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Regional Councils Report on Progress



Yesterday, Governor Cuomo hosted the state's ten regional economic development councils in Albany where they each gave presentations reporting on the [status](#) of their projects. All 739 of the projects that are receiving state funding are currently underway. Of those projects, 75 percent have reached their first milestone.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, I was proud to work with Governor Cuomo and Lt. Governor Duffy last year to put forth recommendations to create the ten regional councils. Each regional council, including the [Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council](#), will be submitting a one-year progress report to the state on September 14, 2012. This project report will highlight improvements and adjustments, in addition to outlining the councils' 2012 priority projects. Funding awards for the second round are expected to be announced this fall.

Governor Cuomo also announced new economic initiatives aimed at job creation while supporting the next round of funding, including the Connect NY Program. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Fairport Music and Food Festival

The [Fairport Music and Food Festival](#) to benefit the [Golisano Children's Hospital](#) at Strong is this Saturday, August 25th! The festival begins at noon and will feature over 20 bands performing at Lifebridge Lane in Fairport (click [here](#) to view the music lineup). More than 20 food vendors will also be set up including Fairport-area restaurants selling samples of their signature dishes. [Tickets](#) are \$10 in advance, \$15 on the day of the show, and children 12 and under are free. All ticket sales and donations benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong!



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