

# **Town of Hamburg Public Display Draft FY 2015 – FY 2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan**

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**FY 2015 – FY 2019 Consolidated Plan**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Town of Hamburg, New York is a federal entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Town of Hamburg also receives HUD Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funding through their participation in the Erie County/Town of Hamburg HOME Consortium. These funds are distributed through Erie County.

As a HUD entitlement community, the Town of Hamburg is required to prepare this Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) for the aforementioned federal grant programs to guide funding for housing, community development and economic development activities within the Town. This CP covers the period from FY 2015 through FY 2019 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020).

#### ***Purpose of the Consolidated Plan***

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan (CP) is to guide federal funding investments over the next five years. The CP is guided by three overarching goals that are applied according to a community's needs. The goals are:

- To provide decent housing by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs, and transitioning homeless persons and families into housing.
- To provide a suitable living environment through safer, more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of low- and moderate- income residents throughout the Consortium, increased housing opportunities, and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.
- To expand economic opportunities through more jobs paying self-sufficient wages, homeownership opportunities, development activities that promote long-term community viability, and the empowerment of low- and moderate- income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

#### **Focus of the Plan**

As required by HUD, the identification of needs and the adoption of strategies to address those needs must focus primarily on low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals and households. The CP must also address the needs of special needs populations, e.g., the elderly, persons with

disabilities, large families, single parents, homeless individuals and families, and public housing residents.

## **Structure of the Plan**

The Consolidated Plan consists of three major sections: a housing and community development needs summary, a housing market summary, and a strategic plan that identifies those priority housing and community development needs and strategies that the Town will use with the available resources over the next five years. This plan was formulated using HUD's eConPlan tool, which dictates the plan's structure and provides a series of pre-populated tables.

## **2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

The Strategic Plan provides a framework to address the needs of the Town for the next five years using CDBG and HOME funds. The three overarching objectives guiding the proposed activities are:

- Providing Decent Affordable Housing
- Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Creating Economic Opportunities

Outcomes show how programs and activities benefit a community or the people served. The three outcomes that will illustrate the benefits of each activity funded by the CDBG and HOME programs are:

- Improve Availability/Accessibility
- Improve Affordability
- Improve Sustainability

The overall goal of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is the development of viable urban/suburban communities that will provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low-to-moderate income persons. The main focus of the Town's program is in the area of housing and neighborhood preservation. The Program's broad goals can be accomplished by a variety of eligible activities including housing rehabilitation, improvements to public facilities and infrastructure such as sewers and roads, economic development activities and public services.

The Town also uses CDBG funds to create a suitable living environment by funding public services that improve the lives of its low-moderate income residents by providing services to seniors and battered spouses.

An annual Action Plan is prepared each year that identifies specific projects and activities that will be carried-out to address the needs identified in the CP. The Town of Hamburg's 2015 Annual Plan includes the following activities: Housing Rehabilitation, Public Services and Public Facilities. These and other activities are described in more detail throughout this Plan.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

To be inserted in final document.

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development held eight (8) Public Hearings to get citizen's input for future projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds within the Town of Hamburg, Village of Hamburg and Village of Blasdell. All eight hearings were held at 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075, Hamburg Town Hall, in the lobby.

The eight public hearings were all held within the lobby of Hamburg Town Hall on the dates and times listed below:

1. October 7, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.
2. October 13, 2014 @ 6:30p.m.
3. October 15, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
4. October 27, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
5. October 29, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
6. November 10, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.
7. November 12, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.
8. November 24, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Public Hearings were listed on the Town's website ([www.townofhamburgny.com/cdbg](http://www.townofhamburgny.com/cdbg)), and they were published in the Hamburg PennySaver (attached in the Appendices), Blasdell Front Page, and Hamburg Sun. In addition, the entire day before the hearings were held, there was an A-Frame, reflective sign placed in front of the Town Hall that read, "Public Hearing Tonight".

There were also signs posted throughout the Town Hall to inform people of the public hearings, also attached. Four of the eight public hearings were held on the same night as the Town Board meetings to try to get the word out to citizens attending the Board meetings who were unaware of the public hearings.

- In addition to the ad in the Hamburg PennySaver and an example of the signs posted throughout the Town Hall, attached please find the following:
  - The attendance sheets from the hearings that had public attendance
  - The CDBG Application for PY 2015 funding provided at the hearings
  - A publication handed out at the hearings entitled, "Community Development Block Grant Program; Guide to National Objectives" Town of Hamburg CDBG Funding History

Publications were published in the following local papers on the following dates:

- Hamburg PennySaver:                   October 5, 2014; October 19, 2014; November 2, 2014 and November 9, 2014
- Blasdell PennySaver:               October 5, 2014; October 19, 2014; November 2, 2014 and November 9, 2014
- Hamburg Sun:                           October 9, 2014 and November 6, 2014

**5. Summary of public comments**

A summary of public comments will be added, if applicable, at the end of the public display period.

**6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

If applicable, a summary of comments not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them will be added at the end of the public display period.

**7. Summary**

See above.

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

**1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Lead Agency	Hamburg	Department of Community Development
HOME Administrator	Erie County	Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

**Table 1– Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The Town of Hamburg Office of Community Development is primarily responsible for administering programs covered by the Consolidated Plan.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

**Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).**

The Town of Hamburg and the Erie County HOME Consortium developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach effort included public meetings, published meeting notices, stakeholder meetings, in-person interviews, and telephone interviews. Furthermore, the Department implements a range of affordable housing and community development activities, including administration of the CDBG and HOME programs; preparation of the CP, the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and the Annual Plan; technical assistance for and collaboration with non-profit and for-profit housing developers and social service agencies; and rehabilitation and other affordable housing projects. The Town of Hamburg and the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) consulted with surrounding entitlement communities, state, county and local governmental agencies and housing and social service providers during preparation of the Consolidated Plan.

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development will continue to maintain a high level of cooperation and communication with the County of Erie, which is the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) for Home Investment Partnership program funds for the Erie County HOME Consortium. The Town of Hamburg's portion of the consortium's HOME program funding is primarily used as "conditional grants" to assist elderly and very low income clients with home renovations that they could not have completed by themselves. Eligible clients must reside within the Town of Hamburg, which includes the Villages of Blasdell and Hamburg. A normal conditional grant for very low income residents equates to approximately \$12,500, but can go up to \$15,000. Last year was the first year that the Town of Hamburg has changed its program type with HOME funding. On average the Town of Hamburg plans on completing eight to ten "conditional grants" for very low income persons per year.

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

Because homelessness is less concentrated in the Erie Consortium, it is not as noticeable as it is in the nearby City of Buffalo. Very few homeless shelters are located within the Consortium, and rapid re-housing is difficult due to the suburban and rural nature of the Consortium's

settled areas. The Consortium coordinates with the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, which manages the CoC within the area. The CoC maintains a rapid re-housing program for the five-county Western New York area. This entails providing apartments to homeless individuals and families who present only moderate barriers to achieving housing stability.

Community development staff members in the Consortium have participated in the Prism Project Forum and Point in Time Count to survey the homeless and help to create a data base of services utilized by the chronically homeless. These projects, sponsored by the Homeless Alliance of Western New York, have produced a Ten-Year Action Plan to end homelessness in the broader Erie County community. Among the priorities it sets for the community are permanent housing for the chronically homeless and permanent housing for clients dealing with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

In addition, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY is under contract with the Department of Community Development to administer a large amount of housing counseling services for Town of Hamburg residents. Under the current contract, Belmont will be providing eligible Town residents with the following services: Financial management as it pertains to the Town's Hometown Housing Programs; budget counseling; credit counseling; debt counseling; foreclosure avoidance; mobility counseling and "At Risk" counseling, which includes a relatively new Town program created in 2012. This program, the "Homeless Impact and Prevention Program" (HIaPP) was created by the Department of Community Development to help prevent homeless situations within the Town and villages as well as providing access to a program that can "rapidly re-house" clients if required.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

The Town of Hamburg does not receive ESG funds.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

The Office of Community Development actively consulted with a variety of non-profits, social service providers, community residents, and governmental agencies to determine the needs of the Town and better allocate entitlement resources. Focus group meetings were held October 22-24, 2014 with affordable/special needs housing and service providers, business associations,

homeless service agencies, community building organizations, economic development officials, neighborhood groups, health and human service providers, and other stakeholders.

**Table 2– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

There were no types of agencies that the Town did not consult, either through focus group meetings, personal interviews and/or questionnaires.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2014 Town of Hamburg Annual Action Plan	Town of Hamburg	Goals of the Strategic Plan relate to previous years' efforts, adjusting based on previous outcomes to maximize benefit of CDBG and HOME investments
2013 Town of Hamburg Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report	Town of Hamburg	Goals of the Strategic Plan relate to previous years' efforts, adjusting based on previous outcomes to maximize benefit of CDBG and HOME investments
2009 Analysis of Impediments	Erie County Consortium	The current goals and strategies to overcome current barriers to fair housing are drawn from this plan
2011 Erie County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Erie County Industrial Development Agency	The Strategic Plan's economic development strategy is designed to align with and complement the CEDS at the local level
One Region Forward	University at Buffalo Regional Institute	Economic development strategies are designed to align with and complement the <i>One Region Forward</i> regional plan
2013 Program Needs Analysis	Erie Community College	The findings and recommendations of this plan support the goals of decreasing the skills gap in the local labor market within the Strategic Plan's economic development plans
2007 Town of Hamburg Comprehensive Plan Update	Town of Hamburg	Portions of the Plan were used to identify goals and objectives and neighborhood revitalization areas in the CP. Strategic Plan goals and priorities were created to align with the overall vision of the Town of Hamburg

**Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

The Town of Hamburg and the Erie County HOME Consortium developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. This is important, as many of the initiatives that must be implemented, such as homelessness prevention and economic development initiatives, are regional in scope by nature.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.100(4), the Consortium will notify adjacent units of local government of the non-housing community development needs included in its CP.

As noted earlier, the Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development held eight public hearings which allowed for public comments and questions about Town programs.

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The Town’s goal for citizen participation is to ensure broad participation of its residents; housing, economic development, and other service providers; local departments; nonprofit organizations; neighborhood groups; and other stakeholders in the planning and implementation of community development and housing programs. As such, the Town has laid out a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) to broaden citizen participation. This CPP can be found in the Appendix.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Public hearing	All community residents	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	N/A	
Public hearing	All community residents	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	<i>To be completed in final draft</i>	N/A	

**Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Needs Assessment

### NA-05 Overview

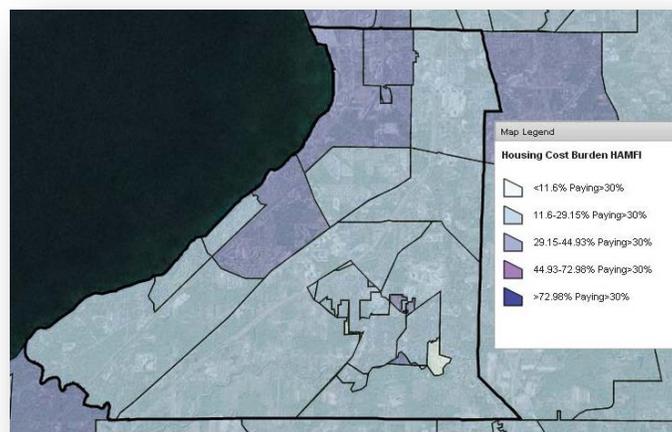
#### Needs Assessment Overview

The Town of Hamburg is a member of the Erie County HOME Consortium of which Erie County is the lead grantee. Consequently, the complete Needs Assessment section of this Consolidated Plan is located in Erie County's portion of the Plan. The Needs Assessment sections specific to the Town of Hamburg are this overview and NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs. The following overview on housing needs based on housing cost burden was created in CPD Maps (ESRI) based on 2005-2009 CHAS data, the latest available in CPD Maps. The cost burden is categorized by "HUD Adjusted Median Family Income", or HAMFI, which refers to the median family income calculated by HUD for each jurisdiction in order to determine Fair Market Rents and income limits for HUD programs.

#### Housing Cost Burden

HUD defines housing cost burden as paying more than 30% of household income for housing costs. The following map shows the percentage of low-income households that are cost burdened by census tract. Census Tract 130.01, next to Lake Erie just south of Lackawanna, contains a concentration of both cost burdened households and low- to moderate- income (LMI) households. In addition, Census Tracts 128 and 131.01 also contain cost burdened households.

#### Housing Cost Burden, 2009



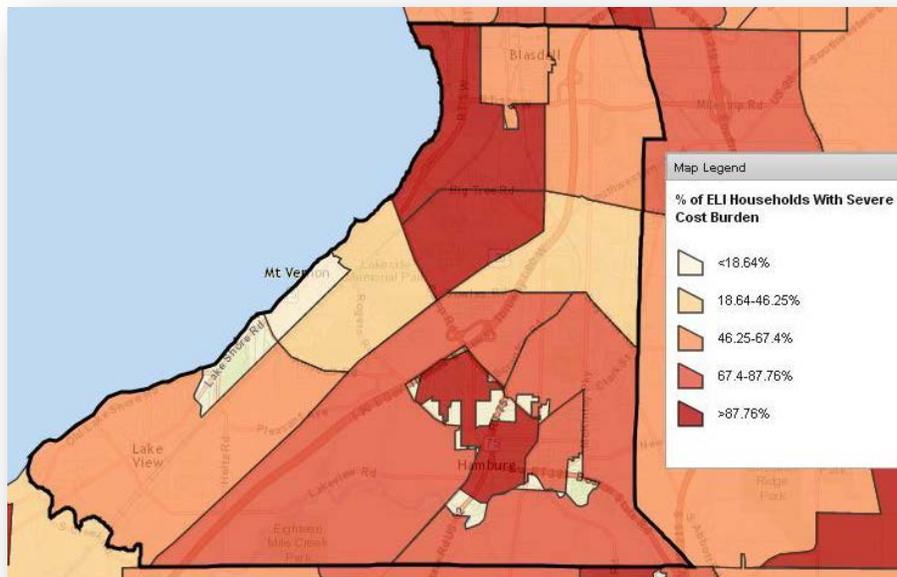
Source: HUD CPD Maps

Severe Housing Cost Burden: Extremely Low-Income Households (0-30% of AMI)

HUD defines severe housing cost burden as when a household spends more than 50% of its gross income on housing costs.

The following map shows the percentage of extremely low-income households with severe housing cost burden by census tract. Census Tract 130.01, next to the lake just south of Lackawanna, contains a concentration of both severely cost burdened households and low- to moderate- income (LMI) households. In addition, many areas of the Village of Hamburg have concentrations of severely cost burdened households.

**Percent of Extremely Low-Income Households With Severe Housing Cost Burden, 2009**

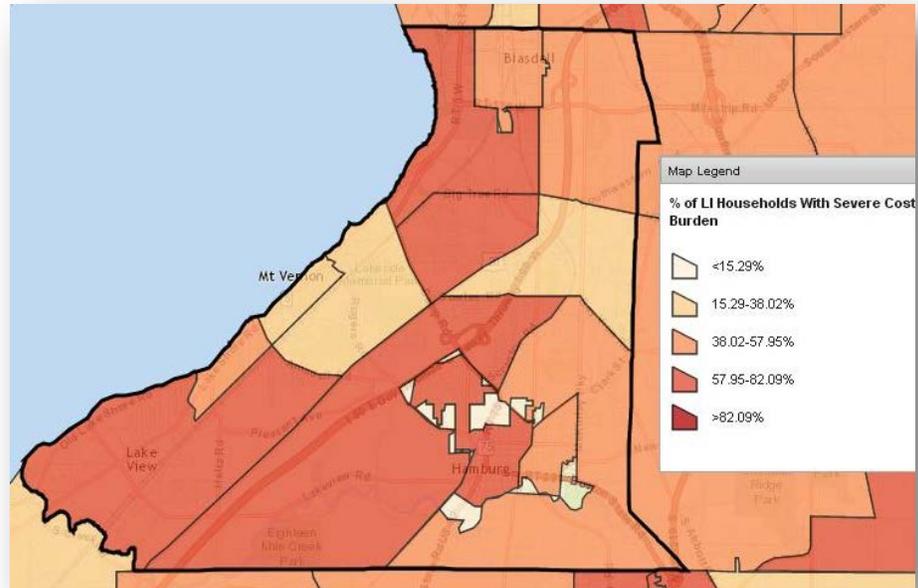


Source: HUD CPD Maps

Severe Housing Cost Burden: Low-Income Households (0-50% of AMI)

The following map shows the percentage of low-income households with severe housing cost burden by census tract. Census Tracts 130.01, 130.02, 131.02, 132.01 and most of the Village of Hamburg have concentrations of both low-income households and severely housing cost burdened households.

**Percent of Low-Income Households With Severe Housing Cost Burden, 2009**



Source: HUD CPD Maps

## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

Over the next five years, the Town of Hamburg anticipates public facility improvements that may include handicapped accessibility improvements and other enhancements.

### **How were these needs determined?**

Commercial areas that service these neighborhoods need public facility improvements to keep them strong and competitive with newer but distant shopping facilities and strip plazas. Existing infrastructure and storefronts must be improved to allow expansion of existing businesses which creates needed job opportunities. Parking space, façade, and streetscape improvements are needed to attract new businesses and customers.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

During the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan period, the Town of Hamburg and the Villages of Blasdell and Hamburg will continue to target and expend funds for infrastructure projects. Such projects are expected to include waterlines, street repaving, drainage improvements and other types of infrastructure improvements.

### **How were these needs determined?**

Public improvement needs are determined in a number of ways. The Town of Hamburg's Public Works Department evaluates the condition of the Town's infrastructure and recommends needed improvements. The Villages of Blasdell and Hamburg also identified needed infrastructure improvements in a similar manner. All three municipalities also receive requests from citizens for public improvements via public meetings and letters.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:**

Over the next five years, the Town of Hamburg anticipates addressing the following public service needs:

#### *Assistance and Counseling to Victims of Domestic Violence:*

This service has been funded through the use of both CDBG funds and Town budget allocations. The Town has a full-time Domestic Violence Advocate who provides assistance and counseling to victims of domestic violence. Although 95 percent of the domestic violence calls come through the Town Police Department, which makes the initial response and/or investigation, follow-up is handled by the Domestic Violence Advocate. In addition, the Advocate conducts awareness and outreach activities.

*Support Services for Technology Center for Seniors:*

CDBG funds will be used to provide support services including the cost of training by instructors, computer software, and technical computer support and maintenance. The Center and its programs will be a continuation of the long-term broader goal by the Town and its Community Development Department to provide services to the growing senior population and to help them to continue to live and function independently.

**How were these needs determined?**

These needs were identified by the Town of Hamburg's desire to continue established public services for which there remains a well-documented need.

## Housing Market Analysis

### MA-05 Overview

#### Housing Market Analysis Overview:

As a member of the Erie County HOME Consortium, the Town of Hamburg is not required to submit to HUD an individual housing market analysis as a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This document supplements the Plan by providing an overview of trends and conditions that will assist the Town in its local planning efforts during the next five years.

#### *Housing Demand*

Fluctuations in population, household size, new household formation and migration determine housing demand. While demographics are not the only determining factor in future trends of a housing market, they are a key indicator of the size and nature of demand for housing. Since 2000, the Town of Hamburg has gained 925 residents (1.6%) and 1,660 households (7.6%). The strong growth in total households compared to total people reflects economic and lifestyle choice changes occurring nationally, as the number of people living alone is increasing. For instance, economic constraints can promote multi-generational living, while greater prosperity tends to promote more rapid household creation. In Hamburg, the average household size was 2.38 in 2012, compared to 2.51 in 2000. During those years, the number of single-person households increased 43.1%, from 5,805 to 8,483.

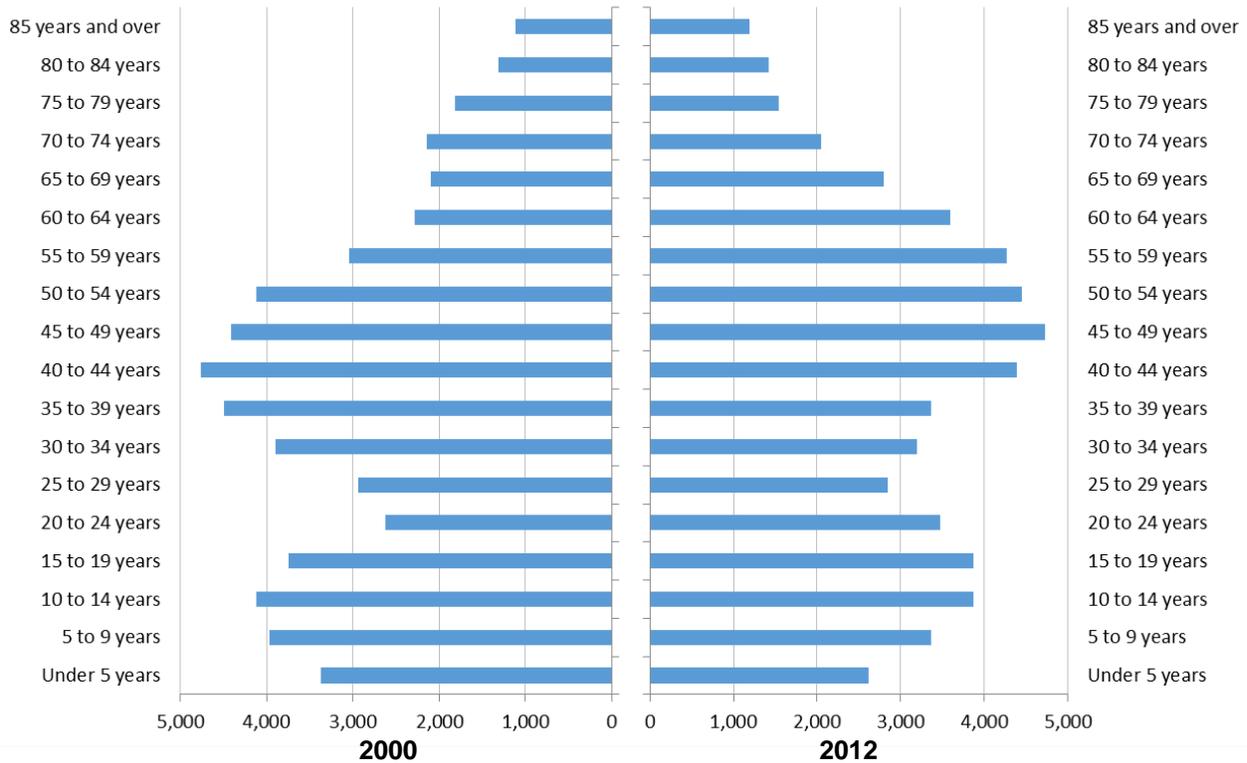
#### *Household and Unit Growth Since 2000*

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Population	56,259	57,184	1.6%
Households	21,954	23,614	7.6%
Units	22,833	24,641	7.9%

*Source: 2000 Census, 2008-2012 ACS*

Age is a major driver of change in household type. The following figure demonstrates a shift in the age distribution of the Town's total population between 2000 and 2012. The relatively large population share of members of the baby boom generation has shifted upward in age, a phenomenon to which the housing market will be required to respond with supply suited to a larger number of elderly households. This will likely translate to increased demand for accommodations that would allow such households to age in place. The Census Bureau estimates that there were 513 more people age 65 and over in Hamburg in 2012 than in 2000, an increase of 6.1%. In 2012, 15.8% of all residents were in this age group.

*Total Population by Age, 2000 and 2012*



Source: 2008-2012 ACS

HUD’s Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data set provides detail on low-income households and the housing problems they experience. In 2011, the latest year for which CHAS was reported, 9,670 households (41.2%) in the Town had annual incomes lower than the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI), which was \$63,700 for the Buffalo-Niagara Falls metropolitan area. Of these, 16.7% were extremely low income, earning 30% or less of HAMFI. Households with at least one person age 62 to 74 were the most likely type to have a low income, accounting for about one in every five extremely low-income households.

*Households by Type and Income Band, 2011*

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total households	1,620	2,500	3,000	2,550	13,810
Small family households	320	349	830	1,135	7,700
Large family households	25	95	105	105	1,410
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	350	625	725	480	2,385
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	260	879	755	365	685
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	185	155	179	435	1,230

Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

HUD defines a cost-burdened household as one paying more than 30% of its gross income on housing expenses, including utilities. According to 2011 CHAS data, 4,334 households in Hamburg met this definition. While renters comprise only 26.2% of the Town’s households, they represent 51.2% of cost-burdened households. The disproportionate impact of this problem on renters is related to their comparatively low incomes. In 2012, the median renter household in Hamburg earned \$31,602 annually, while owner households earned a median of \$73,009. Elderly renter and owner households are a concern, as they experience a relatively high rate of cost burden and often live on fixed incomes. Elderly renter households comprise 34% of cost-burdened renter households and 56% of cost-burdened owner households.

*Cost-Burdened Households by Tenure, 2011*

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>								
Small Related	180	115	125	420	79	204	214	497
Large Related	15	30	20	65	10	45	45	100
Elderly	225	383	150	758	242	643	293	1,178
Other	470	385	120	975	104	139	98	341
Total need by income	890	913	415	2,218	435	1,031	650	2,116

Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

During the Consolidated Planning process, the Village of Hamburg submitted information on housing needs particular to its jurisdiction. Based on the following ACS data, the Village expressed a need for affordable housing, particularly types that would allow seniors to continue to age within the community and take advantage of the Village’s walkable design and full range of services.

- 26% of Village housing is renter occupied
- Nearly 58% of renters are cost burdened
- More than one-third are severely cost burdened
- 32% of Village residents are 50 years or older

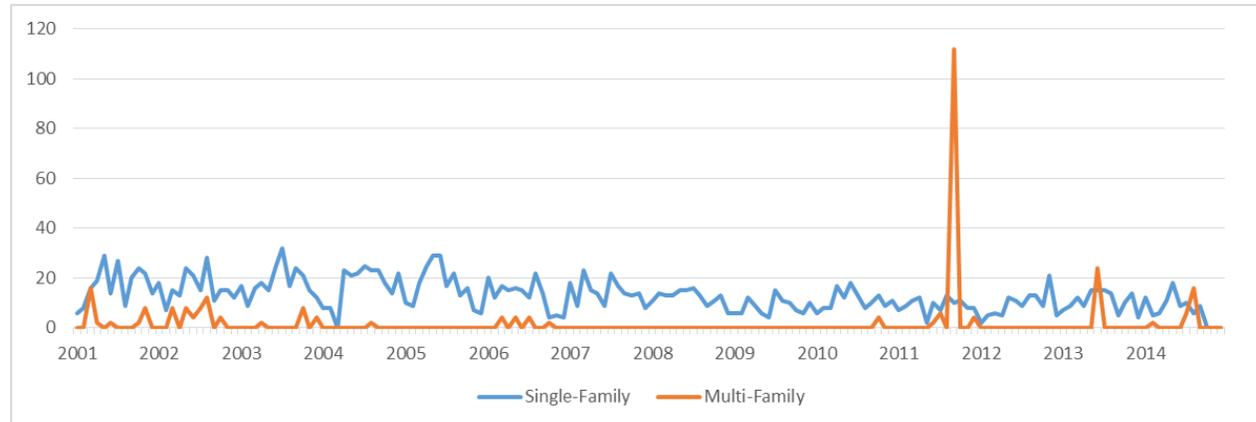
To develop new affordable housing opportunities, the Village is interested in working with the Town’s CDBG program and with the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation Land Bank to acquire land, abandoned/blighted and underutilized properties as well as those owned by banks. The purpose of the acquisitions would be to either rehabilitate existing housing or to assemble parcels into a site that could accommodate eight to 12 affordable residential units.

A developer interested in building 32 units of senior housing in the Village reported that the local housing market would support market-rate housing of this type, especially given an emerging market of seniors who wish to age within a community by moving from large, single-family dwellings to smaller rentals. Village staff also noted young families in the Village moving into large homes left behind by empty nesters. With long-term community stabilization in mind, the Village wishes to encourage smaller, affordable housing for seniors as well as for young professionals.

**Housing Supply**

The total number of housing units in Hamburg increased by 7.9% between 2000 and 2012, adding 1,808 units, or an average of 151 annually. The bulk of residential permits issued between 2000 and 2014, as illustrated in the following graph, were for single-family dwellings. During those years, 2,181 single-family units were permitted, compared to 280 units in multi-family structures. Roughly half of the multi-family units were permitted in 2011. On average, the Town issues permits for 156 single-family units and 20 multi-family permits annually. The number of annual permits was generally higher between 2000 and 2005, prior to the national housing market crisis.

*Residential Permits Issued Monthly by Town, 2000 to 2014*



Source: HUD SOCDs, 2000-2014

The local real estate market has benefited from a decent recovery, according to a real estate agent who provided information for the Consolidated Plan, though the Town never suffered the precipitous drop in values that was prevalent in many areas of the country. In Hamburg, the greatest loss during the housing market crisis that began in 2006 was in consumer confidence.

Multi-list data for the Town indicates a median sale price of \$142,250 to date in 2014, with the median property spending 38 days on the market. Overall, a lack of homes for sale is a major issue. In 2010, there were 670 total listings, compared to 504 in 2011 and 445 in 2012. All

listings recently have attracted multiple competing offers, though some pockets of the Town are less competitive.

According to stakeholders, developers in Hamburg have been responding to the growing need for more senior housing, as is shown by very low vacancy rates at three senior complexes. Overall multi-family rental construction has been active, with three to four developments containing hundreds of units having come online within the last couple of years.

About two-thirds of the Town’s housing stock is in the form of single-family detached homes. Among 6,263 multi-family units, the most common location was in buildings containing two to four units. Developments containing 20 or more apartments or condominiums represented 3.4% of all homes. Mobile homes are somewhat common in Hamburg, with nearly 800 units accounting for 3.1% of units. Interviews with stakeholders indicated that housing condition is often a problem among mobile homes, as the lower-income populations who predominantly occupy these units cannot always afford the costs of maintenance.

*Units by Structure Type, 2012*

<b>Property Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
1-unit detached structure	16,686	67.7%
1-unit, attached structure	920	3.7%
2-4 units	3,306	13.4%
5-19 units	2,120	8.6%
20 or more units	837	3.4%
Mobile home	772	3.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,641</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: 2008-2012 ACS

The owner housing stock in Hamburg is generally larger than the inventory available to renters. More than 80% of owner-occupied homes had at least three bedrooms, compared to only 16.9% of renter-occupied homes. However, this does not necessarily mean that there is an unmet need for large rental units. In 2012, 554 renter households (9%) included at least four persons, compared to 1,043 rental units with at least three bedrooms. On the whole, owner households in Hamburg are larger, with 18.6% including at least four persons.

*Unit Size by Tenure, 2012*

	<b>Owners</b>		<b>Renters</b>	
	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
No bedroom	21	0.1%	248	4%
1 bedroom	168	1%	1,837	29.7%
2 bedrooms	2,781	15.9%	3,049	49.4%
3 or more bedrooms	14,467	83%	1,043	16.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,437</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: 2008-2012 ACS

Across the Town, as is the case across the state and the country, increases in housing value have drastically outpaced increases in real income. After adjusting for inflation, the \$60,998 median income among Hamburg households in 2012 represented a 4.5% decline in income from 2000. At the same time, the median value of owner-occupied homes climbed 13.5%. This suggests that household buying power has declined during the last decade.

*Cost of Housing, 2000 and 2012*

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Median home value	\$94,600 (\$126,130 in 2012 \$)	\$143,100	51.3% (13.5%)
Median contract rent	\$508 (\$677 in 2012 \$)	\$607	19.5% (-10.3%)
Median household income	\$47,888 (\$63,849 in 2012 \$)	\$60,998	27.4% (-4.5%)

*Source: 2000 Census, 2008-2012 ACS, BLS Inflation Calculator*

However, inflation-adjusted median contract rent, which does not incorporate utilities, climbed to \$607, which represents a decline of 10.3% in real dollars. Most renters in Hamburg pay less than \$1,000 in monthly rent, with 35.9% paying less than \$500. The slower increase in rent prices suggests that the local supply of apartments has not felt the same demand pressure as units for sale. In 2012, the homeowner vacancy rate was only 0.7%, equivalent to an extremely tight market. By contrast, the rental vacancy rate was greater at 2.8%, but still low enough to limit mobility somewhat.

*Rent Paid, 2012*

	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Less than \$500	2,085	35.9%
\$500-999	3,540	60.9%
\$1,000-1,499	179	3.1%
\$1,500-1,999	0	0.0%
\$2,000 or more	10	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Source: 2008-2012 ACS*

The following CHAS analysis compares the price of units by tenure to what would be affordable at various income bands, assuming that a household pays no more than 30% of gross income in housing costs. It concludes that only 415 rental units would be affordable to Hamburg households with extremely low incomes, compared to the 1,620 total households at this income level. Households who cannot find an affordable unit often become cost-burdened or experience other housing problems, such as overcrowding or living in deficient conditions. The supply of homes for sale is also limited for households at lower income bands, especially considering that the number of affordable units listed below does not account for those that are already occupied.

*Affordability*

<b>% Units affordable to Households earning</b>	<b>Renter</b>	<b>Owner</b>
30% HAMFI	415	No Data
50% HAMFI	1,625	783
80% HAMFI	3,495	3,184
100% HAMFI	No Data	5,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>9,175</b>

Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

The best possible data available to describe the physical condition of housing and the need for rehabilitation is local information on status and/or code violations. The Census offers the proxy of age, which can be (but is not always) related to housing condition, as aging homes require ongoing investment to maintain decent, suitable condition. In Hamburg, the owner and rental stock are comparable in age, with about 70% in both categories having been constructed prior to 1980. The median year built of Hamburg homes is 1966, compared to 1954 in Erie County and 1955 across the state.

*Year Unit Built*

	<b>Owner-Occupied</b>		<b>Renter-Occupied</b>	
	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
2000 or later	1,793	10.3%	423	6.8%
1980-1999	3,550	20.4%	1,524	24.7%
1950-1979	8,288	47.5%	2,561	41.4%
Before 1950	3,806	21.8%	1,669	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,437</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: 2008-2012 ACS

## MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

### Introduction

In determining priorities for the allocation of federal funds, Hamburg recognizes the need to foster a competitive local economy that expands economic opportunities for present and future residents. This section describes the local workforce, the nature of current employment, and activities that coordinate economic development efforts among local and regional agencies.

### Economic Development Market Analysis

According to the HUD dataset below, the top business sectors that employ Hamburg residents include Education and Health Care Services, Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations, and Retail Trade. In addition, many of these jobs require a college degree. According to the Town of Hamburg 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update, industrial and manufacturing sectors were the major sources of employment for residents and provided the economic base. Both locally and regionally since the 1980s, there has been a decline in heavy industrial employment and an increase in service occupations. This is reflected in the following table.

### Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	85	51	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	3,006	3,668	13	21	7
Construction	888	485	4	3	-1
Education and Health Care Services	4,378	2,459	19	14	-6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,710	626	8	4	-4
Information	435	156	2	1	-1
Manufacturing	2,746	1,797	12	10	-2
Other Services	1,118	949	5	5	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,138	883	9	5	-4
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	2,973	4,938	13	28	15
Transportation and Warehousing	720	805	3	5	1
Wholesale Trade	1,164	517	5	3	-2
Total	21,361	17,334	--	--	--

**Table 5 - Business Activity**

Data 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)  
Source:

## Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	31,675
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	29,852
Unemployment Rate	5.76
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	17.42
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.69

**Table 6 - Labor Force**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	6,476
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,394
Service	2,679
Sales and office	8,959
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,861
Production, transportation and material moving	1,459

**Table 7 – Occupations by Sector**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	20,266	70%
30-59 Minutes	7,665	27%
60 or More Minutes	846	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,777</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 8 - Travel Time**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Education:

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	460	99	460
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,412	282	1,831
Some college or Associate's degree	9,475	468	1,886
Bachelor's degree or higher	8,876	291	1,301

**Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

**Educational Attainment by Age**

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	0	11	44	229	426
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	537	88	139	508	1,189
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,321	1,013	1,293	5,219	3,815
Some college, no degree	1,630	1,426	1,664	3,495	1,439
Associate's degree	338	1,017	1,545	2,699	427
Bachelor's degree	820	1,587	1,828	2,725	879
Graduate or professional degree	58	865	1,264	2,217	680

**Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Age**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

**Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months</b>
Less than high school graduate	0
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	0
Some college or Associate's degree	0
Bachelor's degree	0
Graduate or professional degree	0

**Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

The Education and Health Care Services sector employs the largest number of workers, which represents over 20% of employed Township residents, followed by the Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations sector which employs over 14% of Township residents.

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

In the Business Activity table on page 7, the largest category in the “Jobs Less Workers” column (which indicates commuting) is within the Retail Trade sector, followed by the Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodation sector. This may indicate a large number of commuters who come into Hamburg to work in lower-paying jobs, and a large commuter population from Hamburg commuting to higher-paying jobs in the greater Buffalo-Niagara region. This pattern is indicative of suburban commuters traveling to jobs. The large number of workers in Retail Trade also indicates a potentially high number of low-paying jobs.

According to a report by Erie Community College, the most significant workforce needs in the region relate to the aging population, the need for workers to remain current with ever-changing technology, and the skills gap that results from a mismatch between educational programs and workforce needs. The industrial mix found in the region requires maintaining or increasing the number of educated, well-trained and largely professional workforce participants. As noted above, growth areas for Hamburg and the region include education and health care services, and professional, scientific and management services.

Transportation is a major issue in the region, especially for low-income workers. Stakeholder interviews noted that many of the low-paying jobs in the first-ring towns are actually held by low-income residents of the City of Buffalo, resulting in significant number of “reverse commuters” traveling from the city into the suburbs. Lack of or inadequate transportation from affordable housing locations to low-wage jobs is a significant issue for low-income residents in the region, particularly for those residents trying to locate near jobs or other opportunity-creating amenities. Due to the area’s large number of health care jobs, there are a significant number of third-shift workers or other workers with atypical work hours. This population has difficulty using the existing transit system, which caters to commuters working traditional peak hours. Stakeholders mentioned that Orchard Park, next to Hamburg, in particular is becoming a local employment center, but transportation infrastructure needed to link affordable housing to these jobs does not yet adequately meet need. Stakeholder interviews revealed that there is

little local interest in reverse commuter van programs, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization determined that this type of program would require heavy subsidy.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period.**

**Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

The Buffalo Billion Plan encapsulates the major public sector initiatives for job and business growth opportunities in the region. The plan is designed to assess future economic drivers and enable their development in the Western New York region. This Plan includes a comprehensive regional market analysis, asset and opportunity analysis, policy needs assessment, and implementation guidelines for the Erie County region.

To help overcome the existing skills gap in advanced manufacturing, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and the Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance recently launched the “Dream it. Do It.” WNY Campaign. This initiative teaches middle school and high school students about manufacturing skills and opportunities. The program has reached over 4,000 students in Erie County.

One of the major private sector investments in the region is a \$5 billion RiverBend development at the former Republic Steel site in South Buffalo. This development is expected to provide 3,000 jobs in the next decade, which will significantly impact the regional economy in the balance of Erie County.

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

Stakeholders cited a significant mismatch between workforce skills and employment opportunities. The advanced manufacturing and industrial development sectors have grown significantly in the region, but the local workforce lacks enough skilled laborers to meet the new demands of these emerging sectors. Workers with advanced technical and vocational skills are in the shortest supply.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations.**

The Town of Hamburg participates in workforce development and training initiatives through referrals and relationships with the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Investment Board (BEC-WIB). This includes WorkSourceOne, a one-stop career center that offers counseling and career exploration, resume preparation and letter writing services, job search planning and preparation, career training, job referral and placement, math and reading assistance, GED preparation, a state of the art resource center, supportive services, and financial aid. Erie Community College also participates in the WorkSourceOne initiative as a one-stop shop for these resources. One of these centers is located Orchard Park next to the Town of Hamburg. These efforts aim to reduce the skills gap described by both stakeholders and the HUD data in order to fill jobs within the region.

**Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

The workforce development efforts will support the Town of Hamburg's economic development efforts to provide loans and infrastructure assistance to area businesses in order to enhance economic growth and development.

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

Yes. In July 2011, the Erie County Industrial development Agency finalized a CEDS that encompasses all of Erie County, including the Town of Hamburg. Hamburg does not have a separate CEDS.

Hamburg is an active participant in the One Region Forward sustainable economic development plan. This plan puts forth a comprehensive economic development strategy for the region. Key goals in the plan center around improving mobility, promoting more efficient land use patterns, strengthening basic infrastructure, growing a 21st century economy, ensuring broad access to healthy food, protecting housing and neighborhoods, and mounting the region's response to the challenge of global climate change. Economic development strategies compose a large part of the One Region Forward plan.

**If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

The Town of Hamburg's Department of Community Development has responsibilities for administration of the Township's CDBG and HOME program entitlement grants in addition to jurisdiction and reporting duties for the town's economic development loan program. The Town of Hamburg has an agreement with the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) for HDC to administer the Town's economic development programs. HDC is a direct sub-recipient of the Town of Hamburg's CDBG funding.

The Town of Hamburg utilizes a number of tools to enhance economic development. These include the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) and the Hamburg Industrial Development Agency (HIDA). The following provides an overview of the HDC and HIDA:

- 1) The HDC works with the HIDA as part of the Hamburg Development Companies, whose goal is to promote planned business growth while enhancing the high quality of life in Hamburg.

HDC is a not-for-profit local development corporation designed to stimulate reinvestment in the residential, commercial and industrial areas in the Town of Hamburg, the Village of Hamburg and the Village of Blasdell.

The HDC serves as a vehicle for controlled community development through a partnership of residents, members of the business community, representatives of local government and financial institutions and other interested parties.

HDC offers a number of programs and financial incentives for projects that represent a substantial economic investment, create or retain jobs, and expand the tax base in the Hamburg community. Available programs include the Hamburg Business Development Fund (HBDF) which has been established to provide an alternate source of flexible financial assistance to growth-oriented industrial and commercial firms in Hamburg.

- 2) HIDA works with the HDC to stimulate economic development within the Town of Hamburg. HIDA works with the town, village and both school districts in Hamburg to provide financial incentives for new facility construction and existing business expansion. HIDA is committed to responsible, planned economic growth in Hamburg whole expanding job opportunities and enhancing the tax base in the Town. HIDA offers:

- Industrial Revenue Bonds

HIDA is authorized to issue industrial revenue bonds to assist with the Town's goal of stimulating economic growth in Hamburg. Industrial revenue bonds are available to finance the purchase and improvements of land, buildings, property and equipment for firms engaged in light manufacturing, office construction, warehousing/distribution, research and development and some commercial activities.

- Tax Exemptions and Tax Abatements

HIDA provides real property tax abatements for 10-15 years on increased property valuation and state and local sales tax exemptions on equipment and materials for qualified projects.

## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

**Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated?  
(include a definition of "concentration")**

HUD's CPD Maps were used to determine areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated. The maps on the two following pages show severe housing problems for extremely low-income and low-income households. These were the only two maps available through HUD CPD Maps to show housing problems.

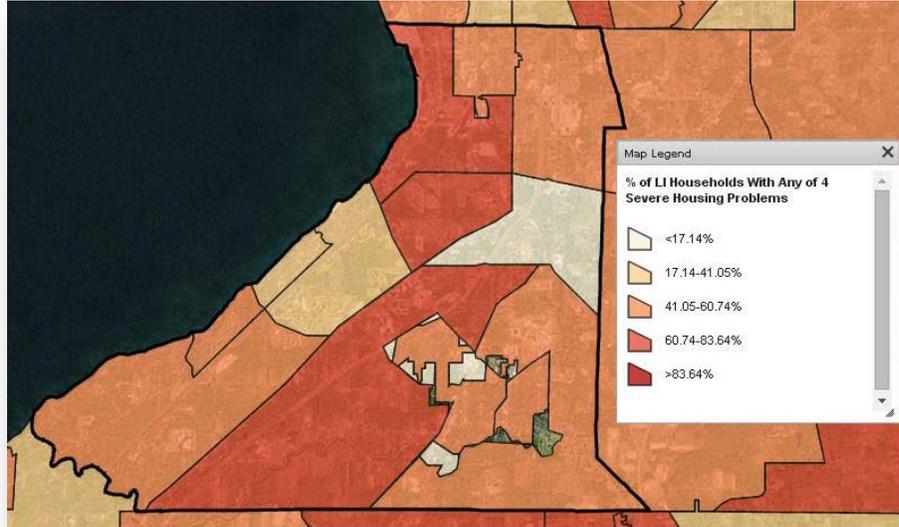
### Severe Housing Problems: Low-Income Households

HUD defines a disproportionately greater housing need as when a household experiences housing problems at a rate greater than for the household income level as a whole. The distinction between housing problems and severe housing problems is the degree to which cost burden and overcrowding exist. The data is based on low-income households (i.e. households with incomes that are 30%-50% of HUD Area Median Family Income-or HAMFI) experiencing severe housing problems. Housing problems include:

- Housing units lacking complete kitchen facilities and/or complete plumbing facilities
- Overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room)
- Cost burden greater than 50%

The map on the following page shows the percentages of low-income households with severe housing problems. The darkest color shows the areas where more than 63.64% of low-income households are concentrated by census tract. Census Tract 130.01, next to Lake Erie just south of Lackawanna, meets this description and is a defined LMI area. Census Tract 132.01, northwest of the Hamburg Village, also contains a concentration of severe housing problems, but is not a defined LMI area.

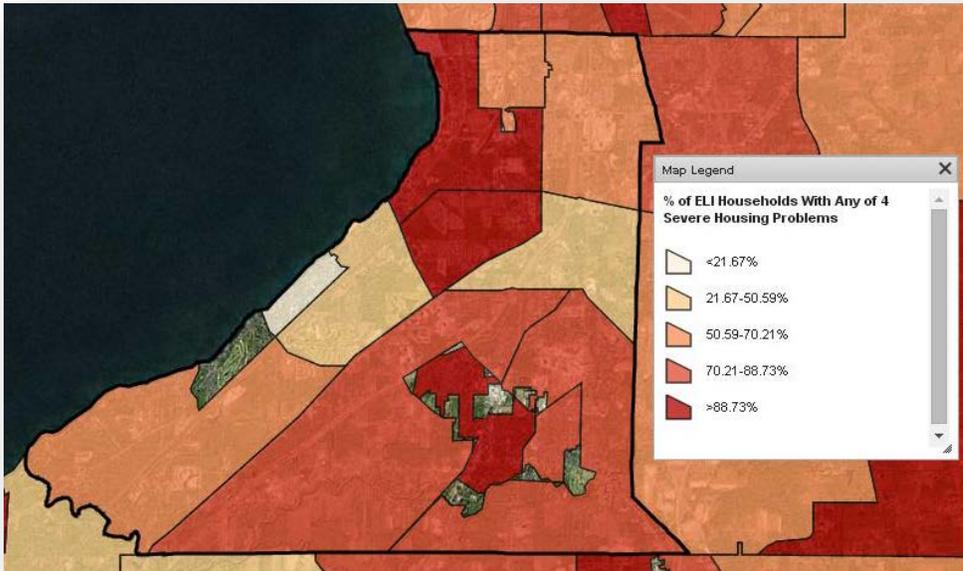
## Percent of Low-Income Households With Any of 4 Severe Housing Problems, 2009



Source: HUD CPD Maps

The map on the following page shows the percent of extremely low-income households (i.e. households with incomes that are 0-30% of HAMFI) with severe housing problems. The darkest color shows the areas where more than 88.73% of extremely low-income households are concentrated by census tract. Similar to the previous map, Census Tract 130.01, next to Lake Erie just south of Lackawanna, meets this description and is a defined LMI area. Many areas of the Village of Hamburg also have a concentration of households with severe housing problems.

**Percent of Extremely Low-Income Households With Any of 4 Severe Housing Problems, 2009**

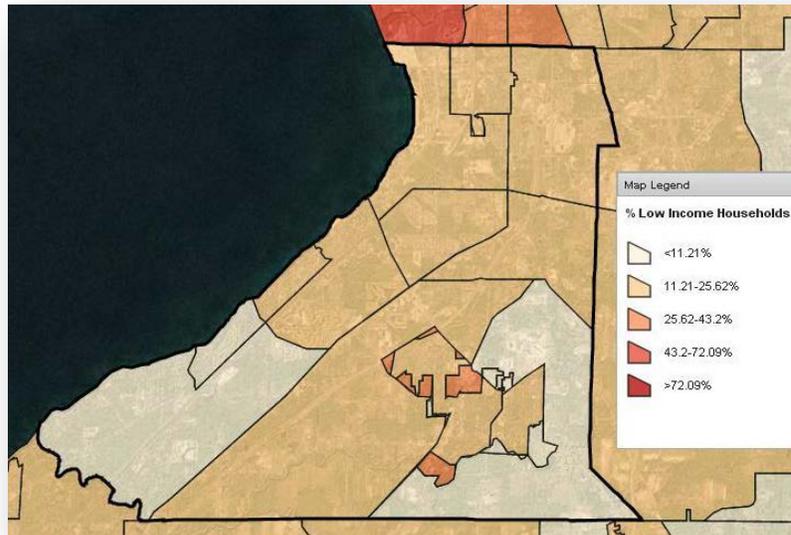


Source: HUD CPD Maps

**Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

PolicyMap was used to provide an analysis of areas in Hamburg where racial or ethnic minorities are concentrated (note: The HUD CPD Maps program did not provide a clear analysis of a concentration of racial or ethnic minorities). The HUD CPD Maps program was used to provide a location map of low-income households and a map of areas of poverty. These maps are provided on the following page show the percent of low-income households by census tract. The areas with the highest percent of low-income households (25.62% to 43.2% range) are concentrated to the northwest of the Village of Hamburg.

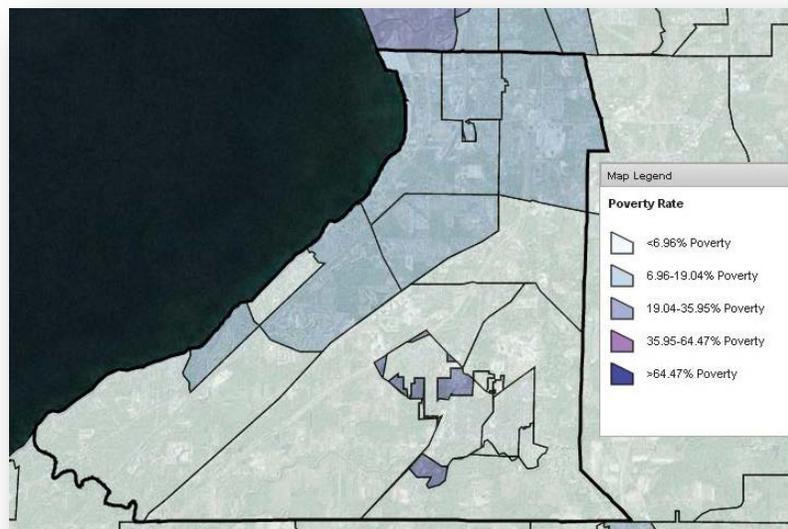
### Percent of Low-Income Households by Census Tract, 2009



Source: HUD CPD Maps

The following map shows the percentage of families in poverty by census tract. Again, the areas with the highest percentages of poverty (19.04% to 35.95% range) are concentrated to the northwest of the Village of Hamburg.

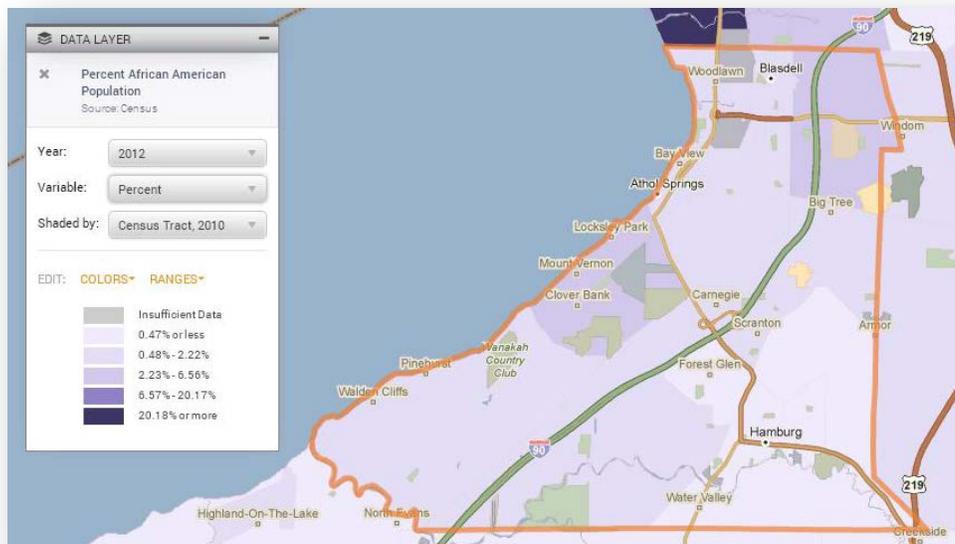
### Percent of Families in Poverty by Census Tract, 2009



Source: HUD CPD Map

The map below shows the concentration of African-Americans in the Town of Hamburg. The concentration of African-Americans is primarily to the northeast and western areas of Hamburg. The northeastern area includes portions of Census Tract 129.01, Block Groups 2, 4 and 5, which are also defined as LMI areas.

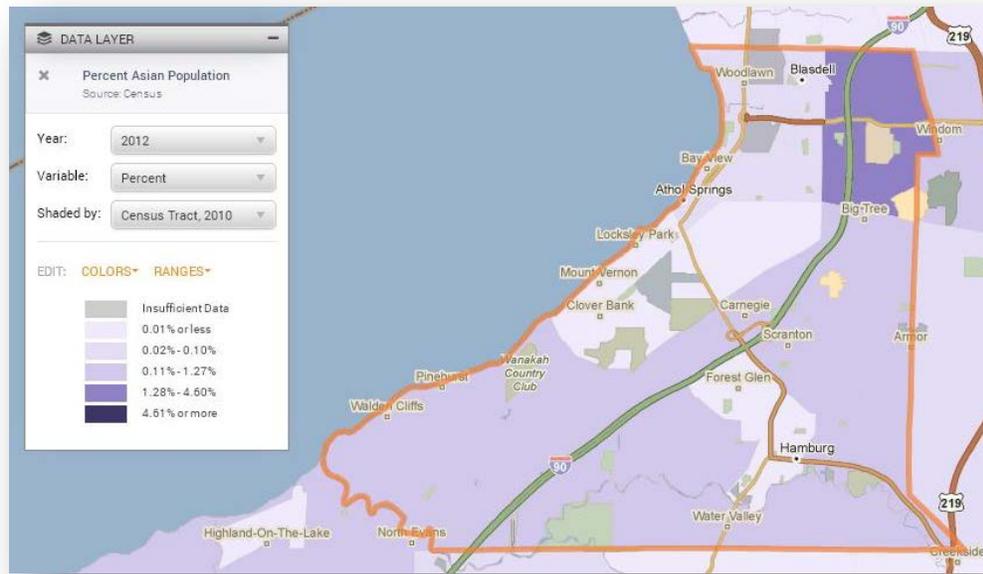
### Percent of Population African-American, 2012



Source: PolicyMap

The map below shows the concentration of Asians in Hamburg. The highest concentration of Asians is primarily in the northeast area of Hamburg. This area includes portions of Census Tract 129.01, Block Groups 2, 4 and 5, which are also defined as LMI areas.

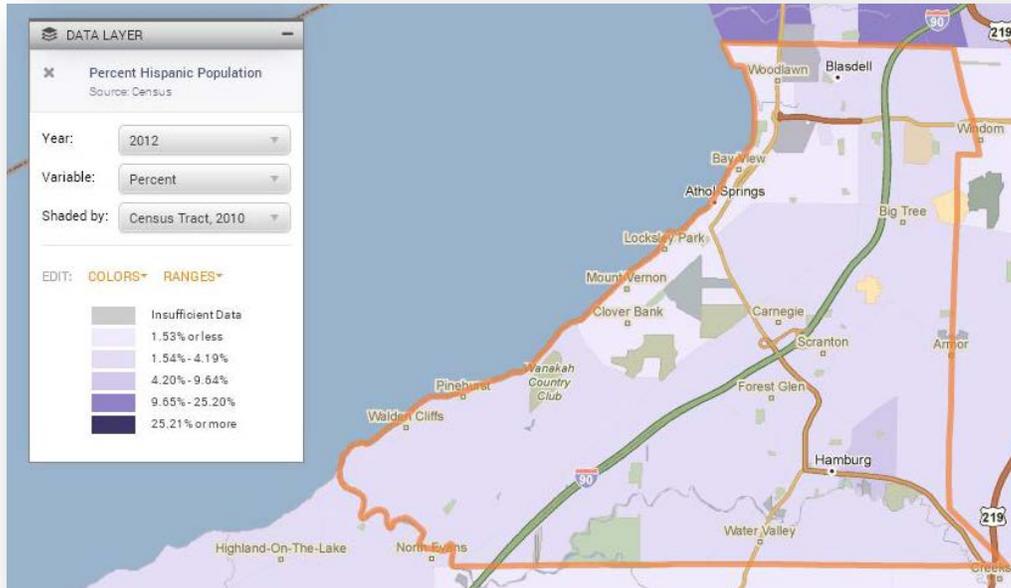
### Percent of Population Asian, 2012



Source: PolicyMap

The map below shows the concentration of Hispanics in the Town of Hamburg. The concentration of Hispanics is primarily east of the Village of Hamburg. This area includes portions of Census Tract 133, Block Group 2, which is a defined LMI area.

### Percent of Population Hispanic, 2012



Source: PolicyMap

### What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

According to the Town of Hamburg 2007 Comprehensive Plan, there are a few areas in the Town where additional rehabilitation effort is required. There are a number of older, early suburban developments and seasonal housing that is deteriorating. These areas include Lakeview Terrace, Rosedale, Woodlawn and Lake/Abbott Roads, among others.

### Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

These areas contain a solid housing stock in need of repair. There are small business districts that provide basic services and employment opportunities to area residents.

### Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

There are opportunities to revitalize these areas and the Village of Hamburg through participation in the Buffalo Erie Land Improvement Corporation Land Bank to acquire vacant land, abandoned/blighted and underutilized properties as well as “zombie” properties held by banks. This process is an opportunity to bring these properties back to productive use.

## **Strategic Plan**

### **SP-05 Overview**

#### **Strategic Plan Overview**

The Town of Hamburg's high priorities include public facility improvements/expansions, improved water and sewer lines, street improvements, sidewalks, and wastewater system improvements. In addition, housing and public services will also be priorities.

#### ***Geographic Priorities***

The Town of Hamburg will focus the majority of CDBG funds in the defined LMI areas.

#### ***Priority Needs***

In Hamburg, priority needs include:

- Road reconstruction
- Waterline replacement
- Infrastructure reconstruction
- Public service programs, including assistance and counseling to victims of domestic violence
- Economic development, including loan funds for economic development
- Housing renovation and rehabilitation activities

#### ***Anticipated Resources***

This Strategic Plan estimates the resources that will be available to address the Town's priority needs. The level of resources available will play a key role in the strategies and goals described in the plan.

#### ***Institutional Delivery Structure***

The Town of Hamburg relies on a network of public, private sector, and non-profit organizations to implement the Strategic Plan, particularly to address homelessness and special needs populations.

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development administers Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided to the Town by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The primary goal of the Community Development Program is to develop and maintain viable communities with respect to housing, neighborhoods and economic opportunities.

## *Public Agencies*

### **Erie County PHA Consortium**

The Erie County Public Housing Agency Consortium is comprised of 42 municipalities in Erie County outside the City of Buffalo. Although it was organized by the Erie County Division of Planning for the sole purpose of making the Section 8 rent subsidy program accessible to County residents, the County does not participate as a member PHA. The Town of Amherst has contracted with other member PHAs of the Consortium to act as the lead PHA for the purposed of submitting grant applications and entering into contracts with HUD on behalf of the Consortium.

In addition, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY is under contract with the Department of Community Development to administer a large amount of housing counseling services for Town of Hamburg residents. Under the current contract, Belmont will be providing eligible Town residents with the following services: Financial management as it pertains to the Town's Hometown Housing Programs; budget counseling; credit counseling; debt counseling; foreclosure avoidance; mobility counseling and "At Risk" counseling, which includes a relatively new Town program created in 2012. This program, the "Homeless Impact and Prevention Program" (HIaPP) was created by the Department of Community Development to help prevent homeless situations within the Town and villages as well as providing access to a program that can "rapidly re-house" clients if required.

### **New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

NYS OMRDD funds the acquisition of suitable housing and its rehabilitation in order to function as community residences in a neighborhood setting for adults with developmental disabilities. Under New York State Mental Health law, these residences are treated as single family homes. West Seneca Developmental Center is utilizing this funding to establish residences throughout the Consortium towns. The Consortium towns, including Hamburg, have contracted with West Seneca Developmental Center to utilize the funding provided for these residences as a match for its HOME program.

## **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Supportive Services, Inc.**

The Consortium Towns, including Hamburg, will contract individually with Supportive Services, Inc. to provide weatherization services for owner and renter units occupied by low income households. The weatherization work is funded by the New York State Department of State through the Weatherization Program.

### *Belmont Housing Resources of WNY*

Belmont Housing Resources of WNY administers a Section 8 Project Based Program in the Consortium Towns. Through Belmont Housing Resources of WNY the PHA Consortium and the Buffalo Veterans Administration Hospital have received funding to assist disabled homeless veterans. Belmont Shelter will administer the Section 8 rental assistance, and the Veterans Hospital will administer the service component for this program. The Consortium Towns will contract individually with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY to provide comprehensive housing counseling services to owner and renter low-income households and first-time homebuyers.

### *HOPE/Enriched Housing Program for the Elderly*

The Consortium Towns will continue to support non-profit agencies that apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funds under the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program or the Section 8 New Construction Program for the Elderly and the New York State financed HOPE/Enriched Housing Program for the Elderly.

## **PRIVATE INDUSTRY**

As developers, owners, managers and lenders, the private sector has extensive experience and involvement with housing programs. Private industry, for example, rehabilitated 45 units in the Princeton Apartments in Amherst and over 350 rental units for low income households in the Parkside Village Courts neighborhood of Tonawanda under the New York State Rental Rehabilitation Program.

The Consortium towns operate housing rehabilitation loan programs with CDBG and HOME funds to provide interest free, deferred loans to low and moderate income homeowners. Homeowners, in turn, utilize private contractors to undertake necessary rehabilitation work.

The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program allows investors to take a portion of the cost of rehabilitating low income housing units as a credit against federal taxes over a 10-year period. These tax credits are also available for new construction.

In the future, the Consortium Towns will look to establish a public/private partnership to achieve similar results in other qualified parts of the Consortium.

### ***Town of Hamburg Goals***

See SP-45.

### ***Public Housing***

The Town of Hamburg does not have a public housing authority.

### ***Barriers to Affordable Housing***

The Consortium towns have identified some negative effects of local public policies impacting on the availability of affordable housing. Local zoning ordinances may present barriers to addressing affordable housing needs. ACT Consortium municipalities have not yet adopted flexible zoning tools (such as inclusionary zoning or density bonuses) to promote affordable housing development. The Towns will review zoning ordinances to identify policies that will remove inappropriate barriers to affordable housing.

In addition, proponents of affordable housing are increasingly confronted today with opposition that develops primarily due to a false perception of a specific population to be housed and a general ignorance of the implications of not providing such housing. This public misperception has dangerously crystallized into the phenomenon known as "NIMBYism" ("Not In My Back Yard") where residents rally against almost any type of development they perceive as inappropriate.

There are generally two courses of action to take to mitigate this barrier to a manageable level. A strategy that recognizes that both the developer/proposer and the recipient community have a responsibility in mitigating this barrier can establish a basis for positive results. It is essential that all parties concerned, including local review boards and affected residents, be sufficiently educated and informed regarding the importance and necessity of housing for special needs populations and the benefits that may accrue to the neighborhood and the community as a whole. Misconceptions and lack of accurate information may jeopardize a worthwhile project and prevent a need from being met. The proposer has an obligation to ensure that any such misconceptions be dispelled by providing accurate information about each project.

### ***Lead-based Paint Hazards***

In all of its housing assistance programs, The Consortium will evaluate all properties built prior to 1978 and require remediation where lead-based paint hazards are present. The foregoing would suggest that the incidence of lead-based paint hazards is a manageable problem within the Erie County CDBG Consortium and the Town of Hamburg.

### ***Anti-Poverty Strategy***

The Erie County Department of Social Services is involved in numerous efforts to reduce the number of people living below the poverty level. The Department relies heavily on direct contact with other agencies, many of which seek to find employment for Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients. A few of these agencies are the New York State Department of Labor, the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, and area school districts.

# SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

## Geographic Area

2015

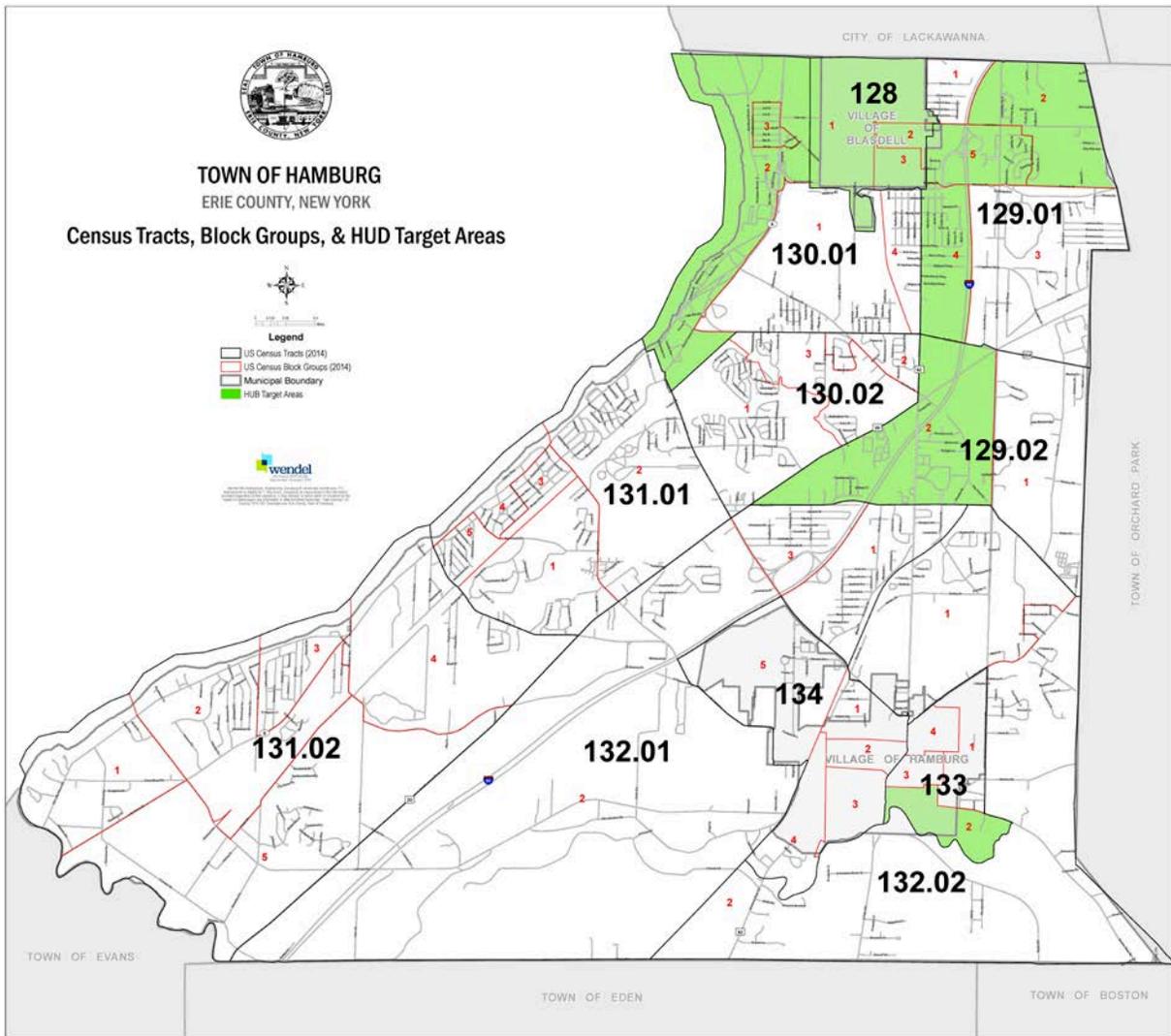
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HUD Target Area Map

Census Tracts - Block Groups

Upper Quartile Areas

<u>Target #:</u>	<u>Census Tracts:</u>	<u>Block Group:</u>	<u>% L/M:</u>
1	133.00	2	50.89
2	128.00	2	47.09
3	129.02	2	42.01
4	130.01	2	40.91
5	129.01	2	38.49
6	129.01	5	37.89
7	128.00	1	36.90
8	128.00	3	36.23
9	130.01	4	34.96
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**Table 12 - Geographic Priority Areas**

## SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

### Priority Needs

1	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	TBD
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Description</b>	Infrastructure improvements in the Town of Hamburg and the Villages of Blasdell and Hamburg. The Town of Hamburg's Highway Department will utilize funding to purchase paving materials off of New York State bid to repave town and village roads within HUD eligible target areas.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Improving and maintaining the public infrastructure continues to be a high priority. There is an ongoing need to address inadequate streets and sidewalks in poor surface condition, crumbling curbs in need of replacement and redesign to facilitate mobility for a cross-section of residents.
2	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Low Moderate
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	TBD
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Description</b>	Housing rehabilitation continues to be in high-demand in Hamburg. The older housing stock requires ongoing maintenance and upkeep to maintain decent living conditions.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The older housing stock in the community requires ongoing housing rehabilitation. The popularity of the program shows the ongoing need and high demand for housing rehabilitation.

3	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	TBD
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Description</b>	The Department of Community Development has jurisdiction and reporting duties over the town's economic development loan program. The economic development loans are part of the towns Community Development Block Grant funding and portfolio. Currently, the Town of Hamburg has an Agreement with the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) to administer its economic development program. The "HDC" is a direct sub-recipient of the Town of Hamburg and its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Economic development continues to be a high priority in order to increase economic activity and job creation.
4	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Elderly Frail Elderly Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	TBD
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	

<b>Description</b>	One of Hamburg's long-term Public Service projects is the Domestic Violence program. The intention of the towns Public Service projects was to always initiate funding for a specific project, then eventually back off the federal funding once the town funding or program fees took over to fund the programs budget. For the time being, it seems that the Town of Hamburg will be continuing its funding of the program, which will allow for CDBG fund withdrawal after many years. Other public service activities, including senior services (adult day service and fitness activities), may be funded over the next five years.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Public services continue to be a high priority in Hamburg.

**Table 13 – Priority Needs Summary**

**SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)**

**Introduction**

The Town of Hamburg’s 2015 “Draft” Action Plan has listed estimated funding amounts of CDBG and HOME funding. These amounts are based upon past funding and estimated amounts of funding for the 2015 program year based upon Congressional Omnibus funding and past program funding levels. Any increase or decrease of \$5,000.00 or less in specific funding designated for the Town of Hamburg’s 2015 program year will be applied to the specific project of “Program Administration”. Any increase or decrease greater than \$5,000.00 will be reviewed by the Town of Hamburg and incorporated into its 2015 “Final” Action Plan document. Specifically, any change in projects or project funding will be pointed out within the project budget section of the 2015 “Final” Action Plan document. The following table shows the estimated funding for FY 2015 in addition to the expected amount available for the remaining four years based on the estimate.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$370,000	\$200,000	0	\$570,000	\$2,280,000

**Table 14 - Anticipated Resources**

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will likely provide \$100,000 in Community Housing Development Organization funds to a project that also is seeking either federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits or funding from a State housing agency source. These are competitive projects. Points are awarded to applications that are able to show a commitment of matching resources. Thus early commitment of CHDO monies to a project assists in the scoring process.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the state that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

No. The Town of Hamburg does not own any land that will be used the address needs identified in the plan.

## **SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)**

### **Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

#### Strengths

A major positive of the institutional structure is the long history and relationship between the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning and the thirty-seven HOME Consortium municipalities. Over thirty years, the various public institutions have worked together to insure that the Consortium remains a positive structure bound through a variety of governance documents. These include 37 three-year cooperation agreements, memorandum of understanding, and a workable committee structure.

#### Gaps

A few gaps do exist within the institutional structure, which can prevent the Consortium from fully addressing needs noted in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. These are noted below.

Community-based organizations. The region has only two community-based organizations that deliver housing programs with funding through Erie County, HUD, and State housing areas. A geographic gap especially exists in the north and eastern areas. Households in these places can only access funding through the Consortium.

CHDOs. The existing CHDOs have been unable to satisfy the new HUD requirements regarding development experience and organizational capacity. This has created a severe shortage of CHDOs within the Consortium area.

The Southtowns Rural Preservation Corporation (SRPC) is a small agency serving much of the Southtowns. Although monies for housing rehab and homeownership can be accessed through the United States Department of Agriculture in the Southtowns, the great need for housing assistance in this area justifies exploration of establishing a new not-for-profit or expanded capacity for the SRPC.

Need for additional Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Although approximately eight CHDOs serve the Consortium area, their focus has too often been on construction of low-income senior housing. Although this is a high need, additional CHDO activity is required to promote family rental housing. This may require establishing new CHDOs, or expanding the reference point/priority of existing ones.

**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>	<b>Available in the Community</b>	<b>Targeted to Homeless</b>	<b>Targeted to People with HIV</b>
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X		
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X		
Utilities Assistance	X		
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X		
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X		X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X		
<b>Other</b>			
Other			

**Table 15 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>	<b>Description</b>
Counseling/Advocacy	The Consortium's and its partners provide counseling and advocacy services that seek to identify the needs of the homeless and link with appropriate treatment and other supports, and assist in finding safe, affordable, permanent housing
Legal Assistance	Legal assistance benefits include a handful of services available to all eligible individuals, whether they qualify for on-going benefits or not. These Legal Assistance benefits cover help with utility shut-offs, back rent, temporary shelter for people who are homeless; and emergency housing issues like help with emergency moving and storage costs and help getting a security agreement.

<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>	<b>Description</b>
Mortgage Assistance	The institutional delivery structure includes Counseling Agencies that can help homeowner get information on foreclosure counseling or loan modifications.
Rental Assistance	Counseling Agencies can help renters get information that include eviction prevention and referrals to emergency rental assistance. The homeless can explore transitional housing, section 8 subsidized housing units, and security deposit assistance programs.
Utilities Assistance	The Consortium's institutional structure includes utilities assistance through the HEAP. HEAP is federally funded assistance with home heating costs and energy conservation for eligible households. Program components include benefit assistance for heat and electricity, furnace repair or replacement, weatherization referral, and cooling assistance (in summer months-based on medical necessity).
Other Street Outreach Services	The Department of Social Services has contracted Crisis Services to serve homeless individuals in need of emergency shelter when DSS-Emergency Housing is closed.
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	
Child Care	The Day Care Unit provides integral referrals and information to all families, service providers, community-based organizations and divisions with the Erie County Department of Social Services. Referrals are provided to clients after determining the most effective level of services available.
Education	Various organizations in the institutional structure offer educational and vocational training for low-income populations. These programs include GED or certificate programs, specific skill development, resume writing, interview training, and assistance with locating jobs through job boards and referrals.
Employment and Employment Training	Employment assistance and training are provided by Restoration Society, Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, Workforce Investment Board, Niagara Frontier Vocational Training Center.
Healthcare	The Erie County Health Department's Indigent Nursing Program provides health assessment and some basic medical care to homeless individuals at various community service agencies. The Community Health Center also does medical assessments of low-income individuals in the community.
HIV/AIDS	The Planned Parenthood of Buffalo and Erie County Mobile Outreach Unit screens clients for sexually transmitted diseases and other medical needs.
Life Skills	The CASH coalition (Creating Assets Savings and Hope) continues to operate two "Hope Centers" that provide onsite access to financial management counselors, benefits counselors, and help with filing for the earned income tax credit.

Homelessness Prevention Services	Description
	These additional programs provide financial management intervention, counseling services, advice on budgeting and financial problems, and other life skills. The programs include: Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo, Catholic Charities, Business and Professional Women of Buffalo, and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

For Special Needs Populations there is a Single Port of Entry process. The Single Port of Entry process is widespread in Erie County and is used by several county departments. The purpose of the Single Port of Entry process is to have one shared record of each individual seeking some form of assistance through County programs. The tracking system utilizes a single data input process to obtain basic information on each person that can be used across program or departmental lines. Information is available to indicate what services have been or are being provided and tells service providers what other programs or departments are working with a particular individual. The system is also useful for services provided by organizations that are not part of the County government.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

The Homeless Alliance of WNY has developed a 10 year plan for improving services to the homeless population. The plan is made up of fourteen goals, and is divided into four sections, Education and Empowerment, Continuum of Care Coordination, Community Supports, and System Change.

The plan highlights the need for wider awareness and use of mainstream resources and existing community services. It advocates educating consumers, service providers, and the local community to empower people to better access the benefits and services for which they or their clients are eligible.

The Continuum of Care Alignment section includes six goals that aim to improve Erie County's homeless service system. The goals range from developing and codifying systematic approaches for addressing obstacles and meeting gaps to improving data collection and performance measurement efforts.

The Community Supports section contains three goals; 1) Enhance knowledge of existing housing stock in Erie County; 2) Increase availability of safe, adequate, and affordable permanent housing for all populations in all areas of Erie County; and 3) Support the development of local jobs that pay a self-sufficient wage.

Finally, the System Change Section has two goals; 1) Strengthen existing local homeless and poverty related coalitions; and 2) Expand governmental funding for homeless housing, services, and other safety net programs.

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$330,000	Other: 15 Other
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$250,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
3	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$625,000	Jobs created/retained: 25 Jobs

Table 16 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public infrastructure improvements, including road and waterline reconstruction, will continue to be high priorities for the Town of Hamburg and the villages of Hamburg and Blasdell.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The Town of Hamburg's Housing Renovation Revolving Loan program for low- and moderate- income clients. All funding for the 2015 (2015-2019) Program Year will come from the Revolving Loan Fund. It is anticipated that approximately five (5) persons/families will be assisted within the 2015 Program Year, or 25 over the next five years. This program remains one of the most popular programs offered to town residents.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds issued as loans to for-profit businesses for job creation and/or retention purposes. An estimated \$125,000 in revolving Loan Funds (RLF) is anticipated for use in PY 2015 (or \$625,000 over the next five years from 2015-2019).

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

The Town of Hamburg estimates the following assistance based on the identified program:

- 1) Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG): An estimated seven households will be assisted via the Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program is targeted towards low- and moderate-income households (80% and lower of MHI)
- 2) Housing Renovation Grants (HOME): An estimated seven households will be assisted via the Housing Renovation Grant Program. This program is targeted towards low- income households (50% and lower of MHI).

## **SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)**

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

In order to develop a more comprehensive understanding and plan of action for dealing with lead-based paint (LBP) hazards throughout Erie County, a meeting was held with representatives from the Erie County Health Department, the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, the Buffalo CDBG Office of Strategic Planning, and representatives of the Amherst-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda HOME Consortium and the Erie County HOME Consortium. A breakdown of the various programs and initiatives being carried out within the Consortium follows.

#### Child Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Program

Elevated blood lead levels (EBL) in children are the most critical issue in dealing with lead-based paint (LBP). Under a state funded and mandated program, the Erie County Department of Health (DOH) is required to respond to all cases of children with elevated blood levels. Most of these cases are referred to DOH by doctors or other medical professionals. Corrective action usually requires interim control, which basically stabilizes the housing unit's paint and makes the housing unit safe for occupancy; the cost of remediation is borne by the owner of the property.

#### Healthy Neighborhoods Program

Funded by a New York State grant, the Healthy Neighborhoods Program has been operated by DOH for about twenty years. The goal of the program is to identify housing conditions that lead to a poor quality of life and health hazards that may be detrimental to a household's well being. The program conducts door-to-door surveys to complete "sweeps" of designated high-risk neighborhoods. The program also offers referrals to other specific programs and agencies within Erie County that can assist occupants in improving their health, safety, or well-being. A visual paint assessment is completed through a home visit, and the occupant and/or owner are notified of potential lead hazards. Any housing violations that are cited are followed up with enforcement action.

#### Awareness, Education, and Prevention

The Erie County Department of Health has several brochures on its lead poisoning prevention program, including phone numbers to call for information and assistance. In January 2009, the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo was awarded a \$300,000 grant from HUD to undertake an outreach program to promote awareness, education and prevention for lead-

based paint hazards. The outreach program is underway and includes billboard, radio, TV, and door-to-door initiatives along with sponsorship of various meetings.

### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

#### Lead Hazard Control Program

LEADSAFE Erie County's Lead Hazard Control Program is a low-cost initiative available to property owners, qualifying families and home-based daycares. The program requires the homeowner to make an in-kind contribution to the cost of the interim control work. This contribution is based on the property owner's income (on a sliding scale basis) and at most, may cost the owner up to a maximum of 12 percent of the total hazard control costs associated with the unit.

Funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and matching funds for the new grant cycle 2014 - 2017 from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, LeadSAFE Erie County provides lead hazard identification and contracted labor & supplies to remediate and control lead hazards at your property. This program is NOT intended to perform non-lead-related renovations or home rehabilitation work.

#### Lead-Based Paint Remediation in the Erie County CDBG Consortium

There are several components of lead hazard reduction efforts integrated into the Consortium's housing policies and programs. Education includes verbal and printed information regarding lead-based paint hazards distributed at intake for housing rehabilitation programs. Brochures, including "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" from the EPA (May, 1995) are included in every housing application, for every housing program in the Consortium. Additional information is provided for those who do not pass a visual assessment for lead-based paint hazards ("Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work" by HUD). A community program, "Lead Hazard Control Training" offered by Lead Connections, is also recommended for applicants and potential applicants.

Efforts to assure compliance include visual assessments, verbal questioning during intake, and written questions on the rehabilitation application form. All housing cases include a visual assessment for lead-based paint hazards: peeling, cracking, chipping or flaking paint. If the home fails a visual assessment, it must be abated and cleared by certified lead paint firm.

Through the DEP Housing Programs, risk assessments for lead-based paint hazards are undertaken on properties built before 1978 that show evidence of flaking or damaged paint and/or that will undergo rehabilitation where painted surfaces will be disturbed. During the

2009-2013 period, 73% - 96% of the properties that were rehabilitated required LBP hazard remediation.

Although most of the housing units that are rehabilitated through Consortium programs have lead-based paint hazards present, the Erie County Department of Health indicates very few cases of elevated blood levels are reported each year within the Erie County HOME Consortium. In 2013, there were 24 reported cases of elevated blood levels in children in the Consortium.

In all of its housing assistance programs, The Consortium will evaluate all properties built prior to 1978 and require remediation where lead-based paint hazards are present. The foregoing would suggest that the incidence of lead-based paint hazards is a manageable problem within the Erie County CDBG Consortium and the Town of Hamburg.

#### Private LBP Hazard Remediation

In addition to governmental initiatives, a significant amount of LBP hazard remediation is taking place privately within the Consortium as individuals and families undertake rehabilitation and improvement of properties in which they currently live or have recently purchased. Many of these households, however, are likely to be above low- and moderate-income levels.

The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo recently did a re-launch of its Wipe Out Lead Campaign. Specifically, they targeted billboards, bus shelters, and interior ad cards to raise lead awareness and also to promote a texting campaign for more information. The county health department helped to fund this recent ad blitz. The larger goals of the Wipe Out Lead Campaign include fostering partnerships with various private, public and non-profit organizations to promote awareness, education and prevention for lead-based paint hazards.

## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

The Erie County Department of Social Services is involved in numerous efforts to reduce the number of people living below the poverty level. The Department relies heavily on direct contact with other agencies, many of which seek to find employment for Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients. A few of these agencies are the New York State Department of Labor, the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, and area school districts.

The Department of Social Services hopes to bring 1,200 persons per year for each of the next five years over the poverty level. The following programs are employed to help meet this objective:

#### Welfare Reform

- a) **Transitional Opportunity Program (TOP):** The Transitional Opportunity Program was developed to provide supportive services to TANF clients that have recently exited from the TA system due to employment. TOP provides an array of post-employment job retention services to continue to support families as they negotiate the world of work. The TOP philosophy is to provide continued support so those obstacles between working families and independence can be overcome.
- b) **Transition to Work Teams:** Employed TANF clients are being served by special teams to assure smooth transitions from welfare to work to independence. Team staff members provide benefit counseling, child care authorizations, and transitional Medicaid and Child Care upon case closing.
- c) **Job Clubs:** All employable applicants for TA are assigned to a three- week Job Club as a requirement to receive benefits. During this time participants receive training on job searching and job retention and are given a resume and job leads. This has resulted in many job placements for participants and has diverted them from receiving TA.

#### Employment Programs

- a) **Wage Subsidy programs:** The Department sponsors the PIVOT wage subsidy program, which provides a six-month wage subsidy to area employers for hiring a TANF client. There are over 400 clients placed annually, with a job retention rate of over 80%.
- b) **Workfare:** All employable recipients are required to be in a work activity. The Department has developed worksite “hubs” throughout the City of Buffalo where clients

are assigned to report. At these hubs the client receives work experience and also needed training including GED and ESL. Close supervision is provided and qualified individuals are identified and recommended by the site supervisors for available jobs.

- c) BRIDGE: This program developed as a result of coordination between the Department of Social Services and the State University of New York.
- d) (SUNY). SUNY operates the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), which provides job training and educational preparation services to low- income individuals.

#### Interagency Initiatives

- a) The Erie County Parks Opportunity Program (POP): This program is a systematic approach to gradually increase clients' skill and knowledge levels through a partnership with the Buffalo Board of Education and Greater Buffalo Works, a not-for-profit training entity. The program calls for TANF clients to participate in a four-week training program and then be assigned to a workfare site to utilize the skills learned and then to be linked with available jobs.

#### Family Preservation and Domestic Violence

- a) Domestic Violence: The Department's Domestic Violence Unit works closely with staff in all program areas to assist victims of domestic violence to find safe housing, needed counseling, and linkage to any needed services. Staff members work closely with The Family Violence Center to coordinate efforts and assure safety.
- b) The Erie County Works Center: This is a unit designed to do two things: quickly determine the employability of applicants and to reconnect them to the job market as soon as possible. Emphasis is placed on seeking employment for all able-bodied applicants; medical/mental health attention is provided for those currently unemployable.

One of Hamburg's Public Service projects in existence for many years is the Domestic Violence program. The intention of the towns Public Service projects was to always initiate funding for a specific project, then eventually back off the federal funding once the town funding or program fees took over to fund the programs budget. The Department of Community Development eliminated its CDBG financial support for the Domestic Violence program. This is based upon the town's reluctance to fund the program without the CDBG Public Service funds. As with all of its public service activities, the Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development initiates an eligible project with CDBG public service funds. After funding a specific project for

several years, a slow phase out of CDBG funds is instituted so other Public Service programs can be initiated. Hamburg's withdrawal of funding for this program was not the end of the program as it existed. For the time being, it seems that the Town of Hamburg will be continuing its funding of the program, which will allow for CDBG fund withdrawal after many years.

**How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

By reducing poverty in Hamburg, more households are able to afford housing. The First-Time Homebuyer program is one clear effort to link affordable housing to poverty reduction.

## **SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development will continue to monitor its sub-recipient, the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC), on a bi-annual basis as has been done in the past.

The Hamburg Town Board has directed the Department of Community Development to assist the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) with economic development funds through the use of CDBG Program Income funds. To this end, the HDC provides economic development loans that are geared toward job creation and/or job retention. Over the past several years, the Department of Community Development has required the HDC to update its program application and to also update and amend its reporting requirements to be consistent with the regulations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In order to ensure that the HDC was following the proper HUD required regulations, the Department of Community Development completes bi-annual monitoring of the HDC that includes on site reviews of loan files, job creation numbers, evaluation of its program and the effectiveness in which the funds are utilized. Twice a year the Department of Community Development specifically monitors the HDC, its books, files and records to ensure that the CDBG funding provided to the HDC is utilized in a way that is eligible within the regulations for the CDBG program.

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### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The Town of Hamburg’s 2015 “Draft” Action Plan has listed estimated funding amounts of CDBG and HOME funding. These amounts are based upon past funding and estimated amounts of funding for the 2015 program year based upon Congressional Omnibus funding and past program funding levels. Any increase or decrease of \$5,000.00 or less in specific funding designated for the Town of Hamburg’s 2015 program year will be applied to the specific project of “Program Administration”. Any increase or decrease greater than \$5,000.00 will be reviewed by the Town of Hamburg and incorporated into its 2015 “Final” Action Plan document. Specifically, any change in projects or project funding will be pointed out within the project budget section of the 2015 “Final” Action Plan document.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$370,000	\$200,000	0	\$570,000	\$2,280,000

**Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will likely provide \$100,989 in Community Housing Development Organization funds to a project that also is seeking either federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits or funding from a State housing agency source. These are competitive projects. Points are awarded to applications that are able to show a commitment of matching resources.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

No publically owned land is available in the Town of Hamburg to address the needs identified in the plan.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$325,000	Other: 3 Other
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
3	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$125,000	Jobs created/retained: 5 Jobs

Table 2 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development

## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

#	Project Name
1	Planning/Administration
2	Village of Hamburg
3	Town of Hamburg Infrastructure Reconstruction (Paving)
4	Village of Blasdell
5	Economic Development
6	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

**Table 3 – Project Information**

### **Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

The Town of Hamburg’s 2015 Action Plan is based on anticipated FY 2015 CDBG allocations and anticipated CDBG program income.

Infrastructure improvements continue to be a high allocation priority, in addition to housing rehabilitation and economic development.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning/Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Planning/Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning/Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	Planning/Administration
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	NA.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, PA 14075
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding for annual program planning and administrative activities.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Village of Hamburg
	<b>Target Area</b>	Victory Avenue from E. Main Street to E. Union
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	Waterline replacement (Victory Avenue from E. Main Street to E. Union)

	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Victory Avenue from E. Main to E. Union.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Waterline replacement.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Town of Hamburg Infrastructure Reconstruction (Paving)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eligible areas.
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG funding for the Town of Hamburg to purchase materials to repave town roads within eligible target areas. Work to be completed by the Town of Hamburg Highway Department in-kind.
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD.
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Town of Hamburg Infrastructure Reconstruction (Paving).
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Village of Blasdell
	<b>Target Area</b>	Salisbury Avenue from Miller to Maple
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements

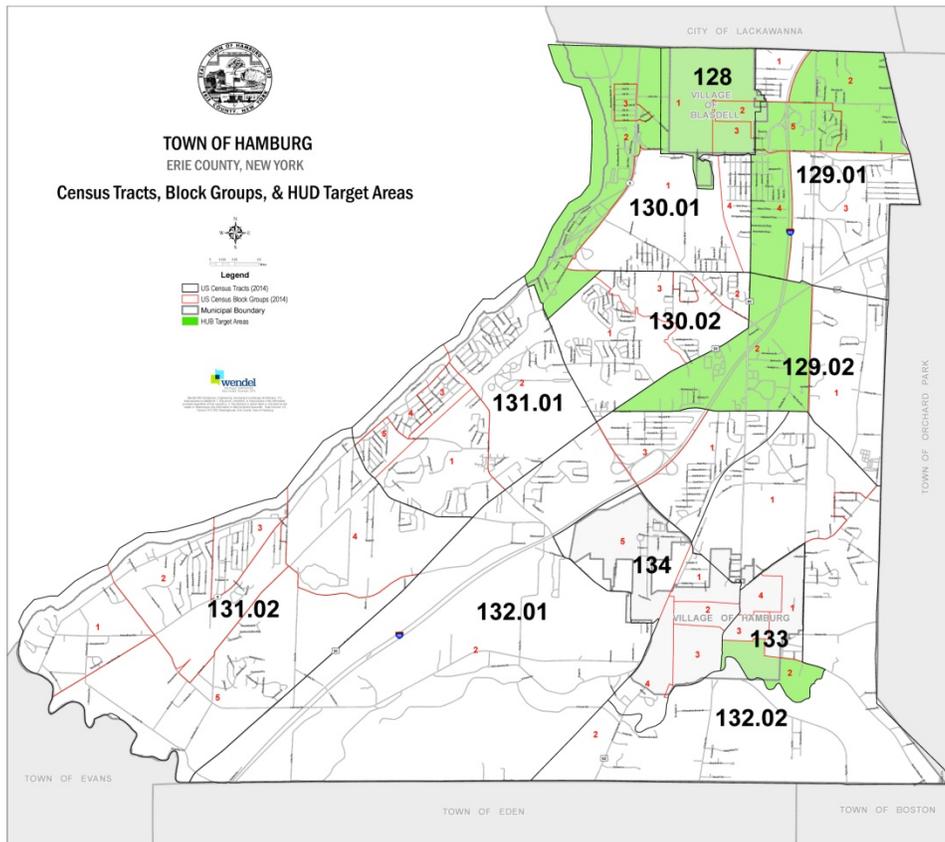
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	Road reconstruction (Salisbury Avenue from Miller to Maple)
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Salisbury Avenue from Miller to Maple.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Infrastructure reconstruction.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	TBD
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Access to business loans
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,000 (Program Income Only)
	<b>Description</b>	Provision of Revolving Loan Funds only (program income) to continue the loan fund to for-profit businesses through the Hamburg Development Corporation for job creation/retention purposes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Funds issued as loans to for-profit businesses for job creation and/or retention purposes. An estimated \$125,000 in revolving Loan Funds (RLF) is anticipated for use in PY 2015.
	<b>Location Description</b>	It is anticipated that two loans at \$75,000 each will be completed creating a minimum of five (5) jobs.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds issued as loans to for-profit businesses for job creation and/or retention purposes. An estimated \$125,000 in revolving Loan Funds (RLF) is anticipated for use in PY 2015.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	TBD
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000 (Program Income Only)
	<b>Description</b>	Provision of Revolving Loan Funds ONLY to continue the Town of Hamburg's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan program for low and moderate income clients. It is anticipated that five (5) persons/families will be assisted in 2015.
	<b>Target Date</b>	1/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Provision of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) ONLY to continue the Town of Hamburg's Housing Renovation Revolving Loan program for low and moderate income clients. All funding for the 2015 Program Year will come from the Revolving Loan Fund. It is anticipated that approximately five (5) persons/families will be assisted within the 2015 Program Year. This program remains one of the most popular programs offered to town residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing rehabilitation.	

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The following map shows the defined low- and moderate- income (LMI) areas based on the updated 2014 data.



### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG funds are intended to provide low- and moderate- income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities to be funded with CDBG funds include public improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents;
- Focusing on low- and moderate-income persons, areas, or neighborhoods;
- Coordinating and leveraging of resources;
- Responding to expressed needs;
- Achieving sustainability and/or long-term impact;
- Having the ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

In FY 2015, the Town of Hamburg plans the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of Town residents, especially low- and moderate- income residents.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The chief obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of, or inadequate, resources---both financial and human (staffing). The Town of Hamburg will continue to collaborate with human and social service agencies and the Continuum of Care to identify potential resources for meeting the service needs of City residents. The Town of Hamburg will support the efforts of service agencies in Erie County to maximize the use of available resources and to obtain additional resources whenever possible.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

In FY 2015, the Town of Hamburg will use \$50,000 in CDBG Program Income to assist five families/units with housing rehabilitation.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

In all of its housing assistance programs, The Consortium will evaluate all properties built prior to 1978 and require remediation where lead-based paint hazards are present. The foregoing would suggest that the incidence of lead-based paint hazards is a manageable problem within the Erie County CDBG Consortium and the Town of Hamburg.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The Erie County Department of Social Services is involved in numerous efforts to reduce the number of people living below the poverty level. The Department relies heavily on direct contact with other agencies, many of which seek to find employment for Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients. A few of these agencies are the New York State Department of Labor, the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, and area school districts.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The Town of Hamburg Department of Community Development has primary responsibility for administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program entitlement grants received annually by the Town of Hamburg. The Community Development Department acts as a local lending institution by issuing housing

and mobile home rehabilitation loans for low and moderate income persons or families. Additionally, as part of the duties of any financial institution, the department also receives and records all of the loan payments from its housing and mobile home rehabilitation program recipients. On a weekly basis, the department forwards the loan payments and paperwork to the Town's Finance Department where a complete "double check" system is in place to prevent errors. The individual loan payments coming back into the program act as recycled funds and are utilized to make additional rehabilitation loans.

In addition, the Department of Community Development also has jurisdiction and reporting duties over the town's economic development loan program. The economic development loans are part of the towns Community Development Block Grant funding and portfolio.

Currently, the Town of Hamburg has an Agreement with the Hamburg Development Corporation (HDC) to administer its economic development program. The "HDC" is a direct sub-recipient of the Town of Hamburg and its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The town monitors the HDC loan program semi-annually to ensure compliance with all regulations of the CDBG program. The HDC is charged with issuing loans to "for-profit" businesses in return for job creation activities with said businesses.

**Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

See previous answer.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

### **AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)**

#### **Introduction**

#### **Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)**

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities

Total Program Income

#### **Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities

## Appendix

# SF-424

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="2/13/2015"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text" value="B-15-MC-36-0013"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>State Use Only:</b>		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Town of Hamburg, NY"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="16-6002270"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0010049440000"/>	
<b>d. Address:</b>		
* Street1:	<input type="text" value="6100 South Park Avenue"/>	
Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City:	<input type="text" value="Hamburg"/>	
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State:	<input type="text" value="NY: New York"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="14075"/>	
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Christopher"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Hull"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Community Development"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(716) 648 - 6216"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="chull@townofhamburgny.com"/>		

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

\* Title:

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

Add Attachment

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Projects include infrastructure reconstruction or improvements within eligible target areas; housing renovations loans; economic development.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="370,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="200,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="570,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:   
Middle Name:   
\* Last Name:   
Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed:

# Citizen Participation

**DAILY DRINK SPECIALS**

**DAILY HAPPY HOUR** 4 PM - 7 PM  
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 • 16 OZ DOMESTIC DRAFTS  
 • HOUSE WINE  
**\$3**

<b>MONDAY</b> 6 PM - MIDNIGHT LABATT BLUE OR BLUE LIGHT <b>\$3.75 \$5</b> 24 OZ. 32 OZ. MINI DRAFTS PITCHER	<b>TUESDAY</b> ALL DAY 12 OZ. DOMESTIC BEER BUCKETS <b>\$15</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ALL DAY WELL MIXED DRINKS <b>\$2.75</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 6 PM - MIDNIGHT LABATT BLUE OR BLUE LIGHT <b>\$3.75 \$5</b> 24 OZ. 32 OZ. MINI DRAFTS PITCHER
<b>FUN FRIDAY</b> 4 PM - CLOSE 12 OZ DOMESTIC BEER 16 OZ DOMESTIC DRAFTS WELL DRINKS HOUSE WINE <b>\$3</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> ALL DAY 20 OZ. DOMESTIC DRAFTS <b>\$3.50</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> NOON - MIDNIGHT LABATT BLUE OR BLUE LIGHT <b>\$3.75 \$5</b> 24 OZ. 32 OZ. MINI DRAFTS PITCHER	Hometown Hockey Games Special LABATT BLUE - BLUE LIGHT <b>\$2.75 \$9</b> 16 OZ. LARGE DRAFTS PITCHERS

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**“Public Hearing Notices”**  
**Town of Hamburg**  
**Department of Community Development**  
**Program Year 2015**  
**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) &**  
**Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs**

**NOTICE is hereby given that public hearings will be held on the following dates and times (local time) in the Lobby at Hamburg Town Hall; 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075 regarding the use of federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for the 2015 program year.**

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 13, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 15, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 27, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, October 29, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Monday, November 10, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Monday, November 24, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of these hearings is to provide an opportunity for Hamburg citizens to express community development and housing needs, to discuss projects and/or programs to meet said needs and to review past progress with the CDBG and HOME programs. Citizens are urged to attend these hearings to voice their opinions for projects which benefit low/moderate income persons in the Town of Hamburg and also within the Villages of Hamburg and Blasdell for the 2015 program year (4/1/2015-3/31/2016). Hamburg Town Hall is accessible and persons who need special assistance should call the phone number listed below. Any questions or comments may be directed to the Department of Community Development, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075, (716) 648-6216

Town of Hamburg  
CDBG-HOME 2015

Public Hearing Sign - in Sheet  
Tuesday, October 7, 2014; 7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Lobby

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Town of Hamburg  
 CDBG-HOME 2015

Public Hearing Sign - in Sheet  
 Monday, October 15, 2014; 6:00 p.m.  
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Linda Rega	70H-CD	781-862-1111



**Town of Hamburg**  
**CDBG-HOME 2015**  
**Public Hearing Sign - in Sheet**  
**Monday, November 24, 2014; 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall Lobby**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number/E-Mail</i>
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Jennifer Reinaga		

# **TOWN OF HAMBURG**

**Department of Community Development**

**6100 South Park Avenue \* Hamburg \* New York 14075**

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**Director of Community Development: Christopher Hull**

**Hamburg Town Board: Supervisor Steven J. Walters \* Councilwoman Cheryl L. Potter - Juda \* Councilman Michael P. Quinn, Jr.**



**Town of Hamburg  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
Funding History 1975 - 2014**

**Era One: 1975 - 1984 (Through Erie County Consortium - 10 Years)**

**Era Two: 1985 - 2014 (Town of Hamburg - 30 Years)**

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**Funding History 1975 - 1984 (Erie County Administration)**

<b><u>CD Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Funded:</u></b>
CD 1	1975	\$ 82,352.00
CD 2	1976	\$ 194,704.00
CD 3	1977	\$ 252,700.00
CD 4	1978	\$ 327,410.00
CD 5	1979	\$ 333,410.00
CD 6	1980	\$ 327,410.00
CD 7	1981	\$ 327,410.00
CD 8	1982	\$ 289,312.00
CD 9	1983	\$ 274,181.00
CD 10	1984	\$ 327,464.00
<b>TOTAL CD 1 (1975) - CD 10 (1984)</b>		<b>\$2,736,353.00</b>

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**Funding History 1985 - 2014 (Town of Hamburg Administration)**

<b><u>CD Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Funded:</u></b>	<b><u>CD Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Year:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Funded:</u></b>
CD 11	1985	\$406,000.00	CD 26	2000	\$513,000.00
CD 12	1986	\$346,000.00	CD 27	2001	\$551,000.00
CD 13	1987	\$348,000.00	CD 28	2002	\$498,000.00
CD 14	1988	\$330,000.00	CD 29	2003	\$524,000.00
CD 15	1989	\$343,000.00	CD 30	2004	\$529,000.00
CD 16	1990	\$324,000.00	CD 31	2005	\$505,273.00
CD 17	1991	\$366,000.00	CD 32	2006	\$473,313.00
CD 18	1992	\$386,000.00	CD 33	2007	\$465,537.00
CD 19	1993	\$429,000.00	CD 34	2008	\$467,151.00
CD 20	1994	\$468,000.00	CD 35	2009	\$486,407.00
CD 21	1995	\$516,000.00	CD 36	2010	\$534,520.00
CD 22	1996	\$502,000.00	CD 37	2011	\$450,649.00
CD 23	1997	\$493,000.00	CD 38	2012	\$374,605.00
CD 24	1998	\$478,000.00	CD 39	2013	\$390,067.00
CD 25	1999	\$481,000.00	CD 40	2014	\$373,959.00

**Sub -Total; CD 11 (1985) - CD 40 (2014) \$13,352,481**

**Total; CD 1 (1975) - CD 40 (2014) \$16,088,834**

**Town of Hamburg**  
**"Draft" 2015 - One Year Action Plan (Project Budgets)**

**Community Development Block Grant/Program Income/HOME Program**

**CDBG Line of Credit Funds:**

Program Planning and Administration (CDBG)	\$ 40,000.00
Town of Hamburg Infrastructure Reconstruction (Highway Department)	\$150,000.00
Village of Hamburg; Waterline Reconstruction	\$100,000.00
Village of Blasdell; Infrastructure Reconstruction	\$ 80,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL 2015 CDBG FUNDING AMOUNT:</u></b>	<b><u>\$370,000.00</u></b>

**CDBG Anticipated Program Income Funds:**

Housing Rehabilitation (Program Income)	\$ 65,000.00
Economic Development (Program Income Only)	\$110,000.00
Planning and Administration (Program Income)	\$ 25,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME:</u></b>	<b><u>\$200,000.00</u></b>

**2015 Home Investment Partnership Program (Town of Hamburg only):**

Planning and Administration (Total)	\$ 11,109.00
(Hamburg Use)	(\$8,332.00)
[Erie County Use]	[\$2,777.00]
Seven (7) Housing Renovation Grants	\$ 80,000.00
Program Delivery	\$ 3,316.00
CHDO	\$ 16,663.00
<b><u>TOTAL 2015 HOME FUNDING AMOUNT:</u></b>	<b><u>\$111,088.00</u></b>

**Total 2015 "DRAFT" One Year Action Plan Funding:** **\$681,088.00**