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Application for CIPA Capstone and Public Service Exchange Projects

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Please feel free to add additional pages as necessary. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact Laurie Miller at Cornell Institute for Public Affairs at ljm44@cornell.edu or (607) 255-4858.

Thank you for offering this opportunity to CIPA – we look forward to discussing your project with you.

Client Organization Information

Name of Organization: Lake Placid / North Elba Development Commission

Contact person (name, title, email, phone number) Dean Dietrich, Chairperson
(518) 524-4263

Address: 44 Liberty Hill Lane, Lake Placid, N.Y. 12946

Website: futurelakeplacid.com

Brief description of your organization (mission, number of employees, annual operating budget);

The Lake Placid / North Elba Development Commission was created through resolutions of the Lake Placid Village Board and the North Elba Town Board. The Commission consists of up to 10 appointees and is charged with facilitating the implementation of the 2014 Lake Placid / North Elba Comprehensive Plan.

Date of application: December 27, 2016

Have you or your organization previously hosted CIPA students: Yes

If yes, please include the name of the prior project (s) and the contact person associated with the project: Dean Dietrich, deandietrich@verizon.net

2013 Strengthening the Comprehensive Plan: Paul Leonhart, Albert Needelman, Jiang Pang

2014: GIS Mapping of Zoning Districts: Madina Nizamitdin

2015: Local Trail System Analysis; Devin Martin, Allison Springer, Yuexi Zheng

Project Abstract

The proposal is to build upon the work done by Cornell Students in 2015. That group created maps of the existing local trail systems and provided recommendations for future actions. One of those recommendations was to create a consumer pamphlet of the individual trails and the entire system, including trail descriptions.

We are now poised to move forward with that recommendation.

Project Overview

Why is this project of particular relevance to your organization?

Previous work by Cornell Students detailed how a community trail network can serve as an economic boost to our area while improving the health and quality of life of residents.

What sorts of activities will the team engage in?

- Add newly created trails to the maps created in 2015
- Research how other communities format maps and market their local trail systems.
- Meet with local trail organizations to develop descriptions.
- Create a consumer friendly map of the North Elba Trail System. (digital and print versions)
- Present findings at a Public Forum

What skills are needed?

An ability to effectively communicate ideas
An ability to use publishing software.

Who from your organization will participate in the project?

Members of the Community Development Commission.

Expected Results of the Project

The resulting maps will be distributed by our local business organizations as a resource for visitors to the region and residents. Digital versions will appear on the local websites and may be incorporated into informational kiosks for visitors.

Special Considerations

Do you expect to meet with the student team during working hours? Many students have classes and/or other school-related obligations throughout the day on Mondays through Fridays, but can make time to meet with you. What times will work for you?

We are fairly flexible and can generally work around student schedules

Will members of the student team need to travel to various locations to get the work done?

The students should plan to travel to Lake Placid for their final presentation. They are also welcome to travel here if they wish to meet with the various trail organizations or get a first hand look of things during the course of the project. Video conferences can also be arranged.

Will there be special expenses involved in the project – for example, special software, video-taping, etc.?

None anticipated

Are there any potential obstacles that may affect the teams' ability to complete the project - for example, staff turnover, data privacy, etc

It will be important to obtain approval from the management organization of each trail system included in the mapping project.

Note: For student academic records, a copy of CIPA Capstone reports will be stored in electronic archives at Cornell University's College of Human Ecology.