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**Town of Romulus Proposes Restore New York Funds to
Expand Two Existing Business Enterprises at the Former Seneca Army Depot**

On behalf of two businesses now occupying Buildings 356 and 357 in the southeastern portion of the former Seneca Army Depot, the Town of Romulus will seek \$2.5 million under Restore NY grant funding for infrastructure improvements.

“This grant application supports two active business ventures that are working to create agri-business and renewable energy jobs at the Depot,” explained Romulus Town Supervisor David Kaiser.

If the Restore NY grant is approved, five construction tasks would be undertaken, said Kaiser. Those projects would improve site access, support shipping and receiving of products, upgrade site utilities and complete restoration of the buildings housing Top Quality Hay Processors, LLC and Seneca BioEnergy, LLC. Specifically, proposed improvements include:

-- **SITE ENTRANCE & RELATED WORK** – Involves civil earthwork, storm water management to meet NYSDEC requirements; wetland improvements; paving to meet NYSDOT requirements; employee parking; exterior lighting and boundary fence installation. All of those tasks are fully permitted and shovel-ready.

-- **SHIPPING & RECEIVING INFRASTRUCTURE** – The existing rail spur that serves the Seneca AgBio Green Energy Complex has no infrastructure for materials delivery and unloading or staging rail cars for multiple deliveries and outgoing shipments of agriculture products. A truck scale and loading/unloading equipment would be added.

-- **WATER SUPPLY & SPRINKLING SYSTEMS** – Current infrastructure for potable water and fire suppression sprinklers is not adequate to support the needs of the two manufacturing businesses. An expanded booster pumping system is required.

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-- **SANITARY SEWER** – Buildings 356 and 357 are currently served by a septic system, which is not acceptable for handling wastewater generated by the two businesses. Seneca BioEnergy recently completed the engineering and design of a sanitary sewer force main connection to the existing wastewater treatment facility serving the Depot. This shovel-ready task would be completed immediately upon funding approval.

-- **BUILDING RESTORATION** – To prepare Buildings 356 and 357 for renewable energy and agri-business operations, other infrastructure modifications are required. Those include lighting and electrical upgrades to meet local codes; installation of employee offices and restrooms; adding doors for truck access; and completion of HVAC systems.

Seneca BioEnergy acquired a 55-acre land parcel at the Depot and two warehouse buildings with a combined total of 400,000 square feet of space in 2008. The company completed initial site engineering and construction of utility improvements necessary to launch the Seneca AgBio Green Energy Complex.

Top Quality Hay Processors set up its operation at Building 356 in 2008, under a long-term lease agreement with Seneca BioEnergy. Top Quality Hay Processors has successfully rehabilitated infrastructure within portions of their work area. There, equipment that can process usable hay within four hours of being cut in the field was introduced as the first system of its kind in the world.

Seneca BioEnergy and Top Quality Hay Processors successfully used \$1 million in previous Restore NY grant funds during a 12-month period in 2008-09. Since January 2007, the total investment at Buildings 356 and 357 is over \$5.5 million, including private funds provided by investors in the two companies.

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