regional and County economic development initiatives, such as the Genesee Valley Agri-Business Park and WNY STAMP. The update of the plan will also allow for the County to qualify for State and Federal Farmland Protection Implementation Grants.

We look forward to our participation in this important planning project.

Sincerely,

Donald Cunningham, Supervisor  
Town of Bergen