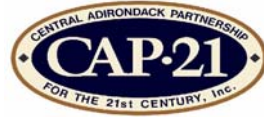


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*Planning for the future...while preserving and protecting the beauty and benefits of our heritage and our natural resources.*

## 2005 Annual Report

### President's Message

Dear CAP-21 Members:

This past year has been exciting and challenging to the CAP-21 staff and Board of Directors. The move of the CAP-21 office from the Greensleeves Building to the present location at the Hemmer Cottage was a success due to the hard work of the staff, guided by the leadership of our Executive Director, Lani Ulrich. I would like to thank The Town of Webb Historical Association and its Board of Directors for supporting the relocation of CAP-21. Even with the

personal hardships that confronted some members of the staff, CAP-21 continued to stay on task meeting its obligations.

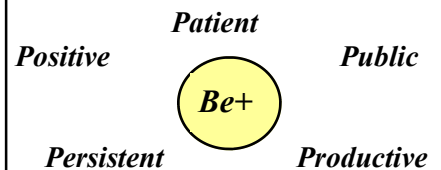
We are looking forward to working with all of the towns in implementing the goals and objectives of their Master Plans. The staff is presently working on the LWRP Grant, WARDA, Scenic Bi-Ways and on pursuing other grants. Hopefully, we will be able to find the necessary funding for a grant writer in the coming year.

I would like to personally thank the

staff and Board of Directors for their continued support of CAP-21 this past year. All of us are looking forward to meeting the challenges that face our communities in the future.

William Ransom  
President, CAP-21 Board of Directors

#### *The Five P's of CAP-21:*



### Director's Report

Dear Members and Partners:

As we look back, much has happened in the last year—despite family and medical challenges, APA and shuttling to Cooperstown. None would have been possible without a dedicated part-time staff. My deepest thanks to Debbie Young and Kristin Frymire for their experience and commitment.

~ In October, we began attending monthly meetings on a Cultural Tourism grant spearheaded by Paula Tormey through the Arts Center. Although unfunded for this year, a base was established for cooperative non-profit efforts to increase shoulder-season tourism.

~ November 2004, Debbie and I began meetings around the region on the major project of the year, the Central Adirondack Trail (CAT) Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan – working for Ann Ruzow-Holland under the direction of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA). Completion and approval of this plan will provide direction in tourism planning, while opening new avenues of funding for local project implementation.

~ The months of December and January

were busy with preparations for the move to Hemmer Cottage. Thanks to efforts by the TOWHA, Reed Proper and Forest Proper, the Hemmer Cottage Studio bathroom was converted into a refreshment center. Paint for the interior was donated to through the efforts of designer, Beverly Tracy of New Hartford. Inmates from the Marcy Correctional Institute completed the interior painting and then moved furnishings out of Greensleeves and into the Cottage.

Special thanks to Board members Jeannie VanValkenburg and Mary Jane Lasher for packing and sorting help and to Bill Ransom, Bill Hasenauer, Jim Ulrich and Frank Rudolph for their time and efforts on one of the coldest days of the year with the actual move. The Studio is now available for small group meetings including CASSAC, CAA EDC, WARDA, the TOWHA Architectural Preservation Committee and the Friends of Bald Mountain Tower

~ Kristin worked with the Finance Committee to convert records over to QuickBooks Not for Profit Edition using a new computer donated by Sarah and Linda Cohen. (This winter, we will resume QuickBooks User Group sessions—a

support for bookkeepers of non-profits.)  
~ In December during my first APA meeting, I learned of a noxious plant called Giant Hogweed, the sap of which causes serious burns on skin and blindness. Infestations had been discovered in Old Forge. Before the January snow fell, we invited Steven Flint from the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program to our Greensleeves office to meet with local property owners and highway and recreation program officials. He inspected suspicious plants and returned a few weeks later to do the January program on this and other invasive plants.  
~ The February program focused on new services for Seniors (and their families) currently available in Inlet. Mary Santacroce of the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) shared tips on caring for older relatives and discussed potential programs for Old Forge. This is an economic development as well as a quality of life opportunity since RCIL is currently looking for local individuals interested in staffing this program.

~ In February, I was privileged to attend my second Oswegatchie Roundtable sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation

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Society. This year's topic addressed the sometimes controversial use of easements to protect land for specific uses.

~ March was busy. Mar. 7th: CAP and CAA co-hosted a "Fireside Chat" on ways to maintain tourism when the weather doesn't cooperate! Sharon O'Brien of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) Byways Program provided insight from ANCA programs in other parts of the ADK Park. We learned that businesses throughout the state and country often capitalize on the Adirondack "brand" better than we who live here do.

(Anyone up for Adirondack Stew, McCauley Burgers or Fulton Chain French Fries?) A follow-up session focused on better development of packaged deals, joint marketing and preseason sales.

~ Mar. 14: the CAP-21 Board and the CAA Economic Development Committee traveled to North Creek, NY to meet with community leaders on workforce housing and other topics. The day ended at a meeting of the Scenic Byway Program at the Tannery Pond Community Center.

~ We attended the annual Local Government Day on March 24 & 25 in Saranac Lake. This experience has proven a valuable networking resource for our communities and opened doors to many sources of funding for community projects.

~ In May, the 2005 Spring Vision Fair had a Wellness theme. Booths by 17 exhibitors offered valuable information to attendees and over 20 recipients were honored as Champions of Youth for going above and beyond in the service to children and youth.

~ May 24th, Bill Ransom filled in along with JR Risley at the Board Training Retreat of the NYS Rural Development Council. With our urging, this retreat was held lakeside at Northwoods Inn, a perfect shoulder season use.

~ Several years ago, WCS partnered with the Town of Inlet to open Adirondack Community Information Centers (ACIC), the first in Inlet. Due to a lack of funding, the Inlet Center has been closed. This spring we began working with WCS and the Town of Inlet to maximize the use of the dis-

plays from that Center, one panel of which is on display in the Hemmer Studio.

~ On June 8th, the 7th Flower Basket Potting Party brought 50 people to the North Street Pavilion. Hangers then got busy distributing 389 baskets throughout the region.

~ Bill Hasenauer and Bill Ransom lead a team who kicked off the summer season by co-sponsoring refreshments for the Old Forge Paddle Classic here at Hemmer. We followed the next day with a Lawn Party at the beautiful home of Bill and Mary Anne Ransom, a lovely setting on a hot summer day.

~ The move to Hemmer Cottage brought closer partnering with the Architectural Preservation Committee of the TOW Historical Association. On the Fourth of July, Jim, Mom and I joined Linda and Sarah Cohen, Marie Adams and Betty Rannels to sell refreshments to the Fourth of July fireworks crowd. Proceeds from such efforts are divided between CAP and Hemmer based on the number of volunteers staffing the event.

~ July brought the return of Steven Flint explaining invasive species to a packed audience. Steven destroyed known infestations of Giant Hogweed in Old Forge, but will need to monitor infested areas for 7 years. A large infestation located in Boonville raised concerns over using fill and sand from other communities.

~ We ended the summer with a hike on the bog at McCauley Mountain with botanist Jerry Jenkins and our own local expert, Gary Lee. An inspiring talk on the acclaimed Adirondack Atlas with author Jerry Jenkins and the staff of WCS was held that night at Old Forge Library.

~ In August, we completed the first steps of the Corridor Management Planning program funded by a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant for the towns of Forestport, Inlet and Webb. RFP's were sent and selection of an appropriate planning consultant is in process.

~ In September, Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) presented an award to the "Hemmer Team" for the saving and re-opening of Hemmer Cottage. CAP-21 was recognized as the catalyst and capacity builder. Paula

Dennis of AARCH takes brochures on CAP-21, Hemmer and TOWHA with her to all her technical assistance programs around the Adirondack Park and uses this project as a model for what one community can do!

~ WARDA began holding regular meetings at Hemmer in September. The group will soon open a new trail from Hemmer Cottage to McCauley Mountain.

~ Sept. 28th, we thanked many of the 50 volunteers who kept the Hanging Flower Baskets looking better than ever this summer. The Thank You Party was held lakeside on the new deck at Daikers Inn.

~ On Sept. 29th, CAP-21 brought representatives from NYSERDA (NY State Energy Research and Development Authority) for a program on energy audits available to businesses, non-profits and homeowners. With energy costs expected to increase by 30-50% this winter, NYSERDA offers ways to save on utility and fuel bills. Information is available for churches and schools along with ways to become Energy Smart Communities.

CAP-21 participated in regional efforts including the Northern Forest Center meetings through ANCA and attended the Center for Sustainable Tourism (CAST) Conference in April and May. Both brought new insights and regional planning opportunities.

We applaud our partner, the CAA Economic Development Committee for the recent hiring of a full-time director. We have enjoyed providing support services to this vital player in the future of our region and look forward to working closely to address local issues of affordable housing for our workforce and those on fixed incomes to help maintain demographically balanced, healthy communities.

Finally, thanks to our volunteer board and the committee members who gave so much of their time in areas of Planning, Finance, Development and Grant Writing. Thank you to our members for your vision, commitment and support to CAP-21. We hope to see you all here at Hemmer Cottage soon.

Gratefully,  
Lani Ulrich, Director