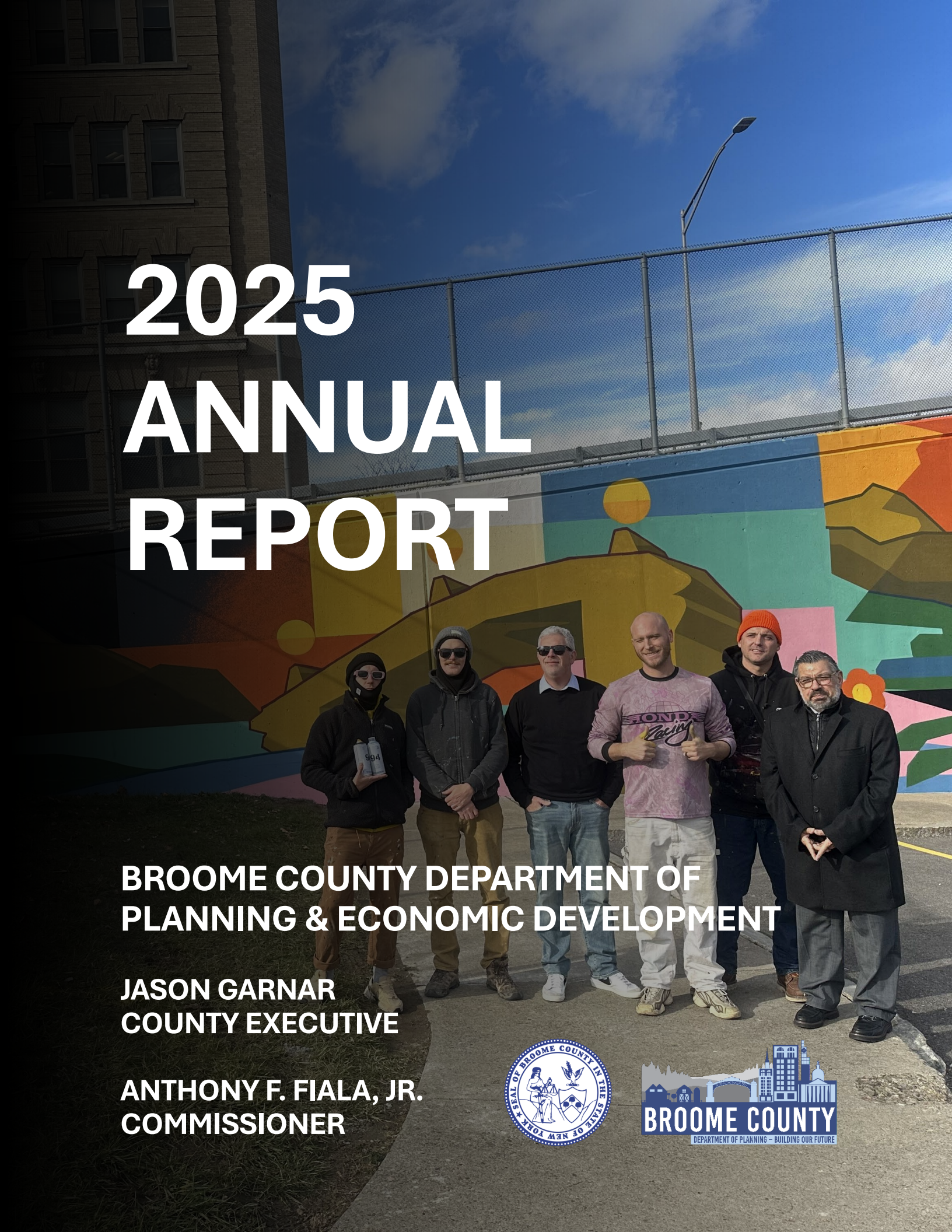


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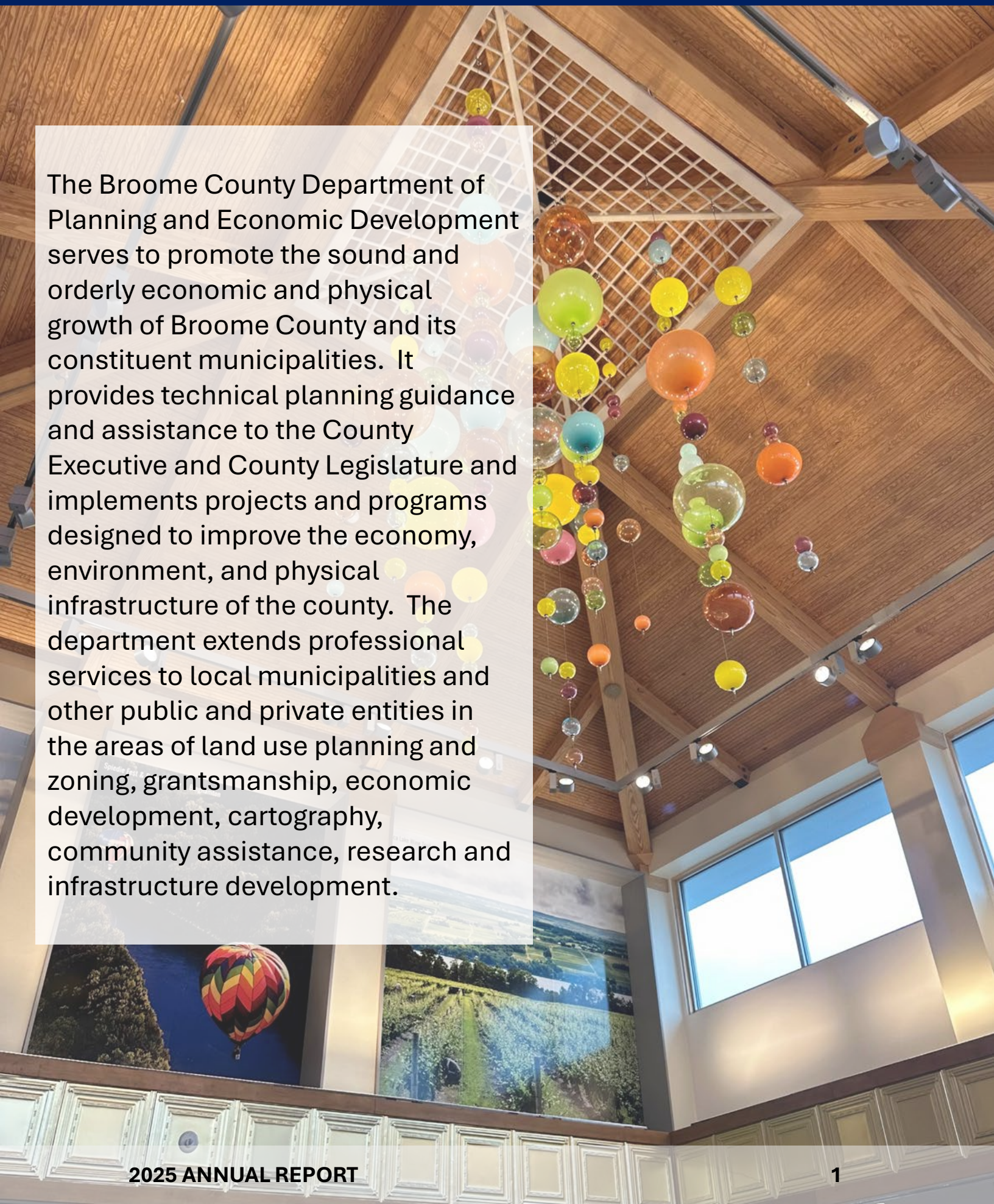
BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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BROOME COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – BUILDING OUR FUTURE

MISSION STATEMENT



The Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development serves to promote the sound and orderly economic and physical growth of Broome County and its constituent municipalities. It provides technical planning guidance and assistance to the County Executive and County Legislature and implements projects and programs designed to improve the economy, environment, and physical infrastructure of the county. The department extends professional services to local municipalities and other public and private entities in the areas of land use planning and zoning, grantsmanship, economic development, cartography, community assistance, research and infrastructure development.

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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this year's Annual Report for the office of Planning and Economic Development of Broome County. Over the past year, our mission has remained clear to foster sustainable growth, create opportunities for all our residents and strengthen the economic resilience of all our cities, towns and villages.

Broome County has worked diligently to attract new investments, support local businesses and developers and modernize infrastructure. Broome County's targeted initiatives have helped generate quality jobs, expand workforce training and programs, increased housing stock, improved needed infrastructure upgrades and fostered existing and new relationships with developers and business owners.

Some of the County's accomplishments in 2025 include:

- An award of $6.289 million from the Pro Housing Community Supply Fund from NYS Empire State Development for infrastructure and development of 68 two-bedroom units on Columbia Drive in Johnson City.
- An award of $500,000 from the NYS Empire State Development Infrastructure Grant for infrastructure upgrades at Eagle Drive for Phase 2 of an additional 33 townhouses at Homestead Village in the Town of Union.
- The continued growth of the former Oakdale Mall, to the Oakdale Commons which this past year includes building of 125 units of workforce housing, a 208-space childcare facility, additional medical offices and the groundbreaking of the long-waited Chick Fil-A.
- BAE Systems continue to grow its operations in Broome County. In February BAE Systems announced a significant $65 million dollar investment in Endicott. This will expand the facilities by 150,000 sq. feet and create 134 new jobs at the Huron Campus.

Our hope is that this years Annual Report will give you an appreciation of the work that Broome County is doing in Planning and Economic Development. I would like to thank the County Executive and the Legislature for their commitment to recognizing our department and the hard work and countless hours dedicated to the betterment of our community. As we look ahead, the Office of Planning and Economic Development continues to remain committed to building an economy that is innovative, inclusive and prepared for the future.

With Deepest Gratitude,

Anthony F. Fiala, Jr. Commissioner



COUNTYWIDE PLANNING

BROOME COUNTY COUNTYWIDE RESILIENCY PLAN

The Broome County Planning Department officially launched the Countywide Resiliency Plan (CRP) in 2025. A Resiliency Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed and met several times throughout the year to provide direction to the planning process and review information and documents. During these meetings, the committee provided input on the draft vision statement, Community Outreach and Engagement Plan, and the preliminary Socio-Economic Analysis.

October 2025 marked the beginning of stakeholder engagement with the first focus group event involving representatives from key community-serving organizations. This meeting included a presentation introducing the CRP, followed by breakout group exercises where participants strategized on inter-organizational linkages and coordination during various hazard events.

This plan is supported with funding provided by the NYS Department of State under Title 3 the Environmental Protection Fund.



BROOME COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Following the completion of the Broome County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in late 2024, the Planning Department spent 2025 coordinating with municipalities to adopt the HMP. By September 2025, Broome County reached 100% adoption across all participating municipalities. This ensures that Broome County and its local communities maintain eligibility for federal non-emergency disaster assistance.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY UPDATE

The NRI Update will leverage current data, enhance mapping, and complete analyses to catalog the county's natural assets. The goal is to establish a framework for resource protection and conservation strategies to guide future land use and environmental management planning.

In 2025, the Planning Department completed procurement and selected a consultant to assist with the development of the plan. In September, an internal scoping meeting was held to finalize the project work plan, deliverables, and data requirements.

This plan is supported with funding provided by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities Program.



Photo: "Reflections" by Sarah Thorson, 2011 JKLS Photo Show

ARTS & CULTURAL STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

In 2025, the Planning Department officially launched the Arts and Culture Strategic Master Plan for Broome and Tioga Counties. This plan serves as an update to the 2009 Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan and will identify and quantify the region's creative and historical assets, analyze the economic impact of arts and culture in the region, and develop recommendations to leverage these assets.

In partnership with the project team, the Planning Department held a kickoff meeting, established the project steering committee, and initiated data collection. Other efforts focused on outlining the public engagement strategy for the plan and development of the Asset Inventory Mapper database.

This plan is supported with funding provided by NYS Empire State Development's Strategic Planning and Feasibility Studies Grant.





COMMUNITY PLANNING

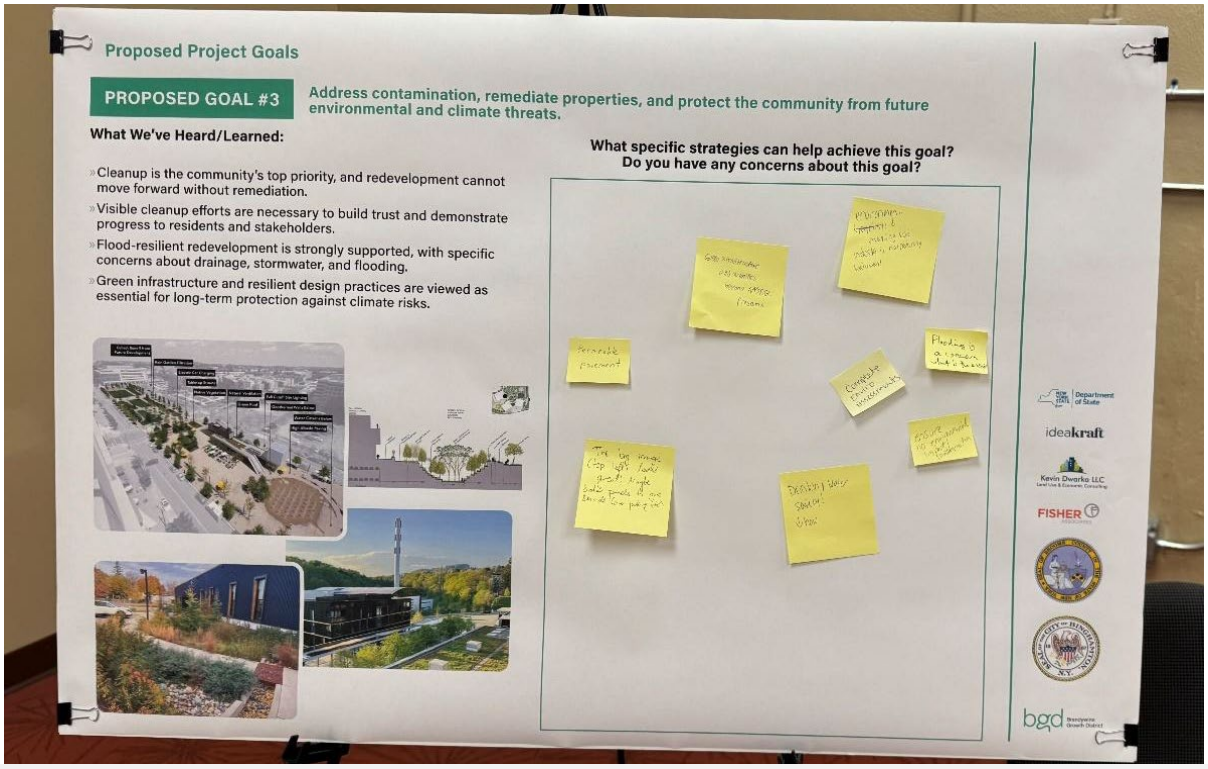
BRANDYWINE BOA REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN

Developed in coordination with the City of Binghamton, the Brandywine BOA Revitalization Plan aims to develop strategic analyses and a master plan to advance key actions from the 2013 Nomination Study, establishing a foundation for future revitalization and redevelopment.

The project launched in January 2025 with an internal kickoff and the formation of a 13-member Project Advisory Committee (PAC) representing government, business, and community interests. Throughout the year, the PAC worked to refine the vision for the Brandywine Growth District, specifically addressing highway access, infrastructure feasibility, and future development opportunities.

Community engagement was a central focus of project activities in 2025. Two public meetings were organized to identify local priorities and gather feedback on the project's vision, goals, and future land uses. These were supplemented with community surveys, which allowed residents to share experiences and shape priorities for future recommendations. These community insights were integrated into the planning documents to ensure the final plan is data-driven and supported by the community.

This plan is supported with funding provided by the NYS Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program.



IDISTRICTS PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

In 2025, Broome County oversaw the final mural installations of the Greater Binghamton Fund iDistricts Public Art Program. Following the coordination efforts initiated in 2024, the mural at 214 Main Street in Johnson City was completed in June 2025. The program's final project, located on the Chenango Street viaduct in Binghamton, was completed in November 2025.

The completion of these final projects marks the successful conclusion of the program, resulting in a total of 19 murals and over 20,000 square feet of public art across the Binghamton, Johnson City, and Endicott iDistricts. These installations were received with great enthusiasm from the community, enhancing the cultural identity and vibrancy of our downtown areas. Building on this success, the Planning Department is exploring additional opportunities to continue and expand the public art program in the future.





Photo: Often Seen Rarely Spoken

ENDICOTT ART PARK

Construction on the Endicott Art Park started in August 2025 which included completion of site preparation/demolition, installation of drainage, water, and electrical utilities, as well as paving and purchase of amenities. In September, the Planning Department worked with the Village of Endicott and the project team to develop a concept for the public art installation, titled “A Bright Future” which focuses on Endicott’s innovative history and future.

This project transforms a parking lot into a multi-functional gathering space with amenities such as a 6-foot illuminated art installation, small performance pavilion, lighting, walkways, seat walls and benches, and trees and landscaping.

The Endicott Art Park and iDistrict Public Art Program are supported with funding provided by the NYS Upstate Revitalization Initiative Transform Greater Binghamton Fund.



Photo: Creative Machines



TRAIL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

CHUGNUT TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT

The Chugnut Trail Extension Project bid was awarded and the groundbreaking took place in March 2025. Progress was made on the trail's base work during the 2025 construction season. The Planning Department worked with DPW – Engineering Division and project consultants to revise the design approach for a segment of the trail, with project completion anticipated in 2026.





AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The Planning Department, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), oversees the agricultural district annual enrollment period. This provides an opportunity for landowners to submit parcels for inclusion to receive certain protections provided by the NYS Agricultural Districts Program.

In 2025, the Planning Department worked with CCE Broome, the County Legislature, and the Broome County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board to review and approve applications, hold a public hearing, complete the SEQR process, and compile the necessary documentation for NYS Ag & Markets approval. As a result, 11 parcels covering approximately 285 acres were added to Broome County Agricultural District #5 in March.

AGRICULTURE MUNICIPAL TRAINING SESSION

In August 2025, the Planning Department partnered with CCE Broome to host a municipal training session for municipal planning and zoning board members. The training featured speakers from NYS Ag & Markets and a panel of local farmers, covering topics such as tools to protect agriculture land and shared experiences of farmers navigating planning and zoning regulations.

AGRICULTURAL STORYMAP

In 2025, the Planning Department strengthened its support for the local agricultural economy by touring local farms with CCE and launching an interactive Agricultural StoryMap. This tool is intended to serve as resource for understanding the county's agricultural landscape.

The StoryMap features a brief history of agriculture in Broome County, along with key metrics from the 2022 Census of Agriculture highlighting trends over the past five years. Additionally, users can view the Agricultural Land Use & Soils Maps and Farm Spotlight section that showcases the diversity of local agricultural operations and fosters the public's understanding of the county's agricultural heritage.



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Broome County is a bronze-certified Climate Smart Community through the program sponsored by various New York State agencies. This designation establishes Broome County as a leader in sustainability and gives the county an extra advantage when applying for state grant funds.

To support future recertification of the county's Climate Smart status, the Department continued progress on multiple pledge element action items in 2025, including:

- PE 1 Action: CSC Task Force (20 points)
- PE 3 Action: Interior Lighting Upgrades (1 point)
- PE 4 Action: Electric Landscaping Equipment (3 points)
- PE 6 Action: Infrastructure for Biking and Walking (3 points)
- PE 6 Action: Natural Resources Inventory (8 points)
- PE 9 Action: Climate Change Education and Engagement (4 points)
- PE 9 Action: Social Media (3 points)

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

In 2025, the Planning Department progressed work on the Clean Energy Communities Designation and Action Grants. Energy audits were completed for the George Harvey Justice Building and the Broome County Courts Family Annex. Planning coordinated with the Facilities Department to begin LED lighting upgrades at the Justice Building. The Department also worked with the Parks Department to identify opportunities to reduce GHG emissions and noise with electric landscaping equipment upgrades.

This project is supported with funding provided by NYS Energy Research and Development Authority's Clean Energy Communities Program.



BROOME-TIOGA STORMWATER COALITION

In 2025, the Planning Department continued to support the Broome-Tioga Stormwater Coalition (BTSC), a collaborative of municipalities dedicated to addressing local stormwater issues and ensuring compliance with federal and state mandates.

Planning's contributions primarily focused on public education and participation requirements of the program which included coordination of the annual Riverbank Cleanup, held on October 18, 2025.

In 2025, the Planning Department supported the BTSC by serving as the fiscal pass-through for a Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant. Southern Tier 8 (ST8) will use funding to complete mandated MS4 mapping requirements. Throughout the year, Planning coordinated the work plan and contract with the NYSDEC, while our GIS Department provided direct support to the BTSC by updating datasets and training local municipalities on field collection software to ensure seamless data integration into the Asset Mapper database.



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Broome County Environmental Management Council (EMC), serves as a citizen advisory board to county government on environmental matters. In 2025, the Planning Department provided support, facilitating the EMC's bi-monthly meetings and membership management.

The Annual EMC Riverbank Cleanup, organized by the Riverbank Cleanup Committee in October, marked its largest event in recent years. This initiative, crucial for promoting water quality and meeting state and federal stormwater regulations, engaged 380 volunteers across 35 sites. They successfully collected and removed over 200 bags, totaling an estimated 3.9 tons of trash along 16 miles of the Susquehanna River Watershed.

EMC WORKING COMMITTEES

The EMC advanced its goals through five active working committees:

- **Executive Committee**: Established to set meeting agendas and identify topics of interest.
- **Riverbank Cleanup Committee**: Manages the Annual Riverbank Cleanup including volunteer recruitment, obtaining donations and supplies, and coordinating with the municipalities.
- **Climate Smart Communities**: As Broome County's official Climate Smart Community Task Force, this committee focused on advancing the County's climate action goals.
- **Broome Tech Park**: Established in 2025, to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Broome Tech Park project in the Town of Maine.
- **Zero Waste**: This committee advised on enhancing waste management policies and programs, promoting alternatives like recycling and composting to reduce community waste. In 2025, the committee tracked proposed NYS legislation to increase bottle deposits, which ultimately did not pass. Additionally, they advised the City of Binghamton on incorporating composting into their waste stream.
- **Membership & Outreach**: Established to bolster EMC membership and visibility, this committee worked to recruit new members.



Photo: Hillcrest Civic Association

HOTEL-MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

BROOME COUNTY HOTEL MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

The County's Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax, a 5% levy on hotel and motel stays, allocates 2% of its proceeds to economic development and marketing, brownfields, and the Small Community Fund. The Planning Department assists with administration of these funds, providing guidance and support to the Hotel-Motel Committee, which is responsible for allocating the funding.

Economic Development and Marketing Fund
This fund supports projects that enhance the local economy and tourism by attracting visitors, improving community character, and leveraging private investment. In 2025, the fund allocated about $500,000 to various projects and events including: Spiedie Fest, LUMA, Special Olympics, Binghamton Philharmonic, and the NYS Section IV Baseball Championship to name a few.

Small Community Fund
This fund provides support for local projects that enhance community character or leverage other funding for larger initiatives. In 2025, the fund allocated $650,000 to 31 projects across 16 communities. Funding supported emergency equipment, vehicle, and facility upgrades, park and recreation improvements, educational and cultural programs, community informational signage, community garden restorations, neighborhood improvement programs, and local events.



Photo: Hillcrest Civic Association, 2025 SCF Grant Recipient



LOCAL LAND USE

MUNICIPAL TRAININGS

The Planning Department organizes municipal trainings each year to give local planning and zoning board members an opportunity to meet NYS training requirements and to educate local boards and officials on land use issues and opportunities in our community. In 2025, the Planning Department, in collaboration with Coughlin & Gerhart LLP, and Tioga County to host two trainings:

- Community Resilience: In the spring, representatives from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation presented on wetlands regulations and floodplain management.

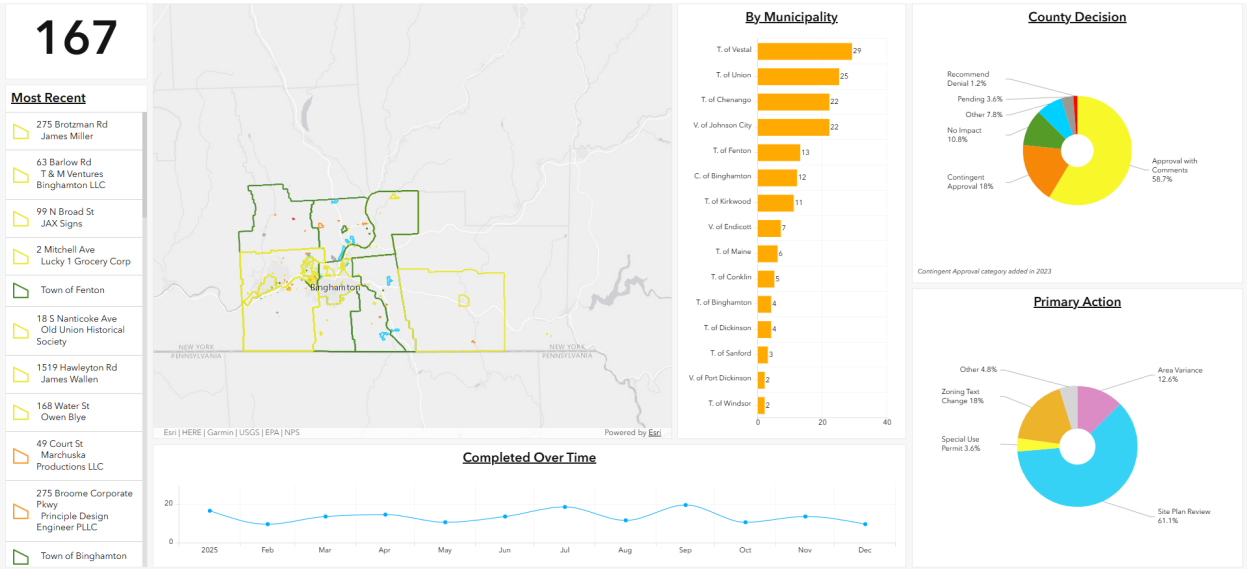
- Housing: In the fall, representatives from New York State Department of State, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, and the City of Binghamton presented on NYS Pro-Housing Communities Program and short-term rental regulations.

The department's website also provides training resources with recorded videos and presentations.



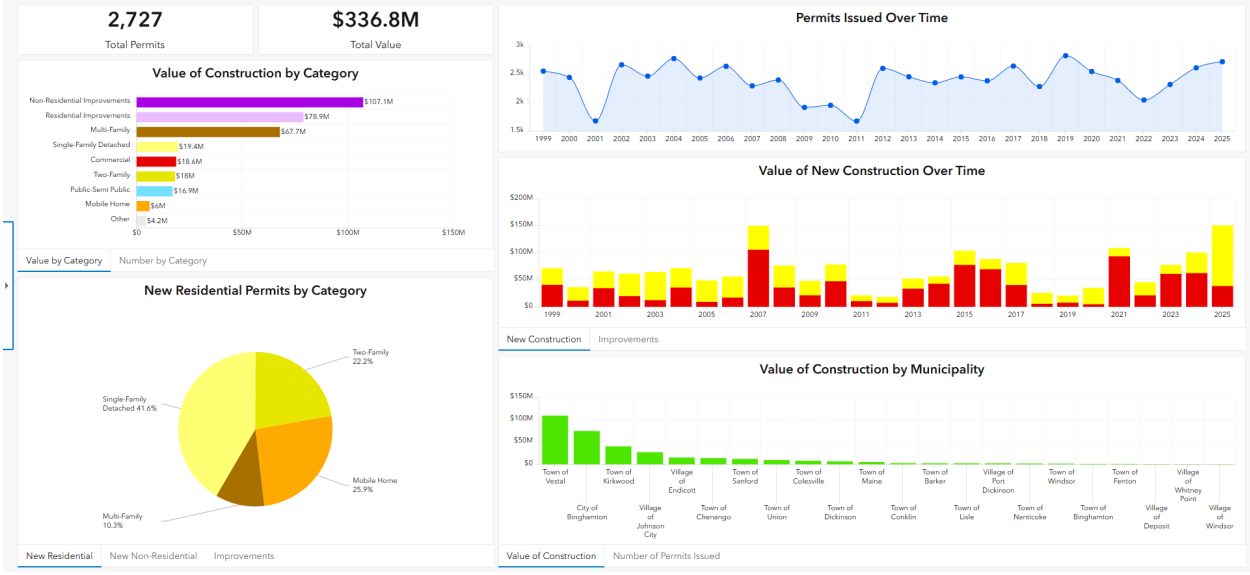
LAND USE 239 REVIEWS

The Planning Department reviews and provides advisory opinions on land-use proposals covered under NYS General Municipal Law 239 (l) and (m). In 2025, the Department reviewed and provided opinions on 176 projects including solar moratoria, commercial projects such as Chick-fil-A, housing developments, and small-scale site plan and variance requests.



BROOME COUNTY CONSTRUCTION DATA REPORT

The Planning Department prepares the Countywide Construction Data Report. This report compiles residential and nonresidential building data from municipalities, offering data tables and charts that document annual building permit activity across the county. Between 2024 and 2025, municipalities issued an additional 108 permits, boosting the total construction value by $62.4 million since the previous construction report.



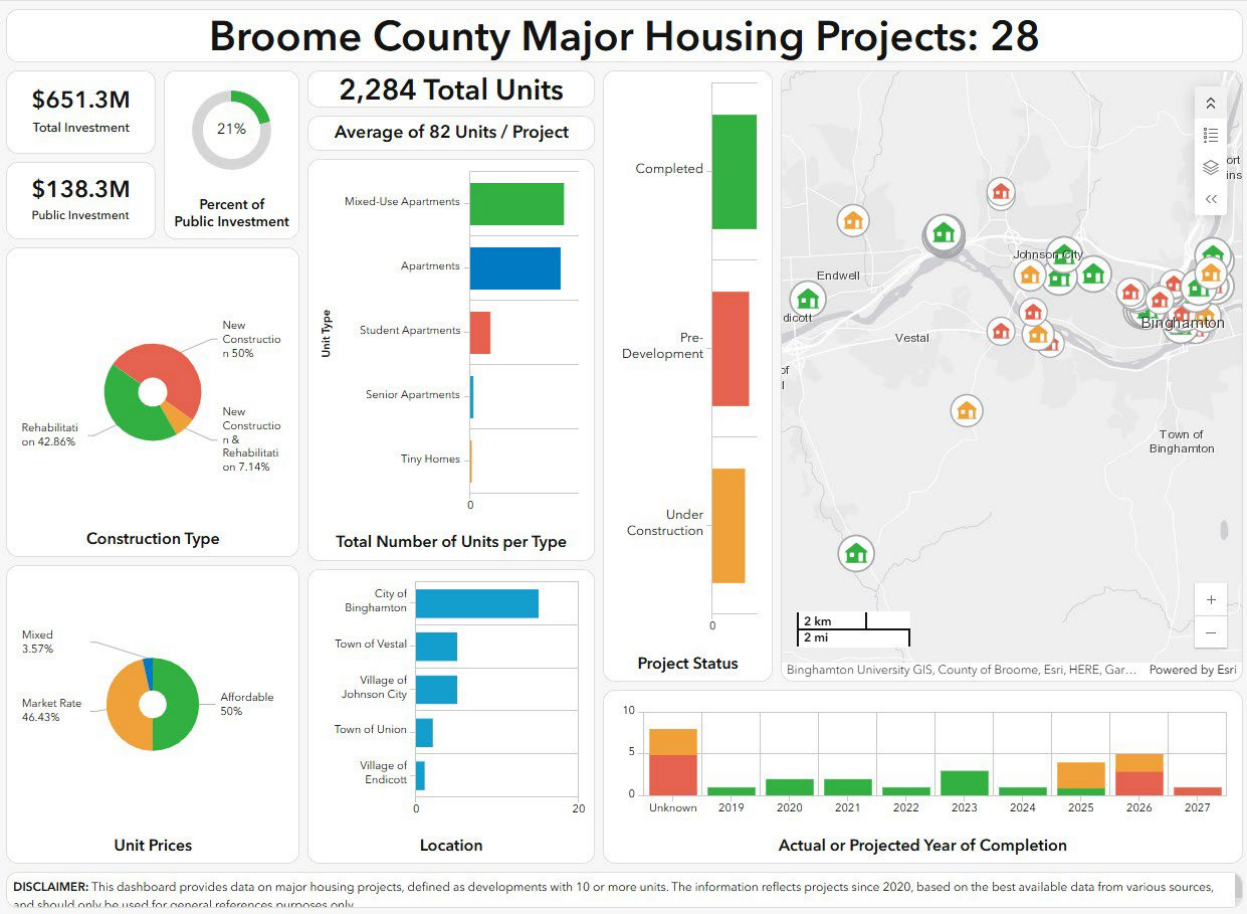


GIS & MAPPING SERVICES

GIS PORTAL WEBSITE & MAPPING APPLICATIONS

The GIS Portal website and mapping applications continue to be a highly-demanded online county resource. In 2025 the GIS Portal website received nearly 370,000 visits by over 95,000 unique users. This represents a substantial 21.4% increase in visits and a 7.9% increase in unique users over 2024. The most viewed resource on the site continues to be the Parcel Mapper with over 200,000 views (+12.8%). Parcel detail sheets views decreased slightly over 2024 with just over 130,000 (-4.2%). The Election Mapper saw a large decrease in views at around 2,000 (-24.9%), likely due to 2025 being a non-presidential election year. PDF tax maps views largely increased over 2024, with more than 11,000 views (+13.0%).

Other online GIS items of note: a Major Housing Projects Dashboard was created which is accessible from the GIS Portal Dashboards tab; the demographic information app was updated to reference newer 2018 – 2022 American Community Survey data; the Construction Report dashboard was updated with 2024 data; the Broome Corporate Park layer was added to the Parcel Mapper.



COUNTY DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

The GIS Division supports nearly all county departments in some capacity with mapping, data, and analysis. Some highlights from individual departments include:

- **Emergency Services:** continued to assign and verify all 911 addresses within the county; continued to support 911 dispatch mapping by updating core dispatch GIS layers: address points, streets, and EMS, fire, and police boundaries on a weekly basis; created various fire coverage and fire quadrant maps; added the new Route 81 Exit numbers to dispatch mapping.

- **Sheriff's Office**: continued to provide weekly, monthly, and year-to-date maps and data for long term, strategic/administration planning; continued to provide access to online web maps using ArcGIS Online.

- **Security**: provided maps for various county events like the Dick's Open, Spiedie Fest, and the Greater Binghamton Air Show.

- **Real Property**: continued to support tax mapping functions; continued to provide PDF tax maps and access to RPS data online through Image Mate Online from the GIS Portal website.

- **Planning & Economic Development**: continued to update 239 review information in the parcel data and the 239 review layer in the Parcel Mapper; provided various maps and/or data for different projects and grants; created a Major Housing Projects dashboard.

- **Health**: provided data on rental properties for the NYS Lead Rental Registry; geocoded and provided various maps and data.

- **Elections/Legislature**: fulfilled various map and data requests for Elections and the Legislature; verified voter addresses for Elections; updated the polling places layer; produced maps for the annual additions to agricultural district # 5 for the Legislature.

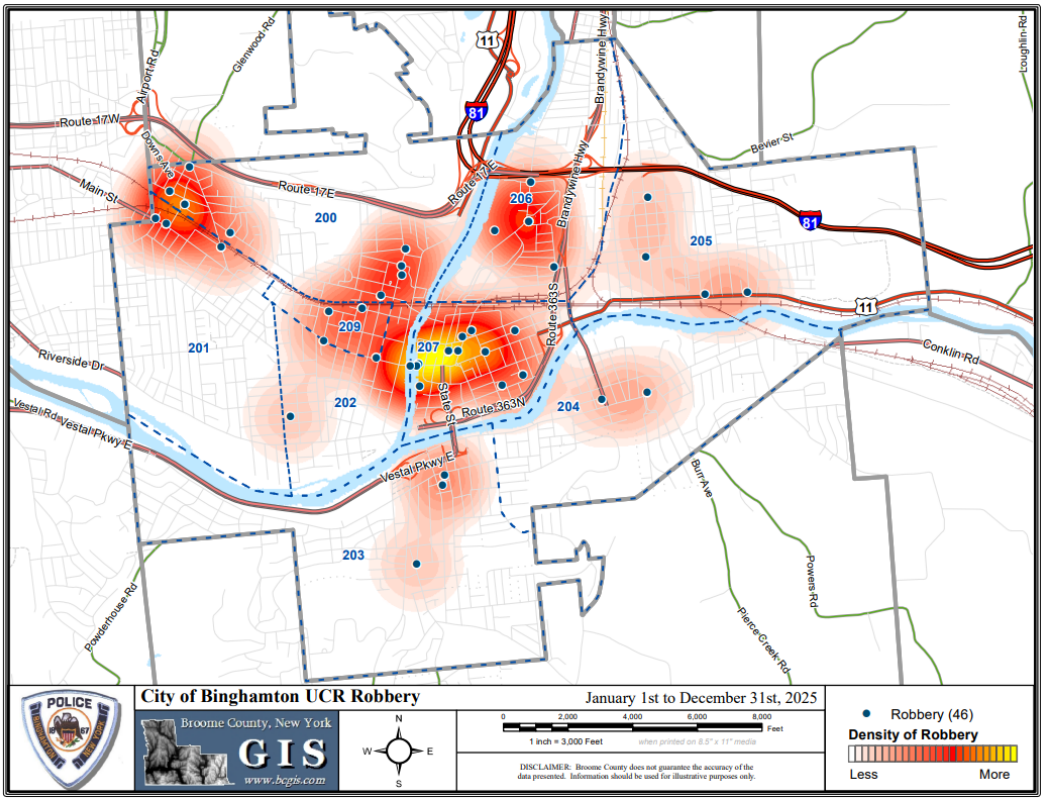
CITY OF BINGHAMTON SUPPORT

In 2025 over 475 GIS projects were provided for the City of Binghamton. Some highlights include:

- **Police**: incidents and cases dashboard updated daily; continued to provide technical support to the City's Environmental Policing Task Force; continued to provide weekly, monthly, and year-to-date map, charts, and graphs for long term, strategic/ administration planning; provided support for the City Crime Intelligence Center; utilized ArcGIS Online to create web maps for police use; participated in various meetings.

- **Planning**: provided mapping for various projects and grants; continued to provide updated data and server map services for the City's Building Blocks application; updated the zoning map with various edits; updated the local landmark layer; created various CDBG required maps.

- **Building & Code**: provided various maps and data; mapped vacant, foreclosures, and city-owned properties; created a code violations heat map.





HOUSING

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2025, the Planning Department secured two grants for infrastructure expansion to support new housing developments. These investments will support the County's continued commitment to increasing housing supply across Broome County, as well as attract and accommodate workers and patrons of the county's major employers and local amenities.

NYS COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Broome County was awarded $500,000 from Empire State Development's County Infrastructure Grant Program for infrastructure improvements at 50 Eagle Drive in the Town of Union. Broome County will provide an additional $500,000 for this project.

This funding will support the Phase 2 development of 33 additional for-sale townhouses at Homestead Village at the Glen. More specifically, funding will support the construction of streets, sidewalks, curbs, and water and sewer lines. The infrastructure improvements are expected to be completed by Spring 2027.

NYS PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES GRANT

Broome County was awarded $6,289,000 from Empire State Development's Pro Housing Community Supply Funds Program for infrastructure improvements at 500 Columbia Drive in Johnson City.

This project will support the development of 68 two-bedroom rental units. More specifically, funding will support costs for grading, excavation, road construction, sidewalks, lighting, retaining walls, detention basins, landscaping, and utility runs/upgrades. The infrastructure improvements are anticipated to be completed by end of 2028.

HOUSING COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

In 2025, the Planning Department supported inter-agency partnerships to improve regional housing supply, affordability, and safety. The Department joined Southern Tier 8's steering committee to develop a Regional Workforce Housing Investment Framework, funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission grant. Additionally, staff continued to participate in the Broome County Health Department's Housing Hygiene Committee, whose primary objectives in 2025 included renter education initiatives with Tioga Opportunities and spreading awareness of the City of Binghamton's Lead Rental Registry.

MAJOR HOUSING PROJECTS DASHBOARD

In 2025, the Planning Department collaborated with GIS to develop an interactive dashboard tracking major housing projects of 10 or more units built across the county since 2020. The dashboard allows users to explore project locations, construction types (such as new construction or rehabilitation), unit types, project status, and overall investment. This resource is available on the GIS website, and staff will continue to build and update it over time.

This ongoing data collection, which was originally initiated for the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment, utilizes information from 239 reviews, local news articles, and direct municipal outreach to maintain the inventory. To date, the dashboard includes 28 projects totaling 2,284 units.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STORY MAP

In 2025, the Department began developing an Economic Overview StoryMap, which will serve as an interactive tool that provides a user-friendly, data-driven snapshot of the county and its local municipalities. This tool centralizes key municipal data, integrating information from the American Community Survey along with local construction trends and quality of life indicators. The story map also highlights regional growth by showcasing major active and completed development projects across the county. Finally, the tool will serve as an economic development resource by mapping county-owned parcels prime for future investment.

The platform serves multiple purposes for our community. Prospective developers can utilize the tool to analyze local construction and zoning trends to inform future investments. Meanwhile, current residents and incoming families can use the map to explore individual municipalities and gain a broader understanding of everything Broome County has to offer.

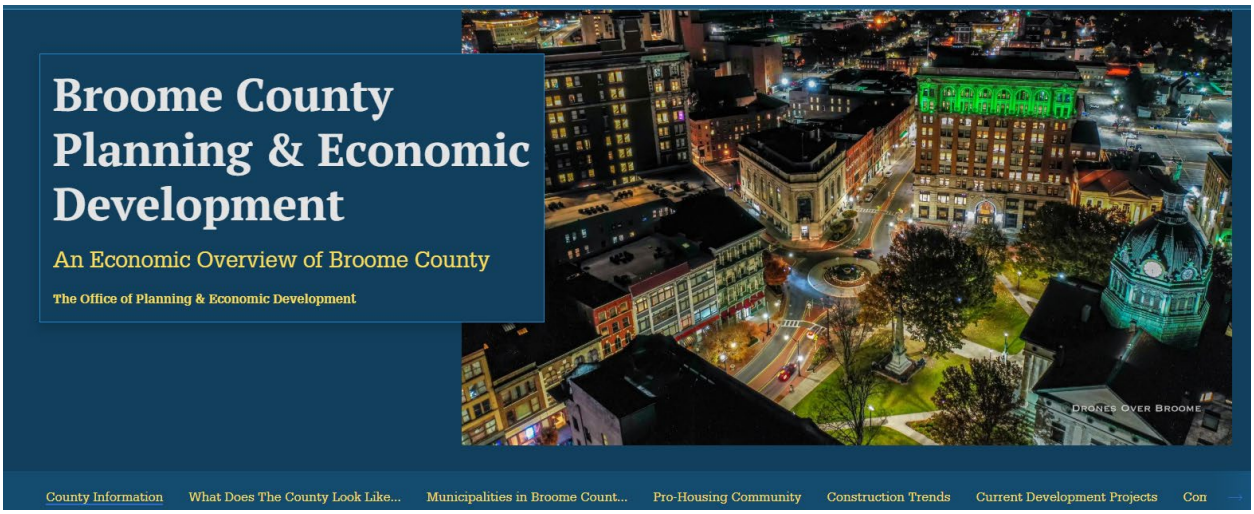




Photo: WNBF

SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA

OVERVIEW

The Broome County Planning Department, in collaboration with the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning Department, continues to provide administrative and technical support for the Susquehanna Heritage Area. Our work directly implements the goals and recommendations outlined in the 2010 Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan, building upon the foundation laid since the area's recognition by the New York State legislature in 1982.

The core objective of the plan is to identify, promote, and develop the rich historic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources within the expanded Susquehanna Heritage Area, which encompasses both Broome and Tioga counties. This guides our efforts in implementing programs and projects that foster economic revitalization and enhance the quality of life across the region.

GRANT FUNDING

In 2025, the Planning Department continued its role in supporting New York State Environmental Protection Fund Heritage Area grants. This involved reviewing and recommending projects for funding, including those for historic preservation and parks. The Planning Department conducted outreach to municipalities and non-profit agencies and provided technical assistance to ensure project consistency with the SHA Plan.

In 2025, the Planning Department oversaw the review and endorsement of three projects: Nicholas Cady Library and Carriage House Restoration Project Phase 1, Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering Study, and Ross Park Interpretive Center.

PATH THROUGH HISTORY WEEKEND

The Planning Department helps coordinate local participation in New York State's bi-annual Path Through History Weekends, an event promoting the state's historical and cultural resources. The Department collaborates with Visit Binghamton, local municipalities, and historical/cultural groups to develop and promote annual events that highlight Broome County's historical and cultural resources through an interactive map, promotional materials, and a press conference.

The June 2025 PTHW featured programming and events at nine sites and the October 2025 PTHW featured programming at 13 sites throughout the county.



RIDE THE CAROUSEL CIRCUIT

The Planning Department, in partnership with Visit Binghamton and local municipal parks departments, promotes the Ride the Carousel Circuit Program by providing informational brochures and buttons.


Photo: Drones Over Broome & Beyond
REGIONAL COLLABORATION

SOUTHERN TIER 8

The Planning Department actively collaborates with the Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Development Board, with its Commissioner serving on the board and committees, to guide regional projects and secure federal funding, including the Appalachian Regional Commission program.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

As a member of the Regional Planning Board, the Commissioner of Planning collaborates with other Planning Directors on the ST8 Planning Committee to help distribute federal Appalachian Regional Commission funds, requiring a letter of support from the Director for each project application and annual assistance in project outreach and review. In 2025, the Planning Department provided five letters of support.

CEDS

The Commissioner of Planning also sits on ST8's committee that drives development and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for our region. The committee consists of representatives from each county with a role in economic development. In Broome, this includes representatives from the Leadership Alliance (IDA and Chamber of Commerce) and Broome-Tioga Workforce in addition to Planning.

BROADBAND

Under the leadership of ST8, Broome County has partnered with neighboring counties to work together through the Regional Broadband Collaborative. The group works together on assessing local broadband needs, identifying the barriers to accurate service data and funding, and monitoring state and federal broadband policies that may impact our ability to make progress in broadband expansion.



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Planning staff serve the community and help shape policies by participating in other governmental boards and commissions.

- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
- Agricultural Task Force
- BMTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
- BMTS Planning Committee
- Broome County Community Health Assessment Steering Committee
- Broome County Environmental Management Council
- Broome County Flood Task Force
- Broome Tioga Stormwater Coalition
- Communities Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD)
- Department of Public Art
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Development Board
- Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission and Advisory Board
- New York State Path Through History Local Committee
- Binghamton 2Degrees
- Broome County Food Council