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### **Livingston County Celebrates National Community Development Week**

**Geneseo, NY, April 8, 2021** — This year, National Community Development Week (NCDW) is being celebrated from April 5 to April 9. The objective of this week is to raise awareness of the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, its impact on communities, and the need for increased program funding.

In 1974, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development implemented the CDBG Program to assist local governments with meeting their greatest economic and community development needs.

“The CDBG Program has made a significant impact on our communities by addressing many of our most pressing local issues,” stated Bill Bacon, Director of Livingston County Economic Development. “Several redevelopment and revitalization projects throughout Livingston County would not have happened without these federal dollars. Our communities have benefitted greatly from this federal-local partnership.”

Livingston County has received \$795,000 in CDBG funds over the past 4 years. Some examples of CDBG projects that have been implemented include:

- The Brew IN Livingston project which assisted with the establishment of a Livingston County craft beverage trail consisting of five (5) new breweries and one (1) cidery.
- The Dream-O-Vate initiative launched five (5) new and expanded another four (4) downtown businesses in Livingston County.
- CDBG funds were used to assist individual businesses such as Evening Star Coffee Roasters and Bristol ID Technologies!

For more information on these projects, please contact Livingston County Economic Development at 585-243-7124 or visit <https://www.growlivco.com/>.



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