The Monroe County Workforce Development Division is committed to stimulating local economic growth by providing resources to those seeking employment, education, support, and training services. Workforce Development also provides program and fiscal oversight for the local workforce investment system, RochesterWorks! – the one-stop provider for businesses, job seekers, and youth.

The Division also works with Monroe Community College’s Economic and Workforce Development Center to assist businesses with specialized training for those looking to expand and grow in Monroe County. They also partner with several regional service providers and local school districts to strengthen our local workforce by serving job seekers and businesses.

Did you know?
Monroe County’s Home Improvement Program provides grants & loans to income-eligible homeowners for repairs and improvements.

Before

After

County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo with students from BOCES 2 in Spencerport, who received training-related assistance from Monroe County.

Workforce Development also oversees TEN – The Entrepreneurs Network – TEN assists new ventures and established businesses through one-on-one coaching, workshops and networking events.

The Monroe County Division of Planning provides a diverse set of services related to land use and development, including:

- Technical and mapping support in the development and implementation of various land use plans and regulations
- Guidance on project permitting and compliance with environmental review
- Preparation of the annual Land Use Report on major projects proposed, approved, and constructed
- Coordination of the Capital Improvement Program
- Training opportunities through the Spring and Fall Land Use Decision Making Training Program

The Community Development Division administers three entitlement program allocations from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. They include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

These three programs provide over $2.5 million in federal funds to projects that are designed to carry out housing rehabilitation, affordable housing development, neighborhood improvements, essential community services, and economic development activities. Federal regulations require that these programs principally benefit low and moderate-income families, the elderly, and persons with special needs.

Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario.
(Source: Pictometry)
The Monroe County Economic Development Division administers several programs which provide the resources businesses need to retain and create jobs, as well as assist businesses looking to relocate or start-up in Monroe County. The Economic Development Division supports the following programs:

- County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA)
- Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC)
- Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

The types of projects assisted through various financial incentives and technical assistance programs include the construction of new facilities, the purchase of existing buildings, renovation and/or expansion of existing facilities, the purchase of new equipment, and assistance with government procurement (military, federal, state, and local levels, as well as prime contractors).

Through private, state, federal, and county financial resources/technical assistance, the Economic Development Division supports businesses, developers, units of local government, and major county facilities (such as the airport and landfill) as they seek to increase their economic development impact in our community.

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