

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Co-Chairs Clyde Burmaster & Michele Iannello**

**From: Economic Development Chair James Allen**

**Re: June, 2009 Meeting**

**Date: October 2, 2009**

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The Niagara Erie Regional Coalition Economic Development Subcommittee met June 26, 2009 at the Niagara County Center for Economic Development (NCCED). Present for the meeting were subcommittee members Allen, Ferraro, Filip, Gower, Konst, Morse, Orsi (proxy), and Sciandra; Coalition members Casale, Ross, and Witul; and representatives from NOAH, VOICE Buffalo, and the Western New York Jobs Alliance.

**Economic Development Summit:**

Discussion focused on the Economic Development Summit hosted by NOAH, VOICE Buffalo, and the Western New York Jobs Alliance on May 15 featuring guest speaker David Rusk.

Out of the summit, two suggestions were creation of a bi-county group to pursue economic development issues, and implementation of the Framework for Regional Growth. Therefore, the Economic Development Subcommittee invited the summit hosts to our meeting to inform them as to the Coalition's membership and activities, as well as to hear their ideas and priorities. Coalition members were also able to give some of the history of the previous regional planning board and the Framework.

**Other Topics:**

Other topics discussed included the BNE shovel ready site study, the Coalition's place as a potential leader on economic development issues, the SEQR process, and cooperation between the two counties' planning departments.