

**2010  
STATE OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup>  
SENATORIAL DISTRICT**



**HON. ANTOINE M. THOMPSON,  
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, 60<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**



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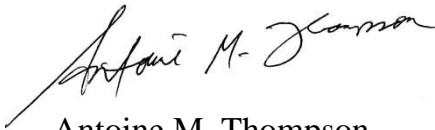
## WELCOME MESSAGE

Greetings from the Senate's 60<sup>th</sup> District Office, we would personally like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to learn more about our office and some of our achievements. While 2009 was tumultuous, my colleagues and I were able to achieve the most historic and extensive and progressive legislative reforms within New York State in the last 40 years including Green Jobs/Green NY, Rockefeller Drug Law Reform, the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, and more.

As Chair of the Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee, I was able to protect the Environmental Protection Fund from massive budget cuts while also bringing more than \$1.5 million in funding to Western New York for waterfront development and parks and recreation.

I will continue to advocate for my constituents and fellow taxpayers on issues of importance and continue to fight for effective service delivery. My door is always open for individuals to relay their concerns, express their ideas in confidence. If my office can ever be of any assistance, please feel free to call my Buffalo Office at (716) 854-8705 or my Niagara Falls Office (716) 284-5789 or stop by during normal business hours.

Sincerely,



Antoine M. Thompson  
New York State Senator, 60<sup>th</sup> District



## **OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Albany Office**

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## **STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Environmental Conservation; Chair

Senate Majority MWBE Taskforce; Co-Chair

Civil Service and Pensions

Finance

Health

Insurance

Local Government

Tourism, Recreation, and Sports Development

Homeland Security, Military Affairs, and Veterans Affairs

## **STATE SENATE LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS & APPOINTMENTS**

Senate Deputy Majority Whip

New York State Commission on Solid Waste Management

This year Senator Thompson was appointed to represent New York State as the Appointed Legislator for the following organizations:

National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

National Conference of State Legislators- Environmental Committee Representative from New York

## **IMPORTANT DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS**

### **Board of Education**

City of Buffalo:	716-816-3600
City of Niagara Falls:	716-286-4211
City of Tonawanda:	716-694-7690
Town of Grand Island:	716-773-8800
Higher Education Services Corporation:	1-888-697-4372

### **Elected (Executive) Officials (Local):**

Hon. Byron Brown, Mayor of City of Buffalo	716-851-4841
Hon. Paul Dyster, Mayor of City of Niagara Falls	716-286-4310
Hon. Ronald Pilozzi, Mayor of City of Tonawanda	716-695-1800
Hon. Peter McMahan, Town of Grand Island Supervisor	716-773-9600
Hon. Christopher Collins, Erie County Executive	716-858-8500
Hon. Gregory Lewis, Niagara County Manager	716-439-7006

### **Elected (Legislative) Officials (State):**

Hon. William Stachowski, NYS Senator, 58 <sup>th</sup> District	716-854-3915
Hon. Antoine Thompson, NYS Senator, 60 <sup>th</sup> District	716-854-8705
Hon. Crystal Peoples, NYS Assembly, 141 <sup>st</sup> District	716-897-9714
Hon. Francine DelMonte, NYS Assembly, 138 <sup>th</sup> District	716-282-6062
Hon. Robin Schimminger, NYS Assembly, 140 <sup>th</sup> District	716-873-2540
Hon. Sam Hoyt, NYS Assembly, 144 <sup>th</sup> District	716-852-2795
Hon. Mark Schroeder, NYS Assembly, 145 <sup>th</sup> District	716-826-1347

### **Elected (Legislative) Officials (Federal):**

Hon. Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator:	716-846-4111
Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator:	716-854-9725
Hon. Louise Slaughter, U.S. House of Representatives, 28 <sup>th</sup> District:	716-853-5813
Hon. Brian Higgins, U.S. House of Representatives, 27 <sup>th</sup> District:	716-852-3501

### **Health Care/Health Insurance Information**

Medicare	1-800-633-4227
Medicaid	1-800-541-2831
Child Health Plus	1-800-698-4543
Health Insurance Counseling	212-333-5511

### **Municipal & General Information**

City of Buffalo:	716-851-4200
City of Niagara Falls:	716-286-4300
City of Tonawanda:	716-695-1800

Town of Grand Island: 716-773-9600  
New York State: 716-847-3131

**NYS Office of Attorney General**

Consumer Helpline: 1-800-771-7755  
Crime Victims Hotline: 1-800-771-7755  
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit: 212-417-5397  
Environmental Crimes: 1-800-771-7755  
For the Hearing Impaired: 1-800-788-9898  
WNY Regional Office: 716-853-8400

**Public Safety & Law Enforcement**

City of Buffalo Police Dept: 716-851-4444  
City of Niagara Falls Police Dept: 716-286-4545  
City of Tonawanda Police Dept: 716-692-2102  
NFTA Police: 716-630-6150  
NYS Troopers- Grand Island: 716-773-9651  
NYS Troopers- Niagara Falls: 716-297-8831  
Town of Grand Island Police Dept: 716-662-5554  
Erie County Sheriff's Dept: 716-858-7608  
Niagara County Sheriff's Dept: 716-438-3393  
Erie County District Attorney: 716-858-2424  
Niagara County District Attorney: 716-439-7085  
US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA): 716-551-4421  
US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): 716-856-7800  
US Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF): 716-846-4048

**Recycling & Environment**

City of Buffalo: 716-858-4988  
City of Niagara Falls: 716-434-6568  
Erie County Recycling: 716-858-4988  
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: 716-851-7000  
US Dept. of Environmental Protection Agency: 716-447-1784

**Regional Transit**

NFTA (Bus & Rail): 716-855-7300  
NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles: 1-800-225-5368  
Buffalo-Niagara Int'l Airport: 716-630-6000  
Niagara Falls Int'l Airport: 716-297-4494

## **IMPORTANT DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS CONTINUED**

### **Senior Citizens**

	<b>1-800-342-9871</b>
City of Buffalo:	716-851-4141
City of Niagara Falls:	716-297-9324
City of Tonawanda:	716-695-7029
Town of Grand Island:	716-773-9683
Erie County Senior Services:	716-858-8526
Niagara County Office of Aging:	716-438-4020
EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage) Hotline:	1-800-332-3742
Social Security Administration:	1-800-772-1213

### **Taxpayer Assistance**

	<b>1-800-225-5829</b>
NYS Taxation & Finance:	716-855-5460
City of Buffalo:	716-851-5733
City of Niagara Falls:	716-286-4380
City of Tonawanda:	716-695-8639
Town of Grand Island:	716-773-9600- x648
Erie County Real Property Tax Office:	716-858-8320
Niagara County Real Property Tax Office:	716-439-7077

### **Utility Service**

National Grid- Customer Service:	1-800-642-4272
NYSEG- Customer Service:	1-800-572-1111
NYS Public Service Commission:	1-800-342-3377
NY Smart:	1-877-697-6278
Time Warner Cable & DSL:	716-827-9444
Verizon Phone & DSL:	716-890-6464

### **Veterans Affairs**

Erie County Veterans Services:	716-858-6363
Niagara County Veterans Service Agency:	716-438-4090
NYS Dept. of Veterans Affairs:	1-888-838-7697
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs:	1-800-827-1000

### **Voter Information & Board of Elections**

Erie County:	716-858-7783
Niagara County:	716-438-4041



## **STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

### **Environmental Conservation & Energy**

- Bigger Better Bottle Bill
- Wetlands Preservation
- Electronic waste recycling
- Green Jobs/Green NY
- Green Energy Jobs Act
- Climate Change Act
- Expand Brownfield Legislation
- Integrated Pesticide Management
- Prescription Drug Collection & Disposal
- Direct RGGI funding to energy conservation and renewable energy projects
- Clean Air/Clean Water
- Protection of air, soil and water contamination from Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling
- Banning Bisphenol A (BPA) in infant products
- Green School Construction
- Green Procurement
- PACE Program (Property Assessment Clean Energy) Legislation
- Wind Energy and/or Wind Turbine Legislation
- Feed-In Tariff to incentivize renewable energy projects and stimulate renewable energy component manufacturing in NYS
- Develop an offshore wind pilot project in Lake Erie with NYPA
- Support Lead Safe Homes projects
- Develop a 100 solar roofs program for Buffalo and Niagara Falls
- Support the Apollo Alliance Home Energy Conservation Kit program
- Funding for companies working with renewable energy
  - Identify companies
  - Identify components
- Identify ways to expand and promote municipal recycling
- Create a Green Workforce subcommittee of Workforce Investment Board
- Green job/construction
  - Business incentives
  - Green housing program
  - Educational Brochures
  - Youth Conservation Corps
- Recycling cooking oil to become bio-diesel for cars, school buses etc.

### **Insurance**

- Identify rollover programs for health insurance.
- Community Education Campaign

- Educate the Community About Urgent Care as opposed to using an Emergency Room
- Identify ways to reduce co-pay cost through education
- Identification of all service providers in the 60<sup>th</sup> district
- Streamline the Family Health Plus enrollment process
- Misdemeanor Plea-Policy - work with new District Attorney's office
- Approve a traffic adjudication law for Buffalo
- Identify what traffic tickets generate state and or city revenue.
- Co-Sponsor Defensive Drivers Classes
- Insurance for small businesses, healthcare for both employees and business insurance.
- Establish a program to sign children up for Child Health Plus utilizing the Board of Education
- Community Reinvestment for HMO
- HMO accountability & reform
- Bulk prescription drug purchasing
- Combat redlining for auto and homeowners insurance

#### **Minority/Women Business Enterprise Task Force**

- Streamline the certification process
- Re-schedule monthly M/WBE meetings to quarterly receptions to provide a networking opportunity.
- Develop quarterly newsletters that will feature different M/WBE's.
- Assist in obtaining funding for Empire State Development MWBE Staff.
- Work with Empire State Development MWBE office to develop statewide goals
- Develop a web-link to OGS' upcoming contracts on Senator's web-page
- Utilize & promote SBA at Buffalo State College
- Reform & expand Article 15-A
- Create MWBE Contractor Development Program
- Create MWBE Real Estate Development Program

#### **Commerce, Economic Development, and Small Business:**

- Small Business Retail Development Zones
- Extend Power for Jobs Program
- Reform Empire Zone Program: improve oversight and review effectiveness
- Promote Regionalism of IDA's
- Prohibit (Baiting) use of Public Sector Funding for Private Sector Development
- Creation of a 20-point Economic Development Plan for Western New York
- IDA Reform- Improving Transparency and Accountability

#### **Finance:**

- Tax Incentives for Businesses that Offer Healthcare coverage for Employees

- Provide substantially more opportunities for Housing & Commercial Development lending and other forms of Inner City & Community Investment.
- Diversify and Increase Participation with the M/WBE (Minority/Women Business Enterprise) with Legal Bond Counsel and Investment Advisor and Management.
- Utilize the NYS Pension Fund to Rehabilitate Housing or to Invest in New Housing

### **Tourism, Recreation & Sports Development**

- Football Stadium on Waterfront or Downtown Buffalo
- New Convention Center in Downtown Buffalo
- Indoor sports facility in downtown Buffalo
- Develop a Winter Festival
- Heritage Festival
- Cultural Tourism
- Increase funding for making tourism more affordable
- New Planetarium in WNY
- Improve Access to State Parks
- Develop a Marketing Plan to Increase Tourism and investment
- Establish a Relationship with the Canadian Consulate
- Increase Border Patrols
- More visible visitors bureau in Niagara Falls
- Set up youth sports clinics in 60<sup>th</sup> district
- Work closer with City/County to clean up city parks
- Work with Erie County to increase utilization of Johnny B. Wiley Stadium
- Increase funding for I Love New York Campaign
- Develop funding pool for making travel and tourism between Buffalo/New York City & Toronto
- Establish a marine Duck Tour on the Niagara River/ Lake Erie
- Advertise Buffalo's closeness to Toronto
- Begin the rebuilding process of Main Street in Niagara Falls
- Increase funding for trolley in Niagara Falls
- Work with state & counties to improve access to transportation
- Improve way-finding and signage
- Improve Caribbean & African tourism, access to Visas, and Passports

### **Veterans, Homeland Security & Military Affairs**

- Streamline the paperwork process for Vets
- Process New York State service awards and medals for qualifying veterans
- Build a better/stronger relationship with the VA Medical Center
- Improve our relationship with area American Legions & Posts
- Partner with them to host annual Veterans Day Parade
- Work to develop State Tax Credits for Vets

- Work with the armory so that our office can be included in deployments and arrivals of military personnel.
- Develop Welcome Home Senate Kits
- Work with Erie & Niagara Counties to plan and conduct disaster drills using Federal Homeland Security Funding
- Using Federal Homeland Security Funding hire college interns to assist with the development of the above program, community training and actual drills.

## 2009-2010 MEMBER ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

2009-2010 Member Item Appropriations			
Organization Name	Dept.	Usage	Final Appropriations
African Cultural Center	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$15,000
Arts Council of Buffalo & Erie County	Parks	Funding for art and cultural exhibits and initiatives	\$100,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns	C&F	Youth counseling and after school programming	\$20,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo	C&F	Youth counseling and after school programming	\$10,000
Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation	EcDev	Support for enhancements to neighborhood small business associations and commercial districts	\$25,000
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	Housing	Support for tenant councils for security and crime prevention	\$20,000
Canisius College Women's Business Center	EcDev	Training for small business owners and entrepreneurs	\$25,000
Delavan Grider Community Center	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$10,000
Food Bank of WNY	C&F	Healthy foods program and elementary curriculum	\$27,000
Grand Island Central School District	STATE	Engineering curriculum and upgrades to athletic facilities	\$40,000
Group Ministries	Health	Preventive care for at-risk populations	\$35,000
Juneteenth	Ag&Mkts	Support for security enforcement and	\$25,000
Highland Community Revitalization Committee	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$50,000
Hispanics United of Buffalo	Trans	Transportation services	\$20,000
Keep Western New York Beautiful	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$349,100
Ken/Bailey NHS	Housing	Deadbolt lock and paint program	\$20,000
Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County	Educ	Literacy and educational support services	\$36,000
Niagara Community Action Program	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$222,000
Niagara County Sheriff	STATE	Capital purchases of equipment	\$5,000
Niagara Falls Dept of Economic Develop.	EcDev	School of Entrepreneurship	\$40,000
Niagara Falls Fire Department	STATE	Capital purchases of equipment	\$5,000
Niagara Falls Police Department	STATE	Capital purchases of equipment	\$5,000
Niagara Falls Public Library	Educ	Capital purchase of new computers and summer reading program	\$33,000
North Buffalo Community Center	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$50,000
North West Buffalo Community Center	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$181,000
Public Policy and Education Fund of NY	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$20,000
Tonawanda Fire Dept.	STATE	Capital purchases of equipment	\$5,000
Tonawanda Police Dept.	STATE	Capital purchases of equipment	\$5,000
United Way of Niagara	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$20,000
West Side NHS	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$77,000
William Emslie YMCA	DCJS	Youth & Senior crime prevention and beautification initiatives.	\$4,900
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,500,000</b>

## **22009-2010 MEMBER ITEM APPROPRIATIONS CONTINUED**

<b>Conference of Black Senators 2009-2010 Member Item Appropriations</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>\$ Approved</b>	<b>Usage</b>	<b>State Agency</b>
Group Ministries	\$25,000	Community Outreach for Substance Abuse; Community Development	DCJS
Back to Basics Outreach Ministries	\$25,000	Prisoner Reentry Program: Pre-Release Mentoring & Post-Release Mentoring	DCJS
Keep WNY Beautiful	\$25,000	Black Chamber of Commerce: MWBE & small business development	Ec Dev
Community Action Organization of Erie County	\$25,000	Operation Save Our Streets & SNUG; Anti-violence & crime prevention	DCJS
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>		

<b>Upstate Caucus 2009-2010 Member Item Appropriations</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	<b>\$ Approved</b>	<b>Usage</b>	<b>State Agency</b>
Office of Child & Family Services of Niagara County	\$100,000	At-risk youth & preventive services	OCFS
Buffalo PAL	\$50,000	Crime Prevention & athletic programming	OCFS
City of Buffalo Dept. of Community Services	\$50,000	Youth development programming & employment services	OCFS
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>		

## **2009-2010 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Approved</b>
60 Hedley Place	Interior Construction	\$200,000
Albright Knox Art Gallery	Staircase Replacement	\$100,000
Bennett High School	Electronic Scoreboards, Weight Room Equipment, Signage and Clock Tower Restoration	\$200,000
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority- LBJ Housing Relocation Project	Relocation Funds	\$2,000,000
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Riverside Park Minnow Pools	\$200,000
Buffalo Outer Harbor Planetarium, Global Warming Center & Astronomy	Design and construction costs	\$150,000
City of Buffalo	Repaving Delaware Park's Ring Road	\$300,000
City of Buffalo	Residential demolition	\$400,000
City of Buffalo Dept. of Public Works	Restoration of 735 Humboldt Pkwy., asbestos abatement	\$200,000
City of Buffalo	Local parks capital improvements	\$250,000
City of Niagara Falls	Parking lot and auditorium improvements at Lasalle Library	\$100,000
City of Niagara Falls	Residential demolition surrounding downtown	\$400,000
City of Niagara Falls	Construction of new terminal at Niagara Falls Airport	\$250,000
City of Niagara Falls	U.S. Customs House Restoration for train station and interpretive museum	\$250,000
City of Tonawanda	Residential demolition	\$100,000
City of Tonawanda	Niawanda Park capital improvements	\$250,000
FLARE- Fillmore Leroy Area Residents Assoc.	MLK Park Energy Challenge- Residential Weatherization & Rehabilitation Program	\$300,000
Fruitbelt Community Development Corporation	Boxing Program	\$200,000
Gloria J Parks Community Center	Capital Purchase of new HVAC system	\$100,000
Grand Island	Demolition of various projects	\$100,000
HANCI	Construction of new space	\$200,000
Hispanics United of Buffalo	Capital purchase for computer lab and facility	\$100,000
Intl. Union of Painters & Allied Trades, District Council 4	Construction of new space	\$300,000
Jericho Ministries	Elevator Installation	\$100,000
Jewish Community Center	Capital Purchase of playground and exercise equipment, digital phone system, and rehabilitation of daycare facilities	\$200,000
John Duke Senior Center	Repaving parking lot	\$150,000
LaSalle Senior Center	Repaving parking lot	\$200,000
Medaille College	Reconstruction of campus entrance	\$100,000
Medalle College	Continued rehabilitation of McCarthy Park athletic fields towards Division III compliance	\$250,000
Mount St. Mary's Hospital	Environmental and construction costs for new Niagara Falls Health Clinic	\$250,000
Niagara Art and Cultural Center	Various interior and exterior improvements	\$300,000
Niagara Falls Housing Authority	Employment & Training Center	\$200,000
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	Purchase of new furniture for Renal Dialysis Department	\$300,000
Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation	Marketing and tourism development	\$300,000

North Buffalo Ice Rink	Construction of new locker rooms, purchase of new refrigeration equipment	\$200,000
Shea's Performing Arts Theatre	Purchase of new digital security system	\$100,000
Temple Community Development Corporation	Restoration of "Synergy Building" located at 437 Broadway	\$150,000
Town of Grand Island	Capital Improvements to Sewage Treatment Facilities	\$250,000
True Community Development Corporation	Restoration costs for new community emergency response center located at Kehr St.	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,000,000</b>

## **2009-2010 MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION**

### **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>Agency Project</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>NYS Dept.</b>
City of Buffalo	Construction to reduce the size of the existing island while widening the existing brick roadway to improve access for area residential vehicular traffic, on-street parking and improved access for emergency service response within the neighborhood.	\$100,000	DOT
City of Niagara Falls	Repaving of Falls Street, specifically between John Daly Boulevard and Portage Road. The construction will include streetscape enhancements such as colored stamped concrete, curbs, and lighting as financing will allow.	\$100,000	DOT
City of Niagara Falls	Design and construction of the Harriet Tubman Heritage Trail: a pedestrian and bike path and park behind the Niagara Falls Housing Authority's Henry E. Wrobel Towers development located at 800 Niagara Avenue.	\$200,000	DOT
Tonawanda Housing Authority	Construction of a driveway and wheelchair ramps that can be utilized as a direct drop off and pick up location for senior citizens and residents at the entrance of the facility.	\$100,000	DOT
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>	DOT

**Safe Routes to School:** Senator Thompson was a key contributor in increasing the awareness that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) had an untapped account of an existing \$27 million in federal funds to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for students by encouraging walking and bicycling to school and upgrading the respective infrastructure throughout the school's neighborhood to allow such. With the deadline quickly approaching, had Senator Thompson not raised awareness along with the Wellness Institute all of New York State's \$27 million would have gone back to the federal government. Hamlin Park PS#74 was chosen as a case study and will receive \$550,000 in funding combined with the City of



Buffalo’s supplemental commitment of \$1 million in 2009-2010 to complete the reconstruction of three surrounding intersections that have a high risk of collisions. Additional enhancements include new curb cuts, pedestrian-scaled lighting, marked crosswalks, signage and pedestrian countdown timers.

**2009-2010 FAITH-BASED CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>Agency Projects</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Bethel Community Development Corporation	Hamlin Park Renovation Project: Rehabilitation of (10) residences in historic Hamlin Park	\$1,180,000
Bethel Community Development Corporation	Head Start Safety Project: Repave parking lot and demolish garage	\$40,000
Bethel Community Development Corporation	New Construction of 12 4 bedroom houses and townhouses on Woodlawn, Michigan, Purdy, Ada and Lyth to complete the neighborhood restoration	\$2,620,000
Bethel Head Start	Construction of a Green House Community Garden to be located at 1487/1489 Jefferson Avenue	\$125,840
Bethel Head Start	Head Start Catering Vans	\$158,490
Bethel Head Start	Energy Efficiency and Innovation Project to be located at 1461 Main Street and various sites	\$201,000
Bethesda Community Development Corporation	Parking Lot and Sidewalk Safety Project that supports a Business Incubator with six store fronts and eleven office spaces at the Utica Square Building	\$70,670
Bethesda Community Development Corporation	Construction of a Subway Franchise	\$340,000
Greater Refuge Community Development Corporation	Senior Care Project located at 944 Jefferson and 420 Carlton	\$250,000
Mount Olive Development Corporation	Commercial/ Residential Building Rehabilitation for Higher Grounds Renovation Project located at 919 -921 East Delavan St.	\$1,200,000
Second Chance Ministries CDC	New construction of Transitional housing for women and children	\$1,200,000
Temple Community Development Corporation	Family Wrap-around Support Services	\$100,000
The Jeremiah Partnership	Capacity Building Initiative Program to support successful capital projects	\$1,550,000
The Jeremiah Partnership/ Regan Development	Bethune Hall – 2917 Main Street: Commercial/Residential Building Redevelopment to include commercial space, office space and student housing	\$1,000,000
True Bethel Community Development Corporation	Commercial Building Rehabilitation for Youth Services Center located at 865 East Ferry	\$445,000
Niagara Falls Community Center	Operational costs for re-opening closed community center	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,731,000</b>

### **Niagara University's 2009 Applied Urban Ministry Certificate Program Graduates (40):**

Designed by representatives of faith communities in Niagara Falls and Buffalo in cooperation with the university, the interdenominational program is intended to make pastors and lay people more effective leaders in their respective churches and work settings. The program consists of four core courses, three courses from either a clergy or lay tract, and four elective courses. The core courses include classes on both the Old and New Testament, effective communications, and comparative theology. Other courses cover various aspects of ministry, preaching and church operations. Courses in the certificate program will be taught by priests, ministers and credentialed lay people qualified in their respective fields.

Wanda Adams, Corinne Alston, Todd Blackley, Arthur Boyd, Eddie Cornelius, Laura Crump, Elizabeth Dixon, William Lynn Dobbs, Robin Easley, Steven Easley, Sr., David Edmunds, Cozell Ferrell, Darieck Foster, Phyllis Foye, James Foye, Nancy Freeland, Elverna Gidney, Forrestal Gray, Lesley Haynes, Charlene Jacque-Gray, Joseph Jones, Natrina Lee, Della Lewis Miller, Charles Martin, Irazetta Martin, Carol Milhouse, Sandra Palmer, Vivian Pokryzk, Duane Reed, Adeyinka Sanda, Kenneth Simmons, Deadra Smith, Robert Thistlewaite, Joseph Tyson, Willis Walker, Vanessa Walker, Tracey Weech, Williams Welch, Avon White and Vincent Woods.

## FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

### JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**2009 Niagara Falls School of Entrepreneurship Graduates (30):** Senator Thompson was able to secure \$40,000 for training and materials for the 2009 class. Graduates include: Doug Abel, Regina Austin, Rhonda Bevins, Kathryn Bunyon-McClendon, Kathleen Cosgrove, Daron Fair, Jennifer Fisher, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Myrtle Godin-Ennis, Lisa Hilson, Anthony Israel, Bob Kindzia, Arnold Leftwich, Arnold Littlewood, Matt Loughan, Judith Mokhiber, Michael Monaco, Fred Owens, Kishor Patel, Eric Smith, Patricia Smith, Shanna Smith, Elizabeth Smyth, Loran Smyth, Christopher Stoinoff, David Tothill, Deishan Williams, Paul Wojton, Tyrone Wooten, and Sauling Yam.

Organization Name	Address	City	Revised \$
BERC	Rm. 920 City Hall	Buffalo	\$25,000
Canisius College Women's Business Center	2365 Main St., Demerly Hall	Buffalo	\$25,000
Forever Elmwood Business Association	890 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$3,000
Hertel-North Buffalo Business Association	P.O. Box 3	Buffalo	\$5,000
Asbury Shalom Zone	520 7th St.	Buffalo	\$3,000
Lasalle Business and Professional Association	8649 Buffalo Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Little Italy Niagara LLC	1221 19th St.	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Main Street Business & Professional Assoc.	P.O. Box 442	Niagara Falls	\$3,000

Main Street Business Association	1824 Main St.	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Niagara Street Area Business Assoc.	P.O. Box 2796	Niagara Falls	\$2,000
Pine Avenue Business Association	2223 Pine Ave.	Niagara Falls,	\$4,000
Pine Avenue Business Association	2223 Pine Ave.	Niagara Falls,	\$3,000
City of Niagara Falls Dept. of Economic Development	745 Main St.	Niagara Falls	\$40,000
Highland Community Revitalization Committee	1750 Tennessee Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$30,000

**Green Initiatives Institute:** Senator Thompson was able to secure \$1 million in the 2009 Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) budget to establish research institutes to evaluate the potential and likelihood of various green industry and job training opportunities throughout New York State. SUNY at Buffalo (UB) and Long Island's SUNY at Stony Brook have been designated as the research institutions.

#### Funding for WNY Cultural Arts Organizations

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$ Award</b>
Arts Council of Buffalo & Erie County	700 Main St.	Buffalo	\$25,000
Albright Knox Art Gallery	1285 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$2,500
Buffalo Arts Studio	2495 Main St., Suite 500	Buffalo	\$5,000
Buffalo Contemporary Dance	208 Norwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$2,000
Buffalo Music Hall of Fame	P.O. Box 256	Buffalo	\$3,000
Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society	14 Nottingham Terr.	Buffalo	\$4,500
Burchfield Penney Art Gallery	1300 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$5,000
Coalition of Arts Providers for Children, Inc.	475 Beard Ave.	Buffalo	\$3,500
Community Music School of Buffalo	415 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$3,000
East Buffalo Sculpture Center	608 Spring St.	Buffalo	\$5,000
Elmwood Festival of the Arts	P.O. Box 786	Buffalo	\$3,000
Impact Artists' Gallery	2495 Main St., Suite 545	Buffalo	\$3,000
Music is Art	450 Masten Ave.	Buffalo	\$5,000
Neglia Ballet Artists	1685 Elmwood Ave., 3rd Floor	Buffalo	\$4,000
Niagara Falls Film Festival	3840 E. Robinson Rd., Suite 166	Amherst	\$5,000

Polish Heritage Dancers of WNY	320 Two Rod Rd.	Alden	\$2,000
Shakespeare in the Park	P.O. Box 716	Buffalo	\$5,000
Shakespeare in the Park	P.O. Box 716	Buffalo	\$5,000
Shea's Spotlight Committee	149 Anderson Pl.	Buffalo	\$1,500
Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources	712 Main St.	Buffalo	\$3,000
Western New York Artists Group	1 Linwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$5,000
Muhammad's School of Music	P.O. Box 936	Buffalo	\$8,000
Niagara Arts & Cultural Center	1201 Pine Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$5,000
Ujima Theatre Co.	545 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$10,000

Capital Funding for WNY Cultural Arts Organizations

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Albright Knox Art Gallery- Sidewalk/Staircase Replacement	1285 Elmwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$100,000
Niagara Art and Cultural Center	1201 Pine Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$300,000
Shea's Performing Arts Theatre- Security System Upgrades	P.O. Box 1103	Buffalo	\$100,000

## Little League Sports



Senator Thompson attending his Kensington Little League Baseball Clinic at McCarthy Park co-hosted by the Buffalo Bisons.

Organization	Street Address	City	\$ Award
Black Rock Riverside Little League Football	46 Newfield Ave.	Buffalo	\$2,000
Buffalo Inner City Youth Fan Club for Golfing	612 E. Delavan Ave.	Buffalo	\$2,000
Buffalo Pop Warner Ravens	1 Collingwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Buffalo-Baltimore Basketball Tournament	36 East Morris Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Delaware Soccer Club	2495 Main St., Suite 411	Buffalo	\$2,500
Erie County Junior Football League (ECJFL)	112 Levin Ln.	E. Amherst	\$9,000
Girls Sports Foundation	165 Blaine Ave.	Buffalo	\$2,000
Kensington Little League Baseball	203 Texas St.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Larry Davis Youth Foundation	1586 Wehrle Dr.	Williamsville	\$1,000
NEBC/CAO of Erie County	16 Minton St.	Buffalo	\$5,000
NICYO	549 Linwood Ave.	Buffalo	\$20,000
North Buffalo Bisons Hockey	1360 Niagara St.	Buffalo	\$2,000
North Buffalo Junior Athletic Association	482 Franklin St.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Northwest Soccer Club	155 Lawn Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Pop Warner Bills Little League Football	P.O. Box 801	Buffalo	\$4,000
River Rock Baseball League	P.O. Box 267	Buffalo	\$2,000
Slamboree Basketball League	312 Dewey Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000

The Family 25, Inc.	P.O. Box 106	Buffalo	\$5,000
Trinidad Neighborhood Assoc. Summer Basketball Camp	P.O. Box 854	Buffalo	\$1,000
University Basketball League	45 Rounds Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Willie Hutch Jones Sports Clinic, Inc.	79 Meech St., Suite 115	Buffalo	\$3,000
Youth Advantage Buffalo	65 Niagara Square, Rm. 607	Buffalo	\$2,000
Niagara PAL	4455 Porter Rd., Rm. 420B	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Cataract Little Loop Football Assoc.	P.O. Box 223	Niagara Falls	\$2,000
Cayuga Youth Athletic Assoc.	1702 100th St.	Niagara Falls	\$2,000
Cayuga Softball	727 87th St.	Niagara Falls	\$2,000
Grand Island Vikings Football	P.O. Box 145	Grand Island	\$3,000
Midtown Little League Baseball	517 29th St.	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Niagara Christian Basketball Program	P.O. Box 298	Niagara Falls	\$3,000
Niagara Falls Boys Basketball Booster Club	1359 Calumet Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$2,500
Niagara Falls Wrestling Club	2402 Niagara St.	Niagara Falls	\$1,000
Whirlpool Park Little League	1308 Garrett Ave.	Niagara Falls	\$1,000

**CAPITAL FUNDING FOR WNY ATHLETICS**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Fruitbelt CDC- Boxing Program	833 Michigan Ave.	Buffalo	\$ 200,000
Medalle College- McCarthy Park Phase II	18 Agassiz Circle	Buffalo	\$ 250,000
North Buffalo Ice Rink	203 Sanders Rd.	Buffalo	\$ 200,000

## EDUCATION



Senator Thompson hosts a press conference to announce securing \$40,000 towards a new Engineering curriculum for Grand Island students. Without this funding, the program would have ceased.



Senator Thompson reads to students at a Buffalo elementary school.



**FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$ Award</b>
Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo & Erie County	1313 Main St.	Buffalo	\$6,000
Buffalo Board of Education	Rm. 428 City Hall	Buffalo	\$6,000
Canisius College Literacy Center	2001 Main St.	Buffalo	\$6,000
Read to Succeed Buffalo	392 Pearl St.	Buffalo	\$6,000
King Urban Life Center	938 Genesee St.	Buffalo	\$6,000
Simmons-Elliott Educational Center	288-4 Holden St.	Buffalo	\$6,000
Grand Island Central School District	1100 Ransom Rd.	Grand Island	\$35,000
Grand Island High School	1100 Ransom Rd.	Grand Island	\$5,000
Literacy Volunteers of Niagara County	23 East Ave.	Lockport	\$3,000
Niagara Falls Public Library	1425 Main St.	Niagara Falls	\$30,000
Nioga Library System	6575 Wheeler Rd.	Lockport	\$3,000
The African Educational Alliance of WNY	80 Borehaven Dr. Right	Amherst	\$1,000

**CAPITAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Bennett High School	2885 Main Street	Buffalo	\$200,000
City of Niagara Falls- LaSalle Library Capital Improvements	745 Main St.	Niagara Falls	\$100,000
Medaille College- Campus Entrance Reconstruction	18 Agassiz Circle	Buffalo	\$100,000

**PARKS**



Senator Thompson presents Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy’s Executive Director Thomas Herrera-Mishler and Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown with \$500,000 secured from the 2009 state budget’s Environmental Protection Fund. The funds will be used for capital repairs in MLK, Delaware, and Riverside Parks.

## PARKS CAPITAL & EPF FUNDING

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy- Riverside Park, Minnow Pools	84 Parkside Ave.	Buffalo	\$200,000
City of Buffalo- Delaware Park Ring Road Improvements	65 Niagara Sq., Rm. 201	Buffalo	\$300,000
City of Buffalo- Local Parks Capital Improvements	65 Niagara Sq., Rm. 201	Buffalo	\$250,000
City of Tonawanda- Niawanda Park Capital Improvements	200 Niagara St.	Tonawanda	\$250,000
Medaille College- McCarthy Park Phase II	18 Agassiz Circle	Buffalo	\$250,000
Black Rock Canal Park Committee	155 Lawn Ave.	Buffalo	\$500,000
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	84 Parkside Ave.	Buffalo	\$500,000
Cayuga Creek Park		Niagara Falls	\$250,000

## HEALTHCARE

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Revised \$</b>
North West Buffalo Community Health Care Center	155 Lawn Ave.	Buffalo	\$15,000
Food Bank of WNY	91 Holt St.	Buffalo	\$25,000
Buffalo City Mission	100 E. Tupper St.	Buffalo	\$1,000
ECMC Lifeline	462 Grider St.	Buffalo	\$10,000
Friends of the Night People	394 Hudson St.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Group Ministries	1333 Jefferson Ave.	Buffalo	\$35,000
Heart Foundation	1131 Kensington Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000
Mental Health Assoc. of Erie County, Inc.	999 Delaware Ave.	Buffalo	\$1,000

## HEALTHCARE CAPITAL FUNDING

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Mount St. Mary's Hospital- Niagara Falls Health Clinic	5300 Military Rd.	Lewiston	\$250,000
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	621 Tenth Street	Niagara Falls	\$ 300,000

## 2009-2010 SECURED DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING

Name of Recipient or Organization	\$ Amount	NYS Source/Agency
National Forensic Sciences Improvement grant	\$45,000	DCJS
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Firearms Lab Capacity Enhancement	\$114,311	DCJS
Aid to Defense	\$134,200	DCJS
Aid to Prosecution	\$292,241	DCJS
Aid to Crime Laboratories	\$123,452	DCJS
2009 STOP DV Stimulus Grant	\$85,000	DCJS
Crime Analysis - IT Positions	\$256,797	DCJS
Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud	\$80,700	DCJS
Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP)	\$143,000	DCJS
STOP Violence Against Women	\$61,386	DCJS
Domestic Violence Legal Support	\$41,109	DCJS
Legal Assistance to Low Income Persons	\$6,033	DCJS
Legal Assistance to Low Income Persons	\$45,000	DCJS
Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program	\$5,363	DCJS
Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program	\$40,000	DCJS
Buffalo Police MVT/Insurance Fraud Yr 12	\$116,700	DCJS
Erie County Re-entry Continuation Proposal	\$440,900	DCJS
Enhanced Defense	\$123,400	DCJS
Aid to Defense	\$89,500	DCJS
2009 DNA Laboratory Capacity Enhancement Initiative	\$525,343	DCJS
Girls Circle Delinquency Prevention and Treatment	\$147,086	DCJS
2009-2010 Aid-to Crime Labs	\$531,212	DCJS
Youth and Senior Programs	\$77,000	DCJS
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,853,663	DOH
WESTERN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE INC	\$1,300,540	DOH
UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY MED SVCS OFFICE OF PRE HOSPITAL CARE	\$381,333	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$397,592	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$66,944	DOH
KALEIDA HEALTH	\$65,000,000	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$1,055,958	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$1,022,300	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$589,686	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$1,080,000	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC	\$824,000	DOH
NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SVCS INC	\$119,402	DOH
P2 COLLABORATIVE OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$999,820	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$240,000	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE	\$240,000	DOH
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HEALTH RESEARCH INC ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE	\$240,000	DOH

BRISTOL HOME	\$168,397	DOH
WESTERN NEW YORK INDEPENDENT LIVING PROJECT INC	\$100,000	DOH
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF BUFFALO/KALEIDA HEALTH	\$389,318	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,533,920	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$658,838	DOH
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$433,703	DOH
GROUP MINISTRIES, INC.	\$505,988	DOH
HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA COUNTY, INC	\$342,976	DOH
ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$594,323	DOH
HORIZON HEALTH SVCS	\$493,826	DOH
ASPIRE OF WESTERN NY INC	\$183,918	DOH
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF BUFFALO INC	\$4,224,500	DOH
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK, INC	\$725,556	DOH
SISTERS OF CHARITY HOSPITAL	\$3,803,170	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$27,176	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$113,689	DOH
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BUFFALO	\$4,810,872	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$2,401	DOH
ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE CORPORATION	\$13,977,749	DOH
WNY CLINICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE INC (WNYCIE)	\$4,769,121	DOH
GROUP MINISTRIES, INC.	\$1,102,325	DOH
ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE CORPORATION	\$488,903	DOH
NIAGARA FALLS MEM MED CTR	\$2,666,199	DOH
AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER BUFFALO CHAPTER	\$413,465	DOH
FOOD BANK OF WESTERN NEW YORK	\$7,755,362	DOH
HEART, LOVE & SOUL, INC.	\$501,961	DOH
BUFFALO PRENATAL PERINATAL NETWORK	\$1,928,253	DOH
NIAGARA FALLS MEDICAL CENTER	\$561,538	DOH
NIAGARA FALLS MEDICAL CENTER	\$414,344	DOH
AIDS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$366,945	DOH
ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION	\$367,420	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$131,300	DOH
ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION	\$182,469	DOH
KALEIDA HEALTH	\$543,960	DOH
AIDS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK	\$342,252	DOH
AIDS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK	\$1,665,573	DOH
GROUP MINISTRIES, INC.	\$352,429	DOH
GROUP MINISTRIES, INC.	\$538,156	DOH
AMERICAN RED CROSS GREATER BUFFALO CHAPTER	\$276,358	DOH
AIDS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK	\$236,622	DOH
GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$260,807	DOH
PRIDE CENTER WESTERN NEW YORK, INC	\$263,185	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$559,116	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$329,466	DOH
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK, INC	\$1,904,389	DOH

ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$225,700	DOH
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF WNY, INC	\$152,004	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,508,562	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$349,647	DOH
AIDS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$863,704	DOH
NIAGARA FALLS MEM MED CTR	\$68,110	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$594,000	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$214,080	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$606,483	DOH
LEWAC ASSOCIATES OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$58,743	DOH
WESTERN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE INC	\$461,041	DOH
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SUNY	\$338,275	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$230,300	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$81,066	DOH
BUFFALO FEDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS INC	\$1,460,004	DOH
GROUP MINISTRIES, INC.	\$41,454	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$34,000	DOH
HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA COUNTY, INC	\$10,000	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$500,484	DOH
JERICO ROAD FAMILY PRACTICE	\$777,954	DOH
SISTERS OF CHARITY HOSPITAL	\$399,590	DOH
FAMILY CARE PHYSICIANS OF WNY	\$54,734	DOH
SUICIDE PREVENTION & CRISIS SERVICES, INC.	\$389,737	DOH
ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT	\$374,065	DOH
HEADWAY FOR BRAIN INJURED, INC	\$700,291	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,767,310	DOH
KALEIDA HEALTH	\$4,077,013	DOH
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK, INC	\$7,339,752	DOH
WESTERN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE INC	\$713,220	DOH
HEADWAY FOR BRAIN INJURED, INC	\$562,500	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$742,800	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$408,909	DOH
CATHOLIC HLTH SYSTEM PROG OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE	\$351,059	DOH
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES	\$316,535	DOH
ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT	\$179,594	DOH
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF BUFFALO /KALEIDA HEALTH	\$391,288	DOH
SHEEHAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$4,000,000	DOH
UNIV PEDIATRIC ASSOC PC	\$168,127	DOH
BRISTOL HOME	\$69,414	DOH
THE COURTYARDS LLC	\$65,000	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$200,000	DOH
PRIDE CENTER WESTERN NEW YORK, INC	\$21,181	DOH
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES	\$25,000	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC	\$120,000	DOH

GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH SERVICES OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC	\$56,081	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$412,511	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE	\$11,068,963	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$275,834	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$83,376	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$800,000	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$517,909	DOH
WESTERN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE INC	\$59,200	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$916,016	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$113,313	DOH
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BUFFALO	\$1,796,168	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$2,611,185	DOH
KALEIDA HEALTH COLUMBUS HOSPITAL	\$382,486	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$301,832	DOH
ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION	\$138,334	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$211,438	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$36,151	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$10,524	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$35,800	DOH
MEN OF COLOR HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT, INC	\$18,800	DOH
SISTERS OF CHARITY HOSPITAL	\$35,721	DOH
MEN OF COLOR HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT, INC	\$25,391	DOH
ERIE COUNTY TREASURER	\$806,738	DOH
COUNTY OF NIAGARA COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE	\$186,641	DOH
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, NIAGARA CO	\$671,610	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE	\$12,158,317	DOH
HEALTH RESEARCH INC ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE	\$2,286,675	DOH
KALEIDA HEALTH	\$1,213,423	DOH
SISTERS OF CHARITY HOSPITAL	\$310,534	DOH
ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	\$56,812	DOH
HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA COUNTY, INC	\$65,357	DOH
YWCA of Western New York, Inc.-LAO Jobs for Youth Program	\$186,389	DOL
PMI RT 265 (SEYMOUR ST); FLETCHER ST TO NIAGARA COUNTY LINE & RT 265 (MILITARY RD); BUFFALO CITY LINE TO RT 324	\$1,231,000	DOT
I-190,BOND PHASE I; INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; GIRARD AVE TO LEWISTON QUEENSTON BRIDGE	\$6,600,000	DOT
RT 198/RT 33	\$2,400,000	DOT
RT 198/DELAWARE AVE	\$2,100,000	DOT
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE/ RT 33	\$3,300,000	DOT
ITS CONTRACT MAINTENANCE, NHS, SFY 07/08, 08/09 & 09/10	\$800,000	DOT
MOF-SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS/INSTALLATION; ERIE COUNTY;SFY 09/10; 9 TRAFFIC SIGNALS /41 PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS	\$1,156,000	DOT
PAVEMENT MARKINGS LONG LINE, SDF, SFY 07/08	\$1,500,000	DOT

PAVEMENT MARKINGS LONG LINE, SDF, SFY 08/09	\$1,600,000	DOT
SIGN REPLACEMENT, SDF, SFY 09/10	\$515,000	DOT
PMI-BRIDGE PAINTING; SFY 07/08	\$2,300,000	DOT
PMI-BRIDGE PAINTING; 8 BINS IN BUFFALO & TONAWANDA; ERIE COUNTY;SFY 09/10	\$2,261,000	DOT
DETECTABLE WARNINGS/ADA COMPLIANCE ON SIDEWALK RAMPS	\$334,000	DOT
PMI-ROBERT MOSES PKWY; N. G.I. BRIDGE-DALY BLVD.	\$600,000	DOT
PMI-MOWING @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS,N. ERIE;SFY 07/08	\$89,000	DOT
PMI-EAST TUPPER FROM ELLICOTT -ELM ST & ROUTE 16 ( SENECA ST) & 950M (POTTERS RD)	\$600,000	DOT
MOF-MOWING @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS, NIAG; SFY 08/09	\$69,000	DOT
PMI-RAMPS-RT 33, I-290, RT 263 &RT 240; INTERSECTION- RT 78 & 263	\$660,000	DOT
PMI-RMSP; I-190 TO JB DALY BLVD	\$1,315,000	DOT
MOF- CLOSED DRAINAGE CLEANING & REPAIR;SFY 09/10;RT 425 FROM FILLMORE TO NIAGARA; PUMP HOUSES RTS 78,130; M&I SWPPP/SPDES	\$464,000	DOT
MOF-SIGN BLOCK; SFY 09/10; REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN REGION 5 IN CATTARAUGUS, CHAUTAUQUA, ERIE COUNTIES	\$530,000	DOT
MOF-BRIDGE JOINT REPLACEMENTS; SFY 09/10	\$500,000	DOT
VPP-RT 954L (BROADWAY); OAK ST - FILLMORE AVE	\$340,000	DOT
MOF-CRACK SEALING @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS; N. ERIE; SFY 08/09	\$150,000	DOT
VPP-WEST RIVER PKWY; SOUTH PKWY - OAKFIELD RD	\$81,000	DOT
MOF-CRACK SEALING; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN NIAGARA RESIDENCY	\$100,000	DOT
MOF-CRACK SEALING;VARIOUS ROUTES;N.ERIE COUNTY;SFY 09/10	\$200,000	DOT
City of Buffalo-Buffalo-RESTORE III-Commercial and Mixed Used Urban Center- Avant	\$ 2,000,000	ESDC
Tonawanda-RESTORE III-Demolition of Spaulding Fibre Facility	\$ 663,000	ESDC
Buffalo - RESTORE II - Trico Building	\$ 4,500,000	ESDC
H.H. Richardson Stabilization Capital	\$ 9,940,880	ESDC
H. H. Richardson Working Capital	\$ 150,000	ESDC
NIAGARA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC)	\$ 35,000	ESDC
Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc.-South American Rainforest	\$ 6,750,000	ESDC
Life Technologies Corporation	\$ 2,000,000	ESDC
Niagara Falls Housing Authority-Neighborhood Revitalization Hope VI	\$ 1,000,000	ESDC
H.H. Richardson Working Capital	\$ 200,000	ESDC
Erie County IDA 2009 Medica GEMS	\$ 40,000	ESDC
LS&S, LLC Capital	\$ 85,000	ESDC
City of Buffalo-Elk Street Redevelopment Plan	\$ 15,000	ESDC
Datesweiser IEP	\$ 40,000	ESDC
NIAGARA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-Niagara Military Affairs Council	\$ 35,000	ESDC

Buflovak GEMS	\$ 22,600	ESDC
Keller Bros. Capital	\$ 21,800	ESDC
Erie County IDA GEMS - Medica Show GEMS	\$ 50,000	ESDC
Cannon Design Capital	\$ 400,000	ESDC
Agriculture - Food Processing Industry Study	\$ 25,000	ESDC
AccuMed Training	\$ 50,000	ESDC
City of Niagara Falls-Niagara University Entrepreneurial training	\$ 25,000	ESDC
Polish Community Center of Buffalo	\$914,364	DHCR
Neighborhood Housing Services of South Buffalo, Inc.	\$2,344,652	DHCR
Supportive Services Corporation	\$2,282,586	DHCR
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.	\$1,142,041	DHCR
University Heights Community Development Association, Inc. (UHCA)	\$247,250	HFA-AHC
The Gardens Apartments	\$17,000,000	HFA
Habitat for Humanity of New York State	\$748,000	HFA
WNY Medical Alliance	\$89,822	NYSERDA
Park Lane Condominiums	\$59,294	NYSERDA
Great Lakes Pressed Steel Corp.	\$10,463	NYSERDA
Nichols School	\$171,061	NYSERDA
Corporate Manor Apartments, LLC	\$56,786	NYSERDA
Landhouse Millicent Group, LLC	\$10,360	NYSERDA
Park Lane Condominiums	\$60,025	NYSERDA
First Street Group, LLC	\$20,000	NYSERDA
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	\$10,960	NYSERDA
TDS Properties, LLC	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Myron Robbins	\$33,365	NYSERDA
Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.	\$30,000	NYSERDA
366 Elmwood Avenue - LoRusso Family, L.P.	\$246,380	NYSERDA
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc.	\$30,000	NYSERDA
531 Franklin Street Revocable Trust DIP	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Corporate Manor Apartments, LLC	\$11,540	NYSERDA
Walden Park Associates, LP c/o Maryvale East Management Corp.	\$10,520	NYSERDA
Towne Gardens, LLC	\$18,950	NYSERDA
Chesed Corporation	\$12,040	NYSERDA
Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.	\$30,000	NYSERDA
Delaware Tower Condominium	\$5,420	NYSERDA
Horizon Buffalo Portfolio, LLC	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Horizon Buffalo Portfolio II, LLC	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Horizon Buffalo Portfolio II, LLC	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Horizon Buffalo Portfolio II, LLC	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Horizon Buffalo Portfolio, LLC	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Gioia Mucci Partnership	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Raymond Bova Sr., Raymond Bova Jr., Geoff Hallam dba Tenants in Common	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Greco Properties	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Behg Properties, Inc.	\$5,000	NYSERDA
Behg Properties, Inc.	\$10,000	NYSERDA



Horizon Buffalo Portfolio II, LLC	\$5,000	NYSERDA
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Horizon Buffalo Portfolio, LLC	\$5,000	NYSERDA
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The Order of the Felician Sisters of St. Francis	\$205,247	NYSERDA
The Order of the Felician Sisters of St. Francis	\$8,933	NYSERDA
Buffalo State College	\$27,845	NYSERDA
First Street Group, LLC	\$11,500	NYSERDA
640 Ellicott Street, LLC	\$6,470	NYSERDA
Kamman Group, LLC	\$11,180	NYSERDA
Kamman Group, LLC	\$11,470	NYSERDA
FJF Development, LLC	\$14,420	NYSERDA
FJF Development, LLC	\$17,430	NYSERDA
BTC Block 1/21, Inc.	\$22,607	NYSERDA
BTC Block 1/21, Inc.	\$18,794	NYSERDA
Nichols School	\$20,569	NYSERDA
University at Buffalo	\$50,000	NYSERDA
University at Buffalo	\$19,606	NYSERDA
LCo Buildings LLC	\$5,375	NYSERDA
WNY Medical Alliance	\$8,681	NYSERDA
598 Main Street, LLC	\$15,996	NYSERDA
Niagara Falls, City of	\$160,116	NYSERDA
Niagara Falls, City of	\$18,667	NYSERDA
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Inc.	\$8,749	NYSERDA
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Inc.	\$4,490	NYSERDA
Martin House Restoration Corp.	\$21,250	NYSERDA
4628 Group, Inc.	\$6,900	NYSERDA
Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. c/b/a/ Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center	\$4,300	NYSERDA
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	\$1,810,500	NYSERDA
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	\$44,090	NYSERDA
The Bristol Home, Inc.	\$60,198	NYSERDA
The Bristol Home, Inc.	\$6,000	NYSERDA
The Bristol Home, Inc.	\$7,300	NYSERDA
Hyatt Regency - Buffalo	\$42,120	NYSERDA
Hyatt Regency - Buffalo	\$2,344	NYSERDA
Williams Advanced Materials	\$1,996	NYSERDA
Del Monte Foods	\$4,940	NYSERDA
WSF Industries, Inc.	\$15,294	NYSERDA
Protective Industries	\$10,771	NYSERDA
Koch Metal Spinning Co., Inc.	\$600	NYSERDA
Sodexo Laundry Services	\$6,075	NYSERDA
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Corporate Manor Apartments, LLC	\$12,825	NYSERDA
191 North St. Medical Building, LLC	\$19,360	NYSERDA
Sisters of Charity Hospital	\$40,200	NYSERDA

Buffalo Sewer Authority	\$6,250	NYSERDA
Cohens Bakery, Inc	\$3,450	NYSERDA
Norampac, Ind., Inc.	\$8,250	NYSERDA
Grand Island Central School District	\$4,500	NYSERDA
Niagara Geriatric Ctr., Inc.	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Town of Grand Island	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Al Cohens Bakery	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Canisius High School	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Seneca Gaming Corporation	\$212,792	NYSERDA
Father Sams Bakery	\$1,500	NYSERDA
Vulcan Steam Forging Company	\$1,500	NYSERDA
1143 Bailey LLC	\$6,276	NYSERDA
Elmwood Taco & Subs	\$3,175	NYSERDA
Gerster Sales and Service, Inc.	\$540	NYSERDA
Society of Saint Vincent Depaul	\$4,500	NYSERDA
Deronde Tire Supply Inc	\$4,410	NYSERDA
Falls Auto Spring, Inc.	\$600	NYSERDA
Cinderella Shoe Shop (Donald Capatosto)	\$280	NYSERDA
Bundys Auto Repair	\$280	NYSERDA
Georges Appliance Inc.	\$1,040	NYSERDA
Krehers Farm Fresh Eggs, LLC	\$525	NYSERDA
Deronde Tire Supply Inc	\$5,730	NYSERDA
Empire Funding Services Corp.	\$120	NYSERDA
Buffalo Sewer Authority	\$700	NYSERDA
NY Glass Products, Inc.	\$2,250	NYSERDA
National Maintenance Contracting Corp	\$675	NYSERDA
Ciminelli Development Co, Inc.	\$1,200	NYSERDA
Franks Vacuum Truck Service, Inc	\$540	NYSERDA
Enterprise Folding Box Co., Inc.	\$250	NYSERDA
W.S. Johnson Building Company	\$1,250	NYSERDA
Freds Collision	\$400	NYSERDA
Steve Dinieri d/b/a Precision Auto	\$630	NYSERDA
Sanarak Products Incorporated	\$960	NYSERDA
Deronde Tire Supply Inc	\$4,780	NYSERDA
National Maintenance Contracting Corp	\$240	NYSERDA
Cinderella Shoe Shop (Donald Capatosto)	\$80	NYSERDA
Costanzo Welding Inc.	\$410	NYSERDA
Sawmas Car Care	\$450	NYSERDA
Dollar Tree Stores c/o Real WinWin	\$625	NYSERDA
Buffalo Hydraulic Jack Service, Inc.	\$100	NYSERDA
Ferguson Electric Construction Co.	\$800	NYSERDA
Quermbach Electric, Inc.	\$1,275	NYSERDA
Accumed Innovative Technologies, Inc.	\$400	NYSERDA
Durez Corporation	\$125	NYSERDA
Koch Metal Spinning Co., Inc.	\$658	NYSERDA
The Crosby Co.	\$1,925	NYSERDA
Collision Enterprises, Inc.	\$85	NYSERDA
Father Sams Bakery	\$1,215	NYSERDA

Buffalo Lining and Fabricating Co.	\$825	NYSERDA
Apple Imprints Apparel, Inc.	\$640	NYSERDA
LCo Buildings LLC	\$5,240	NYSERDA
Becker Laundry Corp.	\$3,000	NYSERDA
St. John De LaSalle School	\$630	NYSERDA
Parkside Auto (Robert Hendrix)	\$70	NYSERDA
DODI, LLC	\$30	NYSERDA
Elmwood Taco & Subs	\$2,025	NYSERDA
DNZ Corporation	\$100	NYSERDA
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	\$10,000	NYSERDA
Integrated Controls, USA, Inc.	\$125	NYSERDA
Durez Corporation	\$360	NYSERDA
Acquest Development	\$8,952	NYSERDA
Invitrogen Life Technologies	\$13,808	NYSERDA
Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$15,589	NYSERDA
Veterans Hospital	\$50,322	NYSERDA
Monro Muffler Brake & Service, Inc.	\$11,837	NYSERDA
Luvata Buffalo, Inc.	\$103,783	NYSERDA
Niagara Arts & Cultural Center	\$7,257	NYSERDA
Dates Weiser Furniture Corporation	\$6,146	NYSERDA
Buffalo Sewer Authority	\$213,149	NYSERDA
Tonawanda, Town of	\$60,475	NYSERDA
SUNY Buffalo	\$137,452	NYSERDA
Buffalo Medical Group Bldg, Inc.	\$3,147	NYSERDA
M&T Bank	\$2,258	NYSERDA
Albright Knox Art Gallery	\$4,646	NYSERDA
Town of Grand Island	\$5,498	NYSERDA
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	\$6,508	NYSERDA
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	\$4,535	NYSERDA
WIVB TV Channel 4	\$1,381	NYSERDA
NOCO Energy Corp.	\$3,709	NYSERDA
Town of Cheektowaga	\$2,772	NYSERDA
Monro Muffler Brake & Service, Inc.	\$4,488	NYSERDA
SUNY Buffalo	\$2,283	NYSERDA
Grossmans	\$5,299	NYSERDA
Caplugs LLC	\$1,910	NYSERDA
Washington Mills	\$10,177	NYSERDA
Broadway Market Corporation	\$12,400	NYSERDA
SUNY Buffalo	\$1,000,000	NYSERDA
Park Lane Condominiums	\$6,700	NYSERDA
Landhouse Millicent Group, LLC	\$8,200	NYSERDA
Anthony P. LoRusso	\$8,200	NYSERDA
Anthony P. LoRusso	\$1,650	NYSERDA
Niagara Reservation State Park	\$7,376	NYSERDA
Vulcan Steam Forging Company	\$23,100	NYSERDA
Sodexho Laundry Services	\$820	NYSERDA
Sisters of Charity Hospital	\$3,330	NYSERDA
Norampac, Ind., Inc.	\$1,015	NYSERDA

Cohens Bakery, Inc	\$1,193	NYSERDA
Monro Muffler Brake & Service, Inc.	\$1,883	NYSERDA
Buffalo Sewer Authority	\$11,181	NYSERDA
SUNY Buffalo	\$16,037	NYSERDA
Niagara Arts & Cultural Center	\$2,450	NYSERDA
Niagara Thermal Products	\$498	NYSERDA
Koch Metal Spinning Co., Inc.	\$498	NYSERDA
Buffalo, City of	\$9,680	NYSERDA
Veterans Hospital	\$3,442	NYSERDA
Luvata Buffalo, Inc.	\$5,037	NYSERDA
Corporate Manor Apartments, LLC	\$585	NYSERDA
191 North St. Medical Building, LLC	\$976	NYSERDA
Dates Weiser Furniture Corporation	\$2,455	NYSERDA
Elmwood Taco & Subs	\$976	NYSERDA
Seneca Niagara Falls Gaming Corp	\$4,706	NYSERDA
City of Buffalo-CAMP Workshops	\$5,005	EPF/PARKS
African American Cultural Center, Inc.	\$11,000	EPF/PARKS
American Repertory Theatre of Western NY, Inc.	\$4,000	EPF/PARKS
Ballet Artists of Western New York, Inc.	\$3,500	EPF/PARKS
Buffalo Inner City Ballet Company, Inc.	\$5,000	EPF/PARKS
Buffalo Naval Park Committee, Inc.	\$50,000	EPF/PARKS
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$50,000	EPF/PARKS
Can You Dig It, Inc.	\$18,000	EPF/PARKS
Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church	\$10,000	EPF/PARKS
Dearborn Street Community Association	\$4,000	EPF/PARKS
General Pulaski Association, Inc.	\$3,500	EPF/PARKS
Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, Inc.	\$14,000	EPF/PARKS
Greater Buffalo Italian Heritage & Food Festival, Inc.	\$4,000	EPF/PARKS
Hertel-North Park Business Association	\$8,000	EPF/PARKS
Historical Society of the Tonawandas	\$25,000	EPF/PARKS
Hull House Foundation	\$21,000	EPF/PARKS
Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc.	\$6,000	EPF/PARKS
Muhammad School of Music	\$5,000	EPF/PARKS
Pucho, Inc.	\$15,000	EPF/PARKS
Puerto Rican Day Parade of Western New York Association, Inc.	\$12,500	EPF/PARKS
Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild, Ltd.	\$4,000	EPF/PARKS
Theatre Alliance of Buffalo	\$10,000	EPF/PARKS
Valley Community Association, Inc.	\$5,000	EPF/PARKS
Buffalo Suzuki Strings, Inc.	\$10,000	EPF/PARKS
Carousel Society of the Niagara Frontier	\$10,000	EPF/PARKS
Main Street Business and Professional Association of Niagara Falls New York, Inc.	\$5,000	EPF/PARKS
Niagara Falls Little Theatre, Inc.	\$15,000	EPF/PARKS
Riviera Theatre & Organ Preservation Society, Inc.	\$14,000	EPF/PARKS
Tonawanda's Council on the Arts	\$10,000	EPF/PARKS
Town of Grand Island	\$86,963	EPF/PARKS
Everywoman Opportunity Center, Inc.	\$366,450	OTDA
Child & Family Services of Erie County	\$252,000	OTDA

Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Inc.	\$432,972	OTDA
H.E.L.P., Inc.	\$180,000	OTDA
Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.	\$43,200	OTDA
F.L.A.R.E., Inc.	\$64,800	OTDA
Benedict House of Western New York	\$244,800	OTDA
Hope of Buffalo, Inc.	\$64,000	OTDA
International Institute of Buffalo, Inc.	\$249,990	OTDA
Journey's End Refugee Services	\$820,716	OTDA
Journey's End Refugee Services	\$710,550	OTDA
Journey's End Refugee Services	\$66,816	OTDA

OCFS	NYS Office of Child & Family Services
DHCR/HTFC	NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal/ Housing Trust Fund Corporation
DEC	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9
DOT	NYS Department of Transportation, Region 5
EPF/PARKS	NYS Division of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Niagara Region
ESDC	Empire State Development Corporation
NYSCA	NYS Council of the Arts
NYCH	NYS Council of the Humanities
OTDA	NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance

## PRIME SPONSORED 2010 SENATE BILLS

### BILLS THAT WERE SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR

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- [S1590](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires state agencies, departments or authorities which let more than ten million dollars in service and construction contracts to establish mentor-protege programs to enable the development and success of small, minority, and women-owned businesses.  
**Significant Act:** 07/16/09 Substituted By A4091 - 08/26/09 Chaptered 360
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- [S3024](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the wearing of personal flotation devices when underway on a pleasure vessel less than twenty-one feet between November first and May first.  
Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
**Significant Act:** 05/26/09 Substituted By A6784 - 07/11/09 Chaptered 115
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- [S3746](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to owner liability for failure of operator to comply with traffic control indications in the city of Rochester.  
**Significant Act:** 04/07/09 Substituted By A7332 - 04/28/09 Chaptered 22
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- [S3747](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the city of Buffalo to establish by local law a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on vehicle owners to fail to comply with traffic control indicators.  
**Significant Act:** 04/07/09 Substituted By A7331 - 04/28/09 Chaptered 21
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- [S3784](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Extends the special powers of the New York state environmental facilities corporation.  
Eff. Date 07/28/2009 Environmental Facilities Corporation  
**Significant Act:** 07/28/09 Chaptered 279
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- [S4916](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Extends authorization for private sale of bonds and notes of the city of Buffalo to include serial bonds or notes issued on or before June 30, 2010.  
Eff. Date 06/30/2009  
**Significant Act:** 06/30/09 Chaptered 78
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- [S5766](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the prohibition of the sale of Tasmanian Forester Kangaroo.  
**Significant Act:** 07/16/09 Substituted By A8559A - 08/11/09 Chaptered 338
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- [S5779](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the state green building construction act and the legislative findings thereof; repeals article 13 of the energy law relating to establishing the state green building construction act, and establishes a new state green building construction act.  
**Significant Act:** 07/16/09 Substituted By A7246B - 08/26/09 Chaptered 380
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[S66004A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes municipalities to create a municipal sustainable energy loan program using federal grant assistance or federal credit support available for such purpose.  
Eff. Date 11/19/2009  
Governor's Program  
**Significant Act:** 11/19/09 Chaptered 497

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**SENATOR THOMPSON PRIME SPONSORED BILLS  
VETOED BY GOVERNOR**

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[S 1190](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the institution of a suit in any court of competent jurisdiction alleging a violation of the human rights law for a period of three years after the dismissal of a complaint for administrative convenience by the division of human rights.  
**Significant Act:** 03/02/09 Substituted By A3483 - 03/24/09 Vetoed Memorandum 2

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[S5073](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to Buffalo fiscal stability authority financial crisis determination.  
**Significant Act:** 07/09/09 Substituted By A8374 - 07/22/09 Vetoed Memorandum 21

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**SENATOR THOMPSON PRIME SPONSORED BILLS  
PASSED IN SENATE NOT PASSED IN ASSEMBLY**

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[S 1635](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM** Prevents individuals from being denied standing in private actions alleging violations of the environmental quality review provisions of the environmental conservation law solely on the basis that the injury alleged by such individual does not differ in kind or degree from the injury that would be suffered by the public at large.  
**Significant Act:** 05/12/09 Substituted By A3423 - 07/16/09 Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

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[S3777](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires that an applicant for a permit to construct or renew a permit to operate a solid waste management facility demonstrate compatibility with the solid waste management plan of the planning unit or units within which such facility is located and the planning unit or units from which solid waste is to be received.  
**Significant Act:** 05/19/09 Substituted By A5765 - 07/16/09 Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

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[S6047](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to establishing the recycling, reuse and safe handling of electronic equipment sold in the state of New York.  
Governor's Program  
**Significant Act:** 07/16/09 Substituted By A9049 - 01/06/10 Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

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**SENATOR THOMPSON PRIME SPONSORED BILLS  
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- [S1203](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the "foreclosure prevention act of 2009"; establishes that before any mortgagee may accelerate the maturity of any eligible mortgage obligation, commence any legal action including mortgage foreclosure, or take possession of any security of the mortgage debtor for such mortgage obligation that such mortgagee shall give the mortgagor notice; authorizes the commissioner of the state division of housing and community renewal to enter into contracts with neighborhood preservation companies to provide temporary homeownership assistance activities; gives notice to mortgagors of foreclosure prevention activities and payments; creates the New York state foreclosure prevention fund.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Housing, Construction, and Community Development
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- [S1204](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Directs the New York state thruway authority to discontinue the collection of tolls at the Grand Island bridges in the Niagara section of the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S1205](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Allows non-violent felons to become eligible for a barber and cosmetology license.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Consumer Protection
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- [S1206](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to establishing the school uniform tax credit not exceeding \$200, for all expenses related to the purchase of uniforms required by a school's dress code policy for students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S1207](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes a replacement tires energy efficiency program for passenger cars and light-duty trucks; the department shall adopt and implement a statewide program.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S1208](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Removes the act of menacing committed with a deadly weapon, dangerous instrument or firearm from the class A misdemeanor of menacing in the second degree, and includes such act within the provisions of the class E felony of menacing in the first degree. Criminal Sanction Impact.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Codes
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- [S1209](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to global warming pollution control; establishes greenhouse gas limits and a greenhouse gas reporting system; rules and regulations must be adopted by May 1, 2010.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S1210](#)     **THOMPSON --**
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**SUMM :** Provides for the regulation of contractors in the city of Buffalo; protects against unlicensed contractors who fail to comply with building code and safety requirements; provides exemptions for certain individuals; provides that all general contractors must obtain a license to operate and may not advertise if they do not obtain said license; provides penalties for failure to comply; provides requirements to maintain a license.

Criminal Sanction Impact.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Cities

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[S1211](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides two days excused leave for parents for participation with child's education; two days per school year, per child.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Civil Service and Pensions

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[S1212](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Imposes longer sentences of imprisonment upon persons convicted of a sex offense, who have a prior conviction of a sex offense committed against a child.

Criminal Sanction Impact.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Codes

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[S1213A](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Adds two representatives, one upon written recommendation of the mayor of Buffalo and one by the Buffalo common council, to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority board of directors.

**Significant Act:** 02/03/10 Senate Finance

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[S1214](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Enacts the "city of Buffalo historic preservation tax credit act"; such credit shall be equal to thirty percent of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures made by the taxpayer upon completion of a rehabilitation work and approval of such work.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations

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[S1215](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Creates a tax credit for energy efficiency home improvements and products affixed to homes; directs NYSRDA to develop a list of qualified products and improvements and provides that such improvements shall not affect the assessed valuation of real property for tax purposes.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations

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[S1216](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Places restrictions on the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority's to impose a wage and/or hiring freeze upon the city or covered organizations or employees thereof.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

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[S1217](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Establishes an alternative youth criminal court for the city of Buffalo; creates an additional city court judge to preside over the new alternative youth criminal court; judge shall be elected at the general election in November 2010 and shall first take office January 1, 2011.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Judiciary

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- [S1218](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Increases the amount of the credit received through the empire zone wage tax credit, from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and \$1,500 to \$3,000 for different employees.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S1219](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires comptroller to report investments of the common retirement fund in entertainment investments; includes companies or individuals involved in film, television or music.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Civil Service and Pensions
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- [S1220A](#)   **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Repeals provision of law relating to limiting the unemployment insurance benefits which a non-professional employee of an educational institution may receive during vacation periods.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Labor
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- [S1221](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Prohibits mortgagees from requiring mortgagors of certain pieces of real property to purchase flood insurance coverage exceeding the actual value of the loan.  
**Significant Act:** 02/09/10 Senate Codes
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- [S1222A](#)   **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Mandates university and building level educational institution safety plans for possible acts of violence occurring at educational institutions within the state.  
**Significant Act:** 02/17/10 Senate Higher Education
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- [S1223](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the urban homestead act for commercial property; allows municipalities to sell foreclosed property for \$1 plus closing costs to individuals with a qualified small business plan.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Judiciary
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- [S1224](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides a \$1000 credit against estate tax if decedent is an organ donor.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S1225](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the NYS employee loan forgiveness program; individuals employed by a state employer, for 5 years or more of qualified service, and with outstanding loan debt are eligible to receive \$5,000 per year.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Higher Education
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- [S1226](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Increases the minimum percentage collected by the municipal governments hosting the facility.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance
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- [S1227](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the penalty for violating certain provisions requiring a stop at a railroad
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Criminal Sanction Impact.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation

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[S1228](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Includes wine and water bottles as returnable beverage containers; creates the youth conservation corp program for high school students who have not completed their junior year to work in department facilities; funds such program with returnable beverage container revenue.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S1229](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to tax credits for start-up high technology companies to allow such companies in existence for 8 or less taxable years to receive refunds of unused investment tax credit carry forwards.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations

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[S1230](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the membership of the Niagara county industrial development agency; creates a seat for the president of the Niagara Falls branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.  
**Significant Act:** 02/23/10 On Senate Calendar 102

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[S1231](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Prohibits the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside of the United States, including municipal solid waste incinerator ash; effective 90 days following enactment of clause 3 of section 8 of article 1 of the US Constitution.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S1232](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Grants a personal income tax rebate check to residents whose adjusted gross income is less than one hundred thousand dollars; taxable years beginning January 2008; checks mailed in 2009; resident must be a registered owner of a vehicle; expires December 31, 2009.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations

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[S1233](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to establish rules and regulations governing the transportation of hazardous materials through high risk areas; requires a permit for such transportation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation

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[S1234](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for the prohibition of sale of tobacco products at pharmacies and pharmacy departments.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Health

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[S1235](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides that any person who was an Army medic, Navy field medical service

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technician or Air Force pararescue shall be deemed to be qualified to be certified as an emergency medical technician.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Health

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[S1236](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Creates the central Buffalo housing district; provides for tax exemptions and abatements for certain property and entities within the central Buffalo housing district.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Local Government

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[S1237](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Relates to the lawful sale of copper and creates the New York state metal theft task force; creates a fine of not more than \$100; provides that the task force shall issue findings, in the form of a report, no later than November 30, 2010.

Criminal Sanction Impact.

**Significant Act:** 02/02/10 Senate Finance

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[S1238](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Creates the Buffalo housing development corporation; enumerates the powers and duties of the corporation and the powers and duties of its members; authorizes the issuance of bonds.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Housing, Construction, and Community Development

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[S1239](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides for greater protections to consumers in rental purchase agreements; defines certain terms, including "lease charge" and "trade area"; provides greater disclosure to consumer regarding the amount, number and times at which various payments relating to such an agreement are due and owing; makes various provisions regarding the method and information required to be disclosed in advertising for such agreements; provides for a right of reinstatement upon repossession.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Judiciary

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[S1240](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM ::** Authorize the city of Buffalo to implement a program imposing monetary liability on vehicle owners for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications in such municipality; empowers the city of Buffalo to install and operate traffic-control signal photo-monitoring devices at intersections and highway-railroad crossings; directs that any monetary penalties received due to the installation and operation of such photo-monitoring devices shall be deposited to the credit of and received by such municipality, after the payment of any administrative costs; makes related provisions.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation

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[S1241](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Relates to the function of industrial development agencies; relates to the application and community impact report, financial assistance agreements, wages and standards, displaced worker protection, complaints and appeals, and reports by recipients.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Local Government

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[S1242](#)

**THOMPSON --**

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**SUMM :** Creates minority and women-owned business enterprise regional advocates; provides that the advocates will help ensure that municipal agencies comply with the provisions of law relating to minority and women-owned business enterprises.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance

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[S1243](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Allows certain tax exemptions within the central Buffalo housing district; allows any property sold to an owner-occupant contractor, subcontractor or repairperson for use in erecting a building or improving existing property within the central Buffalo housing district to be exempt from sales tax.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S1244](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides for the transfer of a portion of fines issued for illegally passing a school bus to the comprehensive school bus driver safety training program for the study and promotion of issues involving school bus safety; establishes a school bus motorist education fund.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation

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[S1245](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM** Increases the maximum allowable speed on certain highways from sixty-five miles per hour to seventy-five miles per hour.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation

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[S1247](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Establishes that the promotion of prostitution of a child less than eighteen years old by a parent or guardian of such child is a Class B felony.  
Criminal Sanction Impact.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Codes

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[S1248](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides for health insurance coverage for family members of children who require psychiatric or psychological services.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Insurance

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[S1564](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM:** Relates to the brownfield cleanup program, the environmental restoration program, the brownfield opportunity area program and the brownfields shovel-ready program.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S1635](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Prevents individuals from being denied standing in private actions alleging violations of the environmental quality review provisions of the environmental conservation law solely on the basis that the injury alleged by such individual does not differ in kind or degree from the injury that would be suffered by the public at large.

**Significant Act:** 01/26/10 On Senate Calendar 29

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- [S1644](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides that procedures for obtaining photographic identification of a defendant in a criminal case be videotaped in order for the identification to be used in evidence.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Codes
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- [S2093](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes requirements for notice, access to information and public comment period with respect to uniform procedures for pending environmental protection agency projects and regulation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2094](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires a public hearing when permit modification has the potential to significantly improve the permit and the quality of the environment or mitigate the project's impact and enable the project to meet regulatory criteria.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2512](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the "electronic equipment recycling and reuse act"; relates to the recycling, reuse and safe handling of electronic equipment sold in the state of New York; defines terms; directs manufacturers to develop an electronic waste management plan and submit a report; requires a manufacturer to visibly label such electronic equipment and provide a toll-free telephone number and internet website that consumers can access for information on how electronic equipment can be returned for recycling or reuse free of charge to the consumer; makes related provisions.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2513](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Extends the effectiveness of chapter 631 of the laws of 1997 from July 1, 2009 until July 1, 2011 relating to authorizing medical assistance payments to certain clinics or diagnostic and treatment centers.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Social Services
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- [S2514](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the lead-free parks act; directs the department of environmental conservation to do a study of certain state parks which are adjacent to heavily travelled streets and highways to identify the level of lead contamination at such parks; provides for posting warning signs at parks identified as potential hazards; provides for grants to localities to clean up lead contaminated parks; directs the department of environmental conservation to establish procedures and regulations for remediation; requires final report on reduction efforts after one year.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2516](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides that any municipality may appropriate and provide funding, goods, and/or services to a public cemetery corporation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Local Government
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- [S2517A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes a process for regulating the collecting, recording, and disclosing of confidential information by state employees; defines "confidential information".  
**Significant Act:** 02/09/10 Senate Codes
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- [S2714](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the healthy, safe and energy efficient outdoor lighting act to reduce harmful outdoor lighting; sets standards for outdoor lighting; provides for the designation of dark-sky preserves; provides for distribution to customers by electric corporations or municipalities providing electric service of an informational pamphlet relating to outdoor lighting.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2715A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires certain providers of electric service to purchase electricity from eligible electric generators; establishes a rate schedule for certain renewable energy projects; prescribes the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and requires a report to the governor and the legislature concerning the effect of the purchase by providers of electric service of electricity generated from renewable energy sources.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications
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- [S2763A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the commissioner to establish standards for and a program of inspection and certification of green roofs prior to and after installation, including standards for environmentally acceptable chemical fertilizers and the testing of runoff water for evidence of such fertilizers; further establishes a green roof installation credit in the amount of fifty-five percent of qualified expenditures with a credit maximum of five thousand dollars.  
**Significant Act:** 02/02/10 Senate Finance
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- [S2764](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the climate change solutions program act; relates to greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs and energy efficiency programs; establishes powers and duties of the commissioner of environmental conservation with respect to the climate change solutions program.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2765](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Grants a director of a municipality the power to enforce the redemption of beverage containers at redemption centers; grants the same powers as environmental conservation officers pursuant to the litter and solid waste control provisions.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S2766](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes a replacement tire energy efficiency consumer information program for passenger cars and light-duty trucks; requires the department to establish rules and regulations for replacement tire fuel efficiency ratings standards; expires upon the enactment of substantially similar federal legislation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/26/10 On Senate Calendar 34
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[S2767](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Requires reporting to the legislature on green building construction by March 1, 2010 and annually thereafter.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S2784B](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Establishes the profession of geology; defines the practice of geology; establishes requirements for a license as a professional geologist; regulates the practice of such profession; authorizes geologists to engage in professional business enterprises with engineers, land surveyors, architects and landscape architects.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Higher Education

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[S2828](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Relates to federal funds and compliance with participation by minority group members and women with respect to state contracts; provides that funding from the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009 (Pub. L. No. 111-5) shall conform to such provisions.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance

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[S2949](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Requires children attending public schools to provide proof of health insurance coverage; direct commissioners of education, public health and social services to use local facilitated enrollment programs to assist families with children in public school to obtain available health insurance coverage.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Education

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[S3025](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Relates to reporting policies and procedures regarding vessels involved in accidents.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

**Significant Act:** 01/26/10 Senate Codes

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[S3026](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides environmental liens shall have priority over other liens except certain mortgages and liens for taxes on real property in favor of an assessing unit, school district, special district, county or other taxing unit.

State Comptroller

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S3295](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Provides that the use of herbicides to control vegetation that grows in utility right of ways should be replaced by other methods of controlling such growth of vegetation including mechanical alternatives, crop management and biological controls; authorizes the department of agriculture and markets to implement a vegetation management program to achieve such results.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Agriculture

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[S3296G](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the "bisphenol A-free children and babies act"; prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of child care products containing bisphenol A; prohibits the manufacture, distribution and sale of beverage and food containers containing bisphenol A; requires product labeling.  
**Significant Act:** 02/03/10 Senate Codes

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[S3442](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the department of environmental conservation to establish guidelines relating to the disqualification of contractors applying to perform stand-by contracts relating to past performance, reasonableness of pricing, acts of negligence and convictions for certain crimes reflecting on honesty, integrity and capability of any contractor.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S3506A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Creates the well water education act; requires the department of health to establish and maintain a public education program on the potential hazards of well water; requires home inspectors, licensed real estate agents and brokers to provide well water education materials to prospective buyers of property where such property is serviced by a private well.  
**Significant Act:** 01/15/10 Senate Health

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[S3560](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires one trustee of the New York Power Authority be a resident of Niagara county.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S3776A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides that upon notification of a petroleum discharge, the department of environmental conservation shall notify county and municipal executive officers, school district superintendent, landowners or tenants adjacent to or neighboring the site of the discharge whose property or drinking water supply may be potentially impacted by such discharge.  
**Significant Act:** 02/02/10 Senate Finance

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[S3777](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires that an applicant for a permit to construct or renew a permit to operate a solid waste management facility demonstrate compatibility with the solid waste management plan of the planning unit or units within which such facility is located and the planning unit or units from which solid waste is to be received.  
**Significant Act:** 03/03/10 Substituted By A5765 - 03/03/10 On Calendar 82 Opposite House

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[S3780](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the distribution, sale, offer and exposure of phosphorus compound in household cleaning products and lawn fertilizer.  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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- [S3782A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the management of migratory game birds.  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S3783](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to protection of state lands and provides criminal and civil penalties for violation of provisions relating thereto.  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S3785](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the commissioner, when processing reports of accidents filed, to give priority to reports involving serious physical injury or death.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S3891](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to state policy regarding the preservation of the unique qualities of the nighttime sky.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S3929](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the disposition of revenue into the environmental protection fund.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S4315A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to global warming pollution control; establishes greenhouse gas limits and a greenhouse gas reporting system.  
**Significant Act:** 01/22/10 Senate Finance
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- [S4316](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides up to three years of service credit to members of public retirement systems of the state for military service rendered during times of peace; removes requirement that such military service occur during specified periods of hostilities; such members must have at least five years of credited service, not including military service.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Civil Service and Pensions
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- [S4915](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Exempts a homeowner from any tax increases when installing a solar energy system on their home.  
**Significant Act:** 02/02/10 Senate Finance
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- [S4917](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the New York state greenhouse gases management research and development program to promote new technologies and processes which shall avoid, abate, mitigate, capture or sequester carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.  
**Significant Act:** 02/09/10 Passed Both Houses
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- [S4918](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Adds two representatives, one upon recommendation of the mayor of Niagara Falls and one by the Niagara Falls common council, to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S4919](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the powers and duties of NYSEDA with respect to collection of information regarding energy efficient outdoor lighting; requires NYSEDA to make available for public and private uses, the availability and use of the most energy efficient and environmentally sensitive outdoor lighting.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications
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- [S4920](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to state lighting efficiency standards for existing public buildings and to eliminating wasteful artificial night lighting of public buildings.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications
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- [S4921](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the commissioner of general services to release a right of reverter in letters patent conveying certain land located in the city of Buffalo.  
**Significant Act:** 02/22/10 Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
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- [S4922](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides that drugs shall only be disposed of by means of a drug manufacturer collection program; requires all drug manufacturers to establish and conduct a collection program for expired and unused drugs; requires manufacturers to dispose of drugs in an environmentally sound manner.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S4923](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the plans and specifications for the siting, erection, purchase, repair, enlargement or remodeling of school buildings in every school district to be subject to the approval of the commissioner of education for a determination that such plans and specifications are consistent with the standards for "green buildings" and for healthy and high performance schools.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Education
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- [S4924A](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the state Green School Building Construction Act.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S4939A](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Re-establishes the state superfund management board as the state remedial program oversight board; provides for appointment of board members and for the functions, powers, and duties of the board.  
**Significant Act:** 02/02/10 Senate Finance
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- [S4948](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Prohibits the taking of striped bass from the Hudson river for commercial purposes; defines the pertinent portions of the Hudson river and "taking of striped bass for commercial purposes"; does not prohibit lawful taking of striped bass by angling for recreational purposes; provides for expiration and repeal of amendments on April 1, 2013. Criminal Sanction Impact.  
**Significant Act:** 02/23/10 Senate Codes
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- [S4949](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for the study of integrated pest management at state facilities; defines the term "integrated pest management"; requires the department of environmental conservation to submit a report on or before February 1, 2011, in conjunction with Cornell University, on the viability of implementing the integrated pest management, as defined.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S4950A](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires applicants to the department of environmental conservation for permits to disclose information concerning other permits held and/or revoked, enforcement actions, criminal convictions, fees or fines owed, and other information relating to compliance by the applicant or any corporation of which he or she is an officer, director, or large stockholder with state, federal, or foreign environmental laws or regulations and certain other laws.  
**Significant Act:** 02/09/10 On Senate Calendar 83
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- [S4951](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes a real property tax abatement for the owners of land used for replanting or crop expansion of woody biomass for the production of ethanol or biodiesel, including willow.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Agriculture
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- [S4952](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Entitles the state to a lien upon all real property of any person from whom the state may recover costs under the hazardous waste remedial fund or the environmental conservation law for certain expenditures made by the state.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S4953](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts provisions to promote the practice of sustainable forestry; provides real property tax exemptions for eligible tracts; requires forest plan to be submitted and approved by the department of environmental conservation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Agriculture
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- [S4954B](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes counties, cities, towns and villages to establish green loans programs to provide financing to residential property owners for the purchase and installation of solar energy generating systems and/or wind energy generating systems on such property and/or for the cost of the performance of an energy efficiency analysis of the dwelling on such property and the completion of energy efficiency improvements upon such dwelling by a licensed contractor; such loans shall be repaid from an annual tax levy on the property; a property owner shall be eligible for only one such loan.
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**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Local Government

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[S4955A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes a task force to study and report on the standardization of the state building code, and local building codes and permit processes to facilitate increased use and development of solar and wind energy generating systems.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S4956](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the definition of freshwater wetlands; repeals section relating to the applicability of the freshwater wetlands article; provides authority of DEC over wetlands which are one acre or more; amends permitting requirements for subdivision of land.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S4957](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for the creation of a temporary state commission to determine the future governance of the canal corporation to be called the commission on the future governance of the canal corporation.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance

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[S4958](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Includes provisions where it is the duty of the department of environmental conservation to establish a method for individuals and businesses to calculate their greenhouse gas emissions and best management and procurement practices for state agencies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S4991](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the "New York state healthy and green procurement act".  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance

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[S4992](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for authority of the department of health to engage in or support research on the health effects of artificial night light.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Health

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[S4993](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to net energy metering for residential solar and wind, farm waste or non-residential solar electric generating systems.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S4994](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts "The Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act"; provides for: disclosure of mercury content, phase-out of mercury-added products, disposal prohibition, labelling, source separation, collection, requirements for sewage treatment plants, point source release containment traps, ban on sale or distribution of certain mercury products, replacement of manometers and gas pressure regulators (agriculture dept. to handle for dairy industry), regulates dental use and bans health insurance discrimination therein, requires lamp recycling; adds all mercury-added products to state universal waste rules; provides for a state advisory committee on mercury pollution; provides

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for penalties for violations; repeals chapter 145 of the laws of 2004 amending the environmental conservation law and the state finance law relating to the labeling and recycling of mercury-added consumer products and establishing an advisory committee on mercury pollution; provides for penalties for violations; repeals chapter 145 of the laws of 2004 amending the environmental conservation law and the state finance law relating to the labeling and recycling of mercury-added consumer products and establishing an advisory committee on mercury pollution.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S5068](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Allows for reimbursement of transportation costs for emergency care without prior authorization by the social services official including emergency medical transportation by an ambulance service certified under article 30 of the public health law; and further authorizes the commissioner of health to establish a reimbursement methodology to ensure providers are reimbursed.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Health

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[S5069](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Creates a nontoxic dry cleaning incentive grant and demonstration program and establishes an account to fund such grant and demonstration program; establishes a fee to be paid for the use, manufacture and sale of perchloroethylene; fees to be deposited into the nontoxic dry cleaning incentive fund.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S5070](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Establishes a 5 year moratorium on the taking of horseshoe crabs or the eggs of horseshoe crabs by any person, unless such taking is for scientific or educational purposes.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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[S5071A](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Establishes the diesel emissions retrofit program and fund; fund supplements through federal diesel emission reduction act funds in addition to other state funds.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance

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[S5072](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Authorizes Janice Middlebrook, the widow of William James Middlebrook, to file a retirement option election on behalf of her deceased husband.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Civil Service and Pensions

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[S5074](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Exempts the sale and installation of commercial solar energy systems equipment from sales and compensating use taxes; grants municipalities the option to grant such exemption from local sales and use taxes.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications

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[S5075](#)

**THOMPSON --**

**SUMM :** Authorizes the commissioner of environmental conservation to provide grants to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations to support costs related to the collecting, sorting, and packaging of empty beverage containers.

**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation

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- [S5080](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Excepts from community rating requirements group health insurance policies issued to multiple employer trusts consisting of municipal corporations and public benefit corporations.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Insurance
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- [S5401](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for the recycling of certain electronic equipment and provides for extended producer responsibility.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S5505A](#)   **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the effectiveness of the additional beverage containers to the environmental conservation law; relates to universal product codes and the definition of beverage.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Finance
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- [S5640A](#)   **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the green jobs workforce subcommittee of the state workforce investment board to conduct labor market data analysis, to provide job training and education programs, and to provide a local green jobs corps.  
**Significant Act:** 02/01/10 Senate Finance
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- [S5641](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes the climate change solutions fund.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S5642](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the electronic filing of freshwater wetlands regulatory maps.  
**Significant Act:** 02/22/10 Passed Both Houses
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- [S5675B](#)   **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Provides for the training, examination and certification of dog control officers.  
**Significant Act:** 01/22/10 Senate Agriculture
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- [S5689](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires state agencies to report on greenhouse gas emissions as a result of their operations.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S5759](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the regulation of solar panel installers by the industrial commissioner.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Energy and Telecommunications
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- [S5778](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Makes various provisions regulating the location of environmental facilities to insure equity of treatment for minority communities or economically distressed areas; requires environmental impact statements to state whether the siting of a facility will cause or increase a disproportionate burden on such areas.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S5886A](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Enacts the clean water/clean air/green jobs bond acts of 2010.  
**Significant Act:** 03/03/10 Senate Finance
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- [S5991](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Creates an exemption from certain special assessments, fees and surcharges on hazardous waste generated by or at an elementary or secondary school.  
**Significant Act:** 02/23/10 Senate Finance
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- [S6047](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to establishing the recycling, reuse and safe handling of electronic equipment sold in the state of New York.  
Governor's Program  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S6048](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes ten percent of any special assessment paid for landfill disposal shall be credited to the county health department of the county where the landfill that is accepting hazardous waste is located.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S6089](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the recycling and reuse of electronic equipment.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S6247](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires the commissioner of education, in conjunction with the commissioner of health, to promulgate rules and regulations regarding: written protocols by each school district relating to the H1N1 virus; information to parents and staff; and procedures in the case of a possible outbreak.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Education
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- [S6315](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the fee for number license plates.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S6319](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Requires one number license plate on the rear of each motor vehicle.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Transportation
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- [S6329](#) **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Prohibits police officers from using racial and ethnic profiling; requires that a procedure be established for the taking and review of complaints against police officers for racial and ethnic profiling; allows an action for injunctive relief and/or damages to be brought against a law enforcement agency, any agent of a law enforcement agency and the supervisor of an agent.  
**Significant Act:** 01/25/10 Senate Finance
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- [S6335](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to the regulation of the use of the state's water resources; requires permits for interbasin diversions of water and approval of modification to existing systems; increases fees for water supply permits.  
Governor's Program  
**Significant Act:** 02/17/10 Senate Environmental Conservation
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- [S6411](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Establishes environmental standards and protections in the insurance business, and provides incentives and tax credits for offering green insurance.  
**Significant Act:** 01/06/10 Senate Insurance
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- [S6473](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to charter schools.  
**Significant Act:** 01/19/10 Senate Education
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- [S6845](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to prohibition of automatic waivers; repeals expiration of minority and women-owned enterprises.  
**Significant Act:** 02/12/10 Senate Finance
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- [S6848](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to Buffalo fiscal stability authority financial crisis determination.  
**Significant Act:** 02/16/10 Senate Corporations, Authorities and Commissions
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- [S6862](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Extends authorization for private sale of bonds and notes of the city of Buffalo to include serial bonds or notes issued on or before June 30, 2011.  
**Significant Act:** 02/17/10 Senate Local Government
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- [S6864](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Authorizes the institution of a suit in any court of competent jurisdiction alleging a violation of the human rights law for a period of three years after the dismissal of a complaint for administrative convenience by the division of human rights.  
**Significant Act:** 02/17/10 Senate Investigations and Government Operations
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- [S6889](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to expanding the process to reform state contract requirements.  
**Significant Act:** 02/22/10 Senate Finance
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- [S6898](#)     **THOMPSON --**  
**SUMM :** Relates to diversity practices; repeals the expiration on provisions pertaining to minority and women-owned business enterprises.  
**Significant Act:** 02/23/10 Senate Finance
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# **Environmental Conservation Committee 2 Year Agenda Update**

## **2009 Accomplishments**

### **The Bigger, Better Bottle Bill** **Passed in 2009-10 State Budget**

#### **A. Bottle Bill Provisions**

The Transportation, Economic Development & Environmental Conservation Article VII Budget bill, included in the 2009 Enacted Budget (Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2009), added a number of new provisions to the State's Returnable Container Act (aka the Bottle bill), most notably:

- Expanding covered beverages to water, that do not contain a sugar;
- Requiring covered beverage containers to contain a NYS exclusive UPC;
- Increasing the bottle handling fee from 2 to 3.5 cents per bottle in an effort to meet bottle return processing costs and encourage new redemption center enterprises across the State;
- Requiring that 80% of the unredeemed bottle deposits will be remitted to the State creating \$115 million in new revenue in SFY 09-10 (April 1, 2009);
- Creating new redemption center job opportunities by expanding the beverage container assistance program to include small businesses;
- Expanding exceptions by which a dealer may accept limited bottle returns State-wide. Exceptions include stores with square footage under 10,000 square feet; and
- Requiring large chain stores to install reverse vending machines for bottle returns (March 1, 2010).

#### **B. The step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Senator Thompson held hearings regarding this proposal prior to the passage of the budget in February and March of 2009, in both Buffalo and Albany. Between both hearing venues approximately 60 individuals testified representing all interested parties regarding the positives and negatives of this proposal.

Opposition to the proposal was primarily brought forth by supermarkets and the beverage industry with concerns of labeling requirements, adequate time for implementation, spacing requirements, equipment mandates and the definition of water. Whereas environmental organizations and redemption center operations were the primary supporters with praise for the increased environmental protections and the potential business growth for the redemption industry.

#### **C. Comments on legislative process**

The Governor included this proposal as part of the 2009-10 Executive Budget. However, the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT) monies will continue to be the source of funding for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) during the current fiscal year until with the revenue from the increased redemption being diverted into the general fund. The intention remains for the bottle bill revenue to become the primary funding source for the EPF but not until the Division of Budget can determine and confirm it is a reliable and stable funding source.

**D. A timeline of enactment of final legislation**

The original proposal was included and adopted with the 2009-2010 budget. However, In May, 2009, Nestle Co. filed a Federal suit, seeking a preliminary injunction on implementation of the newly enacted statute based on the claims that the requirement for a NYS exclusive Universal Product Code (UPC) on beverages covered under the State's Returnable Container Act violates the Commerce Clause; the effective date for expansion on June 1, 2009 was not adequate time for implementation thus violateng the due process clause and the commerce clause, and that the definition of water, which excludes water with "a sugar", violates the equal protection clause.

The result of the lawsuit included a delay in the implementation date to November 1, 2009, and the removal of the required NYS specific UPC because it was deemed unconstitutional. The Governor's Office decided to be lenient by giving stores until November 7, 2009 to reprogram equipment and sell existing inventory. Thus, the de facto drop dead date for adding water was scheduled to be Sunday, November 8, 2009. Currently, anyone can return empty bottled water containers to stores.

**Green Building Construction-S5779/ A7246-B Passed** - To make changes to Chapter 565 of 2008, which require all new construction and substantial reconstruction projects undertaken by the State to comply with green building principles.-

**07/16/09 Senate Vote Aye: 55 Nay: 2- (Little & DeFrancisco)**

**06/10/09 Assembly Vote Yes: 139 No : 0**

**08/26/09 Signed by Governor, Chapter 380**

**A. Bill Provisions-**

The bill amends chapter 565 of 2008 in order to amend the public buildings law to require that construction and substantial renovation of state buildings comply with "green" building standards established by the Office of General Services (OGS).

OGS will issue regulations in consultation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Department of Health (DOH), the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), the Department of State (DOS), the Department of

Education (SED), the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (EPF/PARKS), and any other agency deemed necessary.

Chapter 565 of 2008 placed these requirements on the Department of Environmental Conservation in consultation with NYSEDA. In consultation with the Executive Chamber, it has been determined that the Office of General Services is the more appropriate agency to issue and enforce the regulations that law envisioned.

**Environmental Facilities Corporation- S3784-PASSED-** This bill extends the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund ("CWSRF") 50% subsidy through September 30, 2012.

**04/28/09 S3784 Senate Vote Aye: 61 Nay: 0**

**06/16/09 S3784 Assembly Vote Yes: 146 No : 0**

**07/28/09 Governor signed & Chaptered**

**A. Bill Provisions-**

The CWSRF is funded through Federal capitalization grants pursuant to the Federal Water Quality Act of 1987, and required State matching funds equal to twenty percent of the Federal capitalization grants. EFC allocates a portion of the Federal capitalization grants and State matching component to provide a reserve fund to secure the repayment of financings made to recipients.

The CWSRF was established to provide financial assistance to recipients, including municipalities, in acquiring, constructing and upgrading eligible water pollution control projects.

In 1992, the CWSRF subsidy level was increased to fifty percent for qualified recipients. The increased subsidy, together with EFC's interest-free short-term financing program, stimulated communities to begin their clean water projects. Additionally, this two-tiered program of interest-free short-term financings and a fifty percent long-term subsidy creates jobs and provides an environmental benefit. The fifty percent subsidy has been extremely popular with local governments, has kept interest in the program high, and was extended until September 30, 2009.

## Currently In Progress & Development

### Product Stewardship

#### **A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Product Stewardship means that all parties - designers, suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, consumers, recyclers, and disposers - involved in producing, selling, or using a product take responsibility for the full environmental and economic impacts of that product. Manufacturers are responsible for setting up and paying for the costs of the program (cost of collection, transportation, and ultimate environmentally responsible disposal/recycling/reuse of the e-waste).

Instead of government providing waste management programs for products and packaging, extended producer responsibility calls for producers to design and implement product stewardship programs that can achieve waste reduction targets set by the state. Producers may carry out this responsibility individually or participate in a group with others, called a stewardship organization.

Government has a role to ensure a level playing field, which refers to having the same rules apply to all producers. It also has a role to protect the public interest and the environment by establishing performance goals and recovery rates.

#### **B. The step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

- **S 6047- Governor's Program Bill Electronic Waste Reuse and Recycling Act** - would require manufacturers to accept for recycling or reuse electronic waste for which it is the manufacturer from consumers in the State and accept one product return for every product of the same type which it sells beginning July 1, 2010. Manufacturers would also be required to take their market share of electronic waste, by weight, as determined by the department based on the three year average of annual sales in the State.

This section would also establish a statewide recycling or reuse goal.

- After numerous meetings with various electronics manufacturers, producers, retailers, the Department of Environmental Conservation and other environmental lobbying groups; two round table discussions were held to explore the impacts of the implementation of this proposed legislation. Both public discussions were held in Albany, NY during May and June of 2009. From these discussions it was determined that all parties would work together to find a fair and equitable compromise.
- At this time the discussions are ongoing with intense negotiations taking place between the Senate and Assembly. Our intention is to determine the ultimate needs of our

conference and negotiate an agreement that will satisfy all parties ensuring passage with full conference support

**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

Educating the conference on the benefits and necessity of these types of policies and increased awareness is essential. With the exception of Apple, much of the industry is reluctant to Government regulation and oversight of how they implement such programs. The case has to be made that this initiative will save municipal recycling programs a significant amount of money each year.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation**

End of 2010 Legislative Session

**Improve Water Quality Standards ~ Departmental Bill #51**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

The overall water quality standards in New York State are in need of review, with specific attention given to the drinking water standards. The statues regulating the standards of drinking water and the withdrawal processes currently in place are inadequate and narrow in scope. To ensure that all New Yorkers receive the water resources needed to live and work in the state will require an across the board review and reform of current policy and regulating authorities.

**B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Hearings were held in September and October of 2009 in Buffalo, Albany and New York City. Approximately 60 individuals testified about the difficulties and dangers associated with the deterioration of our water supply. During these hearings a variety of topics were covered including but not limited to: phosphorus in water, pharmaceuticals in the water, updating old systems drinking water quality and availability, and the impact of natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale.

**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

To achieve a review of this magnitude the DEC has requested an amendment to the current policies and procedures relating to water withdrawal regulations and permitting. To allow the DEC the authority needed to conduct such reforms legislation is needed to broaden the scope and allow for a more thorough oversight and regulation of our current water supply. Legislation has been drafted and introduced.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation**

April 2010

## **Climate Change Legislation – S4315**

### **A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Climate change is an overriding issue for the conservation of NY's environment. A stable climate is key to life as it has evolved in recent millennia and many of the habitats, species and State assets that the Department of Environmental Conservation oversees, are in serious danger if the climate change continues unabated.

In response to eminent threat the Committee passed S4315, which authorizes the DEC to regulate greenhouse gases such that they are reduced by 80% by the year 2050. It will also pass a same as version of the Climate Change Solutions Program Act A.7365A of 2007.

On August 6, 2009 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 24 Establishing a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by the year 2050 and preparing a climate action plan. This acknowledges the seriousness of issues surrounding the effect of global warming and climate change and should allow for additional support in moving the legislation forward.

### **B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Due to the Executive order by the Governor it would seem that all efforts to move this legislation forward for passage during the late 2009 extraordinary sessions would have been possible but unfortunately it was not.

Briefing the Conference on all aspects of legislation, emphasizing the need for such policy and the ability to reach the goals outlined is essential to gaining the needed understanding and support from within our own conference. Continued collaboration with Environmental Advocates and other lobbying groups to develop and ensure support for passage is ongoing.

An Op-ed entitled "Setting the Record Straight on the Climate Change Pollution Act" was drafted and released on the topic to news outlets Statewide in December 2009. Continued exposure through the press and grassroots advocates is the key to ensure that awareness grows and applies pressure where needed.

### **C. Comments on legislative strategy**

Many of the environmental groups are eager to see legislative movement on this issue. Legislation has already been adopted in California, and using the weight the environmental lobby groups will bring to bear on New York constituents and elected, the legislation should be passed after it is properly vetted.

An overwhelming amount of support for this legislation from lobbyists with bi-partisan support from Senate members through co-sponsorship made passage seem easier than

initially anticipated. Unfortunately due to the unfavorable political climate the passage of this bill has become more difficult.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation.**

December 2009

**The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

RGGI is the first mandatory, market-based effort in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ten Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic States have capped and will reduce CO2 emissions from the power sector 10% by 2018.

States sell nearly all emission allowances through auctions and invest proceeds in consumer benefits: energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other clean energy technologies. RGGI will spur innovation in the clean energy economy and create green jobs in each state.

NY has taken a leadership role in the RGGI program, but RGGI deals only with the power generation sector. It is important for the State to set goals that reflect current scientific thinking on what is needed to avoid the worst of climate change impacts. It is also important that resources generated by the RGGI program are used in a way that further reduces New York's carbon footprint.

**B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Currently we have two pieces of legislation introduced:

S2764 This bill would dedicate any funds raised from the auction of emissions allowances, specifically those associated with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), primarily for the purposes of supporting energy efficiency programs, as well as programs that encourage the development of clean, renewable sources of energy, and programs to advance the state's other air quality goals.

S5641 Creates the Climate Change Solutions Fund within the state finance law to receive proceeds from the auction of emissions allowances, specifically those associated with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Both pieces of legislation made it through the environmental conservation committee but were help in the finance committee. Amendments to the bills will be made to incorporate the new Green Jobs Program and some small technical changes. Then move the bills through committee early so we can push for faster movement and passage in the Finance Committee and onto the floor.



**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

The two bills introduced combined with the Green Jobs Green New York Legislation passed in 2009 provide a sound and strategic approach that outlines the programs and process to be used to achieve RGGI goals and purpose.

However, due to the recession and tremendous economic decline this year \$90 million was swept from the RGGI Program into the general fund in order to fill the deficit. This sweep could endanger the program in New York State because we did not codify the program in statute and with the sweep it is not funded either. .

In January 2009 Indeck Energy, a power generator based in the Midwest with facilities in New York State, filed a lawsuit against New York challenging the state's ability to implement the RGGI on multiple grounds. This case is still pending in Albany County Supreme Court.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation.**

June 2010

**Bisphenol A**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Bisphenol A (BPA), a principle component in the production of polycarbonate rigid plastic and epoxy resins, is used in many food and drink packaging applications, as well as products intended for use by young children. The chemical bond between BPA molecules is unstable and can be disrupted by heat, acidic reactions and other conditions that can release BPA into the food or beverages within the containers.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, ninety-five percent of Americans have detectable levels of BPA in their bodies, and most are at or above the concentrations known to cause adverse effects in laboratory studies. Research studies have found that babies have up to eleven times higher levels of BPA in their bodies than do adults because of greater exposure and reduced capacity to metabolize BPA.

BPA is a known estrogen-mimicking endocrine disruptor chemical. Endocrine disruption has been linked to a greater number of common ailments, including heart disease, immune system disruption, brain deterioration, type-2 diabetes, cancer and obesity. Research has shown that BPA can alter the expression of several hundred genes, with effects varying among specific tissues and timing of exposure. Prenatal and neonatal exposure to BPA has been linked to altered DNA function and genetic expression, male reproductive disorders and lowered sperm counts, insulin resistance, early puberty, and changes in prostate and mammary gland development, leading to potential greater susceptibility to breast cancer and other cancer later in life.

Suffolk, Albany and Schenectady counties have passed legislation to phase out BPA-based baby bottles and sippy cups, and legislation is pending in Dutchess, Nassau, Tompkins and Westchester counties. Our attempts to compromise were stalled due to continued opposition from the toy and manufacturer industries. However the introduction of the Federal BPA Act of 2009 by Senator Feinstein and Rep. Markey introduced, cosponsored by New York Senator Charles Schumer, provides hope that we can gain support and momentum. Senator Schumer also introduced companion legislation to phase out additional products that contain BPA.

#### **B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

In 2009 we introduced S3296 which would prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of child care products (including but not limited to toys, baby bottles, sippy cups and pacifiers) that contain BPA. This bill passed the committee on March 19, 2009, but died in the codes committee.

During our efforts to pass this legislation we met with groups and organizations representing, the retail and toy industry, canning manufacturers, consumer safety organizations, and environmental groups. Each groups brought their own perspective and requests for amendments. After much consideration and negotiation we amended the bill to narrow the scope and clean up some technical issues, but more amendments were required to gain conference support and movement to the floor for a vote. However, at this time we are still negotiating with lobby groups and the Assembly to try and find a common ground for passage.

During the 2010 legislative session we will continue to negotiate and draft language that will faze BPA out of in Baby bottle and sippy cups, and pass it through the committee to ensure adequate time for vetting and passage by the Codes Committee. From there we plan introduce additional pieces of legislation that will expand the scope of products required to be BPA free.

#### **C. Comments on legislative strategy**

Passage of this legislation was difficult due to the large voice of opposition from the manufacturers and toy industries. Although, our primary obstacle was from within our own conference due to members that were persuaded by the industries mentioned to with hold support. We will need to consult conference member's offices early to address any issues prohibiting the passage of this legislation.

Although this initiative was easily passed through committee intense opposition by toy manufacturers and other Senate colleagues it became apparent further development and negotiation will be required before passage is considered. Therefore we reduced the scope of products covered under this law so it would apply to only baby bottles and sippy cups and met extensively with groups in support and opposition to this legislation to find an acceptable resolution.

It was the hope of the committee that the Federal Drug Administration would release its re-evaluation of the harmful nature of this chemical as scheduled on November 30, 2009 to increase support and awareness of this harmful carcinogen. However the FDA did not release its report on time and negotiations with all parties including the Assembly continue.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation.**

May 2010

**Wetland Reform**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Wetlands are valuable to the people and environment of New York State because they perform many crucial environmental functions. Wetlands improve drinking water quality, act as natural water filters, and absorb flood waters. Over the last 200 years the United States has lost over 117 million acres of its wetlands through dredge and fill activities, drainage, development, pollution, and natural causes. With over 54 percent of the total wetlands in the continental United States already lost, and an additional 200,000 acres disappearing every year, protecting our remaining wetlands has become a critical national priority.

In 1975 the New York State Legislature passed the Freshwater Wetlands Act in response to uncontrolled losses of wetlands and problems resulting from those losses. Since 1975, New York State has enacted additional regulations and created programs directed at the protection of its wetlands.

**B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Legislation introduced during the 2009 legislative session include:

- Senate Bill 4956 repeals and expands the current definition of freshwater wetlands that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) can regulate.
- Senate Bill 5642 authorizes the NYSDEC to file electronic versions of the freshwater wetlands regulatory maps with interested local governments and post official maps on the NYSDEC's website.

Public Hearings were held in Albany and Buffalo in late October to review pending legislation and bring forth ideas for a comprehensive approach to reform wetland development and protection. These hearings were well attended with many different options and suggestions proposed which are in the process of reviewing.

Once the review of all legislation regarding wetlands and the suggestions from the public hearings are complete we will determine if a comprehensive or piece meal approach will work best and compose and draft legislation accordingly.

**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

Many different proposals from all sides of the issue have made suggestions regarding the regulation and amendments to current policies. The issue is a delicate one in that finding the right balance between protection and development is not easy and will require great review and cooperation between the environmental community and development organizations.

There are numerous different bills introduced by various Senate & Assembly members that address this topic, so we will also need to be cognizant of these proposals to ensure inclusion of these members during our discussions. With early inclusion and participation of other Senate and Assembly members will create a shared perspective and ownership of any newly developed legislation thus increasing support and passage on the floor.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation**

Legislation drafted end of February 2010,  
Roundtable discussion regarding proposal March/April 2010,  
Legislation Introduced by mid-April 2010,  
Committee passage by mid-May 2010, and  
Senate Floor vote by mid-June 2010

**IPM Reform**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. New York State lacks a clear definition of what this actually means. Generally, IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The IPM approach can be applied to both agricultural and non-agricultural settings, such as the home, garden, and workplace. IPM takes advantage of all appropriate pest management options including, but not limited to, the judicious use of pesticides. In contrast, *organic* food production applies many of the same concepts as IPM but limits the use of pesticides to those that are produced from natural sources, as opposed to synthetic chemicals.

Sections 33-0301 and -0303 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), give the DEC jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the distribution, sale, use and transportation of pesticides. They also regulate the registration, commercial use, purchase and custom application of pesticides. However, these regulations are lacking and in need of direction and or legislation to regulate in certain instances. Some of the issues involved with IPM include the use of certain chemicals (such as phosphorus), the definition of areas where pesticides may be applied, and the notification or signage requirements for the use or sale of such products.

**B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

To date we have introduced two primary pieces of legislation that deal with IPM.

1. **S3780 - DEC Departmental bill** relates to the distribution, sale, offer and exposure of phosphorus compound in household cleaning products and lawn fertilizer. Amendments were proposed by the Assembly so DEC requested we hold the bill until further discussions and investigation occurred.
  
2. **S4949-** Provides for the study of integrated pest management at state facilities; defines the term "integrated pest management"; requires the department of environmental conservation to submit a report on or before February 1, 2011, in conjunction with Cornell University, on the viability of implementing the integrated pest management, as defined. Although integrated pest management (IPM) is often touted as a means of reducing pesticide usage, New York State lacks a clear definition of what this actually means. This legislation would define IPM and requires that by February 1st, 2003, DEC, in conjunction with Cornell University, conduct a study to determine the feasibility of IPM use in state agencies.

In are planning to hold a round table discussion on the topic of IPM late January or early February of 2010. During this discussion we will examine how to clarify the definition of IPM and the different processes and regulations that should be included in the creation and enforcement of such policies.

**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

This is a sensitive issue because it will affect all of New York State but it will impact each region and industry in different ways. By bringing everyone to the table we will be able to get a better idea of the challenges and possible solutions or approaches to these sensitive problems. There are numerous different bills introduced by various Senate & Assembly members that address this topic, so we will also need to be cognizant of these proposals to ensure inclusion of thee members during our discussions. With early

inclusion and participation of other Senate and Assembly members will create a shared perspective and ownership of any newly developed legislation thus increasing support and passage on the floor.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation**

January/ February 2010 Roundtable discussion

Legislation drafted by end of March 2010

Passage in committee possibly on Earth Day Agenda in Late April

Passage on floor of Senate by end of May for delivery to Assembly

**Environmental Impact Review & Oversight of Natural Gas Drilling in the Marcellus Shale**

**A. A brief synopsis of the current status of the issue**

Coined America's next super giant in natural gas production, the Marcellus Shale formation may contain more than 500 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, 10% or more of which may be recoverable using new drilling technology. The volume of natural gas would be enough to meet demand for all of the US for about two years—an estimated value of one trillion dollars

On Wednesday, September 30, 2009, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released a draft of the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) governing potential natural gas drilling activities in the Marcellus Shale formation. This draft SGEIS is a supplement to the 1992 Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining Program. The SGEIS addresses the range of potential impacts of shale gas development using horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing (described below) and outlines safety measures, protection standards, and mitigation strategies that operators would have to follow to obtain permits.

The proposed gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale is considered to be “unconventional” drilling. Although both horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing (using water under high pressure to cause fractures in shale) have been in use in New York and elsewhere for years, advances in technology now allow for horizontal drilling with high-volume hydraulic fracturing to be used together. This process requires huge volumes of water and produces large amounts of contaminated water at the end of the drilling process, presenting both water supply problems and wastewater disposal challenges.

**B. A step-by-step plan for fact and issue development**

Immediately following the release of the DEC's SEGIS we sent a letter requesting that the comment period be extended from 60 to 90 days. The DEC did extend the comment period an additional 30 days until December 31, 2009.

On November 10, 2009 we held a roundtable discussion in Albany regarding this issue and the response what extraordinary. Due to limited seats at the table we had to turn away interested parties. Since we had such a great response and it became very clear the complexity of the issue we submitted an additional request for the SEGIS comment period to be extended an additional 120 days.

A tour of a Marcellus Shale drilling site in Towanda, Pennsylvania is scheduled for December 14, 2009 as well as a meeting with individuals who've been negatively affected by contamination caused by this type of drilling. After this tour a better understanding of needed regulations should become more apparent 7 we can ensure proper and adequate polices are developed & implemented.

**C. Comments on legislative strategy**

New York has permitted 13,000 gas wells since 1963; however, the Marcellus development differs in that it involves deeper and more complicated wells that use vastly more water than other drilling methods. Some of the DEC offices that would oversee Marcellus wells have no experience with gas drilling.

There is no real ability to legislate this issue but since the regulation and oversight of the permitting and drilling processes fall under the jurisdiction of the DEC we are keeping a close watch on all developments and environmental impacts. Depending on the DEC's recommendation or implementation of approval for permitting processes our primary response will be to ensure quality standards and adequate resources for oversight management. We are exploring and drafting language that would create and establish a Natural Resource withdrawal permitting fee or tax that can be implemented to create alternative revenue sources to ensure timely and adequate correction should a contamination or other such issue occurs.

**D. A timeline for approval of final legislation.**

Depending on DEC approval, but continuous oversight will be required for all approval decisions. If approved, oversight of pre-drilling set up, drilling and post- drilling gas extraction processes which will be for many years.

**Public Meetings & Hearings**

1. IPM Hearing January/ February 2010
2. Wetland Roundtable or Hearing March/April 2010,

3. Third & final Ewaste roundtable- March/April 2010,
4. Preservation of Open space Public Hearing- Late September,
5. Air Quality Public Hearing- Mid- October,

### **Federal-State Interaction**

The Chair and interested committee members will travel to Washington to have a meeting with the Leaders in the United States Senate and House of Representatives who are assigned to the Environmental Committees in the respective houses.

The goal would be to identify those issue areas where the federal government is in a position to assist the goals of the Committee, noting that there is a Federal Brownfields section in the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Chair will seek out Federal Representatives who would be eager to tour parts of New York State that would emphasize goals set for legislation.

On the new Committee Website, the Committee will post all Federal links so as to increase the knowledge base of the users.

### **Executive Decision Making**

Global Warming Executive Order:

1. The Chair believes that organizing and taking a trip to California for himself and interested committee members would be invaluable. The source of much progressive legislation in the Country has taken place in California, and developing relationships with the our California State Senate counterparts would be an enriching proposition.
2. Section 3.23 of the Parks and Historic Preservation Law provides for the formation of the Conservation Corps. The Chair strongly supports the funding of that initiative in the hopes that it will provide job opportunities for the youth and unemployed of this state.
3. The Chair has determined that the time has come for the Environmental Bond Act of 2009. Historically, these bonds have been voted in 1965, 1972, 1986 and 1996. New York voters support a five billion dollar Clean Air, Clean Water Conservation Bond Act, and would vote in favor of it if it were on the ballot in November 2009.
4. On August 6, 2009 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 24 Establishing a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by the year 2050 and preparing a climate action plan.



## **10 Point Green Jobs Strategy**

One of Senator Thompson's highest priorities is to use his positions as a leader in the NY State Senate, and as chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, to support and build the local green business community. The Senator recognizes that the transition to the green economy will be the engine for significant job creation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He believes that WNY is the "**Renewable Energy Capital of the Northeast**" and is working strategically to help WNY take its rightful place at the crest of the green economy wave.

In order to help local green businesses thrive and create jobs, Senator Thompson is:

1. Providing networking for green businesses to find synergies, market their products and services, and learn about important trends in the transition to the green economy;
2. Organizing on the ground projects to demonstrate the community benefits of the transition to a green economy;
3. Working with local organizations to reduce pollution and clean up toxic hot spots in our community;
4. Encouraging the development of signature green energy projects;
5. Introducing legislation to provide the type of incentives needed to get New York State ahead of the curve on green economy issues;
6. Creating a "green ladder out of poverty" approach so that poorer communities and less skilled workers won't be left out of the wealth created in the transition to the green economy;
7. Providing capital for businesses within the constraints of a decimated state budget;
8. Working with community organizations to remove some of the barriers to regional economic development;
9. Providing cutting edge tools for communities to create jobs while reducing energy use and generating the remaining energy from clean renewable sources;
10. Providing funding to restore and improve local green infrastructure such as our waterfront parks;

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### **Business Gets Green**

This monthly series, held at the Frank Merriweather Branch Library at 1324 Jefferson at East Utica, has given dozens of local businesses an opportunity to network and learn of the latest developments in the green economy. It is free to the public and anyone who wants to contribute to the discussion of sustainable business practices. Businesses, community organizations and individuals from throughout Western New York come to share their inventions and new technologies and are then empowered by the circuit of other people doing similar things around them. The series is useful both to businesses that have green products or services to market and

to businesses that are looking to go green in their operations. Business Gets Green fosters student and employer relationships that form the new green economy.

### **The Buffalo Niagara Green Expo**



### **2009 Buffalo Niagara Green Expo**

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Buffalo Niagara Green Expo was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Main Place Mall in downtown Buffalo. It featured 40 regional green businesses and organizations as exhibitors and attracted hundreds interested citizens of to learn about new technologies, business practices and jobs in the emerging green economy. Held on the day before Mother’s Day, the Expo motto was “On May 10th do something nice for your Mother. On May 9<sup>th</sup> do something nice for Mother Earth”. The Green Expo kicked off local Solar 2009. The 2010 Green Expo will be held at the Galleria Mall on April 17<sup>th</sup> to kick off Earth Week, and will put the regional green economy front and center for all to see.

### **Solar 2009 – The American Solar Energy Society Conference**

The American Solar Energy Society (ASES) Annual conference was held from May 11th-16<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Convention Center. This conference, in its 38<sup>th</sup> year, is the major trade event for the solar industry in the US and this year there were record numbers of exhibitors and attendees from all across the US, as well as Canada, Egypt, Israel, Germany, New Zealand, Norway and several other countries. Senator Thompson worked with the incredible local organizing committee to plan “Buffalo Niagara Green Week” to involve the local community in the conference and maximize the impact of the conference on the local community and economy.

He held a legislative reception that drew hundreds of participants, gave a presentation at the conference Feed In Tariff session and gave a keynote address at the conference closing session.

**2. Organizing on the ground projects to demonstrate the community benefits of the transition to a green economy;**

**MLK Energy Challenge**

Senator Thompson has targeted Olmsted’s historic Martin Luther King Park and its surrounding neighborhood as “ground zero” for the revitalization of Buffalo’s East Side. The Senator has secured funding to improve lighting, landscaping and the signature ice rink/wading pool at the park. Funding is also being acquired to have a more realistic statue of Dr. King’s exhibited in the park as the current statue shows little likeness to the great civil rights leader. Along with Frank Murray, the President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA), the Senator has organized the MLK Energy Challenge to weatherize homes adjacent to the park. Most weatherization efforts fund scattered sites based on the poverty and need of individual residents. Senator Thompson convinced Mr. Murray to concentrate resources in the this neighborhood in order to save residents money, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to the revitalization of the community. The MLK Block Club Association, led by Ms. Rita Gay, NYSERDA, the NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal (NYS DHCR), Fillmore Leroy Area Residents (FLARE), the Matt Urban Center and WNY Americorps have all come together under the Senator’s leadership to make the Energy Challenge a success. As of December, 2009, 88 applications were received – 26 from residents on the periphery of the park, and 62 from the surrounding neighborhood.



**Senator Thompson and WNY Americorps Executive Director Mark Lazarra planting trees on Arbor Day 2009**

### **3. Working with local organizations to reduce pollution and clean up toxic hot spots in our community;**

#### **Tonawanda Landfill**

This former municipal landfill has been found to contain radioactive wastes from the Manhattan Project. It is adjacent to a residential neighborhood in the City of Tonawanda. Senator Thompson pushed the DEC to test soils on resident's properties. He has consistently called for a full cleanup of the site by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Senator is currently taking his case for complete removal of the radioactive materials to the highest levels in Washington.

#### **Tonawanda Coke Air Pollution**

Senator Thompson has been working with the Clean Air Coalition of Western New York and other elected officials to find ways to help reduce toxic emissions coming from the Tonawanda Coke Corp. The Senator has reached out to NYSDEC Commissioner Grannis, proposing steps to help DEC cut emissions from industrial facilities near the Grand Island Bridge that have been threatening the health of nearby residents. Senator Thompson has proposed the regulation Tonawanda Coke under a more restrictive part of DEC's regulations and has called for the establishment an "Environmental Benefit Program", where fines for violations can be used to rectify the impacts of the violations on the community. In addition he has worked closely with the DEC and the Environmental protection Agency (EPA) to document, measure and identify violations at Tonawanda Coke and protect neighbors in the Town of Tonawanda and the Brookside Terrace neighborhood of the City of Tonawanda.

#### **Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling**

One of the most sensitive environmental issues New York faces revolves around the potential impacts of retrieving natural gas from a 5-10,000 foot deep layer of rock called the Marcellus Shale. Senator Thompson has written the Attorney General's office for advice on how best to keep this technology from impacting Allegany State Park, held an Albany Roundtable on drilling in the Marcellus Shale, and went on a fact finding mission to Pennsylvania where drilling has been underway in recent years. He will play a key role in shaping New York's response to Marcellus drilling.



**L. - Senator Thompson discusses a gas drill bit with officials from Chesapeake Energy**  
**R. – The Senator meets with residents of Dimock, PA whose drinking water was contaminated by drilling operations**

### **The New York State Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Plan**

The recently proposed NYS-DEC Siting Plan contains some good news for State residents in that the DEC sees no near-term need for new waste facilities in the State. However, it also fails to recognize the burden Niagara and Erie Counties have taken on in housing an inappropriate share of the State's wastes. CWM Chemical Services, LLC at Model City, NY is a 710 acre Chemical and Industrial Waste Management Facility located in the Town of Lewiston and Porter near Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and the Canadian Border. CWM, which has been in operation for nearly 40 years is currently New York State's only active hazardous waste landfill. The Siting Plan fails to acknowledge that CWM receives more hazardous waste than all the other facilities in New York State combined. The Plan also disregards closed landfills which still need long-term management because they have the potential to leak. By excluding closed landfills, 10 million tons of hazardous waste sitting in the Western New York region is left out of the discussion. The hazardous wastes in closed landfills and CWM are close to the largest fresh water body in the world, the Great Lakes. The Senator is working for DEC recognition of the burdens that Niagara and Erie Counties have taken on, in order to lay the basis for cleaning these sites up and preventing any further imbalance in the statewide waste disposal system.

### **Tract II Highland Avenue Hazardous Waste Site - Niagara Falls**

This site is bordered by residential streets. The site is contaminated by dumping that has taken place over the years, including wastes from the Power City Warehouse that was located next door. Toxic contaminants include metals and Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). According to the NYS DEC "The site poses a significant threat due to the potential for direct human contact with site contaminants, especially metals contaminated surface soils by trespassing youths." The buildings on the site were fenced by the EPA in November of 2009. The EPA also cleaned up dangerous PCB sludge from the site as an interim measure. This site will be cleaned up under the NYS Superfund and plans are being finalized for the cleanup. The

Senator has pushed hard for the neighborhood to be fully involved in the cleanup process through a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG).

#### **4. Encouraging the development of signature green energy projects;**

##### **New York Power Authority (NYPA) Offshore Wind Project**

In November of 2009, NYPA released a request for proposals to build a 125-500 MW offshore wind project in Lakes Erie and Ontario. Senator Thompson initiated this effort in early 2009 by proposing it to Power Authority President Richard Kessel and writing Governor Paterson with the following invitation:

##### ***Re: Offshore Wind in WNY***

*Dear Governor Paterson:*

*I am writing to encourage you to direct the NY Power Authority to carry out a demonstration offshore wind turbine project in Western New York. The potential for offshore wind in the Great Lakes is enormous. Some have estimated that the strong winds over the Lakes have the potential to provide enough clean, green energy to power as much as half of both the US and Canadian population. And with the climate change disasters mankind is facing, it is imperative to begin now to demonstrate how we can harness this incredible resource. In addition, the jobs created from a well thought out, full thrust development of the offshore lake resource could be the engine of sustainable economic development for New York for the next several decades.*

*Western New York is the perfect place for such a project.*

- We already have the successful, SteelWinds project which has been embraced by the public.*
- The strong winds on our lake shore, well documented by earlier NYSEDA studies, are legendary locally and are the force behind our nationally known lake effect snow storms. Let's make a full pitcher of lemonade from what has been seen as a lemon by the national media.*
- We have the deep water port facilities to service the entire Great Lakes region, along with the opportunity to redevelop adjacent brownfields for wind manufacturing.*
- The local Wind Action Group has been very successful in educating the public on the wind issue.*
- There is currently very little housing on the WNY Lake Erie shores to produce the kind of NIMBY arguments that come up so frequently.*
- The UB Law School, in cooperation with the Wind Action Group, has produced excellent reports, breaking down the steps and options involved in developing offshore wind in the framework of applicable laws.*

- *The Great Lakes Wind Collaborative, headed by your Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy Echo Cartwright, and WAG member Terry Yonker, has done important work involving organizations from around the basin in exploring and preparing for offshore wind development.*
- *While there will be issues to be resolved, Buffalo/Niagara Riverkeeper and other local organizations have taken intelligent and principled stands on wind issues, and are likely to be tough but constructive in working through ways to mitigate the impact wind development will have on the lakes. Riverkeeper in particular has offered to be part of the review process from the start, to avoid unwelcomed surprises as plans firm up.*
- *The WNY public has been looking for more benefit from the Power Authority. A question that is asked frequently and loudly in public discussion and in the media is “Why are our rates so high when Niagara Falls generates the cheapest power in North America”. A strong, local, job-creating clean energy program would be welcomed here.*

*Governor, I urge you to seize the advantages we have in WNY on this issue. We are well aware that organizations in Cleveland, Ontario, and elsewhere in the basin have done important groundbreaking work to push their communities forward to lead this effort - and capture the jobs and wealth that offshore wind promises to bring. However, it is clear to me that immediate and concentrated effort by the Power Authority could match the gains other areas have made and enable New York to quickly become the leader in this initiative. In addition the Power Authority, as a public body, is in a unique position to maximize the public benefits from offshore wind. However, there is NO time to waste in pursuing this initiative.*

*Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Should you wish to discuss it further, please contact me immediately.*

*Sincerely,*



*Antoine M. Thompson  
New York State Senate, 60<sup>th</sup> District*

**5. Introducing legislation to provide the type of incentives needed to get New York State ahead of the curve on green economy issues;**

**Feed In Tariff (S-2715)**

Germany's Feed-in Tariff (FIT) is widely credited for Germany being a world leader in energy production from renewable sources such as wind and solar. More than ¼ million people work in renewable energy jobs in Germany, which has only 27% of the population the US has (82.3 million vs. 305.5 million). In the US, electricity produced by renewable sources such as wind, solar, biomass and small hydro is currently simulated by taxpayer funded incentives that largely

flow through to wealthy individuals who need tax credits. This leaves homeowners and small businesses out of the picture for the most part. Because the incentives are part of political horse trading in Washington, they are not consistent and therefore don't encourage private investment and don't give manufacturers and entrepreneurs the confidence they need to invest in factories and equipment to produce renewable components. A Feed-in Tariff requires utility companies to enter into agreements with renewable energy producers at fixed prices for a 15 to 20 year period. The cost impact is spread among all rate payers and is marginal on monthly electricity bills. The province of Ontario has recently instituted a feed in tariff with the expectation of creating 50,000 jobs. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded 700 contracts to homeowners under the FIT. OPA estimates that the feed-in tariff program will stimulate more than \$5 billion (Canadian) in new manufacturing, design, construction, and engineering investment in the province and they have received applications for 8,000 MW of new renewable projects. Vermont also adopted a Feed-in Tariff in 2009. Senator Thompson introduced his Feed-in tariff bill in the spring of 2009 to high praise from the NYS Solar Energy Industries Association and held an Albany Roundtable discussion in May to introduce to stimulate public discussion of the concept. He will be working diligently to pass a FIT for New York in 2010 to allow New York to start leading in renewable energy development and to create renewable energy parts manufacturing jobs in the Western New York region.

#### **Net metering (S4993)**

Net metering allows property owners with solar or wind energy systems to turn back their meters when they are generating more power than they are using. This means they get the full retail price for their power. NY's current net metering law is poorly worded and the Public Service Commission (PSC) has interpreted it in a way that has allowed utilities to deny net metering to many homeowners and businesses. S4993 clarifies and expands the use of net metering in New York State.

#### **Climate Change (S4315)**

Senator Thompson has introduced legislation that will commit NY State to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050. The Senator understands the profound negative impacts that a destabilized climate will have on our children's future. He also understands that regions that get out ahead of the curve on reducing carbon emissions will have a tremendous opportunity share in the wealth and jobs that are resulting from the push to a clean energy economy.





**Senator Thompson receives the 2009 WNY Climate Action Coalition Leadership award from WNYCAC organizer Walter Simpson**

### **Waste Tires**

New York State's Waste Tire management Act of 2003 established a Waste Tire Management and Recycling Fund from a fee of \$2.50 on every new tire sold. Twenty five cents is given to the tire retailer and \$2.25 is put into the fund. The fund has been used to clean up stock piles of tires across the state and to stimulate businesses that recycle tires. Given New York's fiscal crisis, much of the State's share of the fee has been diverted to the State's general fund. In addition the 2003 Act is scheduled to sunset in 2010. In the coming year Senator Thompson will be working to revise and extend the Tire legislation while directing more of the funds to stimulate investment and jobs in the tire recycling business. Some alternative uses for waste tires include civil engineering applications, and ground rubber applications- primarily for rubber asphalt and paving, as well as tire-derived fuel.

- 6. Creating a “green ladder out of poverty” approach so that poorer communities and less skilled workers won't be left out of the wealth created in the transition to the green economy**

### **Solar Job Training – the CAO/Solar Liberty Partnership**

Senator Thompson was instrumental in bringing together Solar Liberty, the largest solar panel installation company in the WNY, and the Community Action Organization (CAO) to create a unique job training program. With help from Robert Robinson of Halsey Street Green Solutions, the program will use stimulus funds to train WNYers from high unemployment areas in solar panel installation, culminating in two weeks of apprentice style on the job work provided by Solar Liberty.

### **Job Fairs and Minority and Women Owned Business (MWBE)**

Senator Thomson is the Co Chair of the State Senate MWBE Task Force. In 2009 he held two job fairs featuring 65 exhibitors and over 500 attendees. He also held an MWBE Recognition Award ceremony and organized an MWBE contractor forum with the State Department of Transportation and co-organized MWBE events with NYPA, National Grid and the Upstate NY Minority Supplier Development Council.

## **7. Providing capital for businesses within the constraints of a decimated state budget**

### **Upstate Regional Blueprint Fund**

Despite Albany's severe budget crisis Senator Thompson was instrumental in setting up the \$120 million Upstate Regional Blueprint Fund, which was unveiled in May of 2009. Under this program the Empire State Development Corporation has been allocating funds through a competitive process in the form of Subsidized Loans, Convertible Loans and Grants. Funds are available for the following activities:

- Business Investment
- Infrastructure Investment
- Downtown Redevelopment

### **Green Initiatives Institute**

Senator Thompson also reserved funds in the Environmental Protection Fund for the establishment of the Green Initiatives Institute , which will administer \$500,000 in green business grants and low interest loans.



**Senator Thomson with workers at a DuPont Yerkes site visit**

## **8. Working with community organizations to remove some of the barriers to regional economic development;**

### **Bi-County Economic Development Commission**

Senator Thompson has been working with Senator George Maziarz and religious organizations VOICE Buffalo and the Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH) on an initiative to establish a Regional Planning Commission to improve the climate for sustainable economic development in Western New York. Erie and Niagara Counties have not had a joint regional planning body since the Erie and Niagara Counties Regional Planning Board was disbanded in 1990 . While counties, cities, towns and villages have their own local planning authorities there are many things that cannot be considered in isolation. Many highways, waterways, utility lines and other infrastructure cross jurisdictional boundaries. In the case of economic development, some areas may be the primary attraction for economic activity and tourism while the adjacent area may receive some benefit by being in close proximity to those hubs. Developing a Bi-County collaboration would make Erie and Niagara Counties eligible for federal funds. Also, this kind of construct would allow a dialogue to exist where strengths and weakness are examined in the context of a region. Any growth or development can be tailored to suit the region in this way, so that everyone benefits.

### **9. Providing cutting edge tools for communities to create jobs while reducing energy use and generating the remaining energy from clean renewable sources;**

#### **Green Jobs/Green NY**

Senator Thompson co-sponsored this bill, under which applicants in NY State will be able to request sliding scale home energy audits to learn which retrofits will lower bills and provide environmental benefits. Owners can then have retrofits performed through the state program, using funds from a private investment pool. Afterward, as owners save on energy, they pay a charge on their utility bill – less than the expected savings – until costs are recovered (i.e. “on-bill recovery.”) Green Jobs/Green NY NYSERDA will work closely with the NYS Department of Labor and partner with community-based organizations, workforce development organizations, and labor organizations to provide the necessary workforce training to support the program, including, but not limited to entry-level, occupational, continuing education and advanced training, and apprenticeships. **The first million retrofits are currently estimated to amount to more than 30,000 construction jobs** – and still more jobs in marketing and other program work.

#### **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Loan Program**

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) loan program allows municipalities to leverage federal funds and provide loans to commercial and residential property owners for financing energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy systems. The loan is paid back via an annual charge on their property tax bill. A PACE program removes some of the major blocks to small scale renewable energy deployment and conservation projects:

1. It eliminates the up-front cost of paying for a solar or wind energy system, or for conservation measures, because they can be financed through a loan.
2. It reduces the costs to the consumer, because municipalities can usually borrow money at a lower rate of interest than an individual.
3. It reduces concern about the payback period. Many home owners can't move forward on renewable energy systems or conservation projects because they don't know how long they will be living in their home. Our PACE bill provides for the loan to be attached to the property so that if a property owner moves, payments continue to be made by the new owner, out of the savings that accrue from the free energy produced by the renewable system, or energy saved through conservation.

[www.pacenow.org](http://www.pacenow.org) is an excellent web site on PACE programs. By making energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy systems more accessible, PACE fosters green job creation and saves the people of New York State money.

## **10. Providing funding to restore and improve local green infrastructure such as our waterfront parks;**

### **Broderick Park**

Broderick Park is located at the westernmost end of West Ferry Street and is a park along Buffalo's waterfront. This area was a crossing point of the Underground Railroad when former slaves traveled through New York to Canada on their way to freedom. This park has a rich history which the Senator wants to see celebrated. The vision for Broderick Park is one where recreational activities take place all year long, attracting families to the park. The building/visitor and community center will be sustainable in energy use and maintenance, fulfilling LEED building standards.

### **Black Rock Canal Park**

The site for Black Rock Canal Park is currently dominated by a strip of black top where drivers sometimes stop to take in a view of the Niagara River. While this is a prime waterfront location it is not a well appointed park and the residents of Black Rock and Riverside have organized to create a vision for a vibrant and thoroughly green waterfront park. The Northwest Buffalo Community Center is the pass through agency for \$500,000 the Senator secured from the Environmental Protection Fund to begin the construction of this park.

### **MLK Expressway Reclamation "Bathtub" Project**

The 'Bathtub' project is a unique effort by the Senator to correct a historic wrong, where a vibrant Buffalo neighborhood was literally cut in half by the construction of an expressway. The "Bathtub Cover" Project refers to the covering of a section of the Kensington /MLK / Rte. 33 Expressway that runs through Buffalo's East Side . The Senator's goal is to cover the

already underground portion of the expressway and restore Frederick Law Olmsted’s original design of what was once the tree-lined Humboldt Parkway. The Senator has appointed members to the Kensington Study Advisory Board to get community, legislative, residential, and technical input regarding the scope, length and run of the “Bathtub Cover”. This effort will have a significant impact on the air quality of the surrounding neighborhoods and will allow these neighborhoods to be joined again by way of a significant green space.



**Senator Thompson speaking at Arbor Day 2009**

## **APPENDIX**

Speech from Senator Thompson to the American Solar Energy Society Solar 2009 Conference

Welcome to Buffalo Niagara - the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast.

### **Let me repeat that**

Welcome to Buffalo Niagara - the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast.

There are 7 reasons why I call Buffalo Niagara - the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast.

#### **The 1st is Niagara Falls:**

- Hydropower in New York State accounts for 17-18% of our power used, giving us huge leg up on most states in clean, sustainable power production.

#### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> is Steel Winds** – North America’s first and most extensive urban wind farm.

- It’s a perfect example of brownfield reuse to power America’s energy future.
- It is my hope that the 8 turbines at the former Bethlehem Steel Plant will soon be expanded to 26 turbines – enough to power about 20,000 homes.
- With effective energy efficiency efforts and conservation by homeowners that could be more like 60,000 homes!

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> is Sunshine**

- This is surprising to many, but we are also home to the sunniest and driest weather of any city in the Northeast from May to November according to the National Weather Service.

#### **The 4<sup>th</sup> is the UB Solar Array**

- This sunshine will soon allow us to build a 5,000 solar panel energy field at the University of Buffalo that will supply power to 735 campus apartments, which house nearly 2,000 students.
- It’s one of the largest solar projects on a campus in the USA. This project will reduce carbon emissions at UB by more than 500 metric tons per year, producing an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 in annual energy savings.

**Are you starting to see the strength of my argument for calling Buffalo Niagara the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast ??**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Reason is the Globe Silicon plant in Niagara Falls**

- This plant is slated to create 500 jobs producing solar panel grade silicon.
- It's also part of an integrated plan to provide a silicon price advantage to solar panel manufacturers in New York State.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Reason I call Buffalo Niagara the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast is the WNY offshore wind project.**

- If, after careful study, the environmental conditions prove suitable, this 120 Megawatt project will break important ground for the freshwater siting of clean renewable wind power in the United States.
- We are also aiming to capitalize on this project by attracting and developing wind component manufacturers to Buffalo Niagara.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Reason I call Buffalo Niagara the Sustainable Energy Capital of the Northeast is because we are ground zero for a movement to establish a feed in tariff for renewable energy in New York State and I am the Senate co sponsor of S-2715, the feed in tariff bill.**

- The projects listed above are great ones that put us in a leadership position on sustainable energy.
- But we will not succeed in the renewable revolution until we're able to level the playing field and make solar panels and wind turbines affordable to homeowners and small business.
- A feed in tariff does just that by setting an appropriate, guaranteed price for renewable energy up front and making it available to everyone.
- Where feed in tariffs are in place they spur massive investments in renewable energy that lead to thousands of good green collar jobs in manufacturing and installing renewable energy systems .
- Germany and Spain are perfect examples of this in contrast to our domestic incentive schemes that have produced relatively little to date in renewable energy or manufacturing jobs.
- I am watching Ontario closely where they estimate that expanding their feed in tariff will result in 50,000 jobs.
- In the meantime, I am determined to bring New York and WNY in particular into the strongest possible position to succeed in leading the renewable revolution.

## **2010 OFFICE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **January**

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Social Justice Awards  
Ceremony  
Frank E. Merriweather Library  
1324 Jefferson Ave.  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
East High School, 820 Northampton  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **February**

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
Black History Month Celebration and Jazz Set  
Buffalo Museum of Science  
1020 Humboldt Parkway  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Albany  
Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Legislative Caucus  
Empire State Plaza & Crowne Plaza Hotel

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> Tonawanda Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Knights of Columbus 55 Main Street  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am



## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

### **March**

- Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Albany  
MWBE Statewide Lobby Day & Reception  
Legislative Office Building & State Capitol
- Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Niagara Falls' Albany Lobby Day  
Departs Niagara Falls from City Hall, 745 Main Street  
6:00 am Departure Time
- Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Grand Island  
Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
  
8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
St. Josephs' Day Table  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mahoney State Office Building  
Court Street  
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
- Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> WNY Women's History Month Awards Ceremony & Reception  
Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society  
25 Nottingham Court - Buffalo  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
- Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Spallino Towers  
720 Tenth Street  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **April**

- Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
Buffalo/ Niagara Green Expo  
Galleria Mall  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

Saturday, April 17th      Tonawanda Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Knights of Columbus  
55 Main Street  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>      WNY Job Fair  
Pratt Willert Center  
422 Pratt  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>      Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **May**

Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>      Buffalo's Annual Senior Breakfast  
Buffalo Convention Center  
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>      Niagara Falls  
Relay For Life  
Sal Maglie Stadium  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>      Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Doris Jones Family Resource Center  
3001 Ninth Street  
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>      Annual WNY Spelling Bee  
Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society  
25 Nottingham Ct.  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

- May 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>                      Niagara Falls  
Memorial Day Weekend Carnival  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
Thursday & Friday 5:00 pm -9:00 pm  
Saturday, Sunday & Monday 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Friday, May 28th                      Buffalo  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mahoney State Office Building  
65 Court Street  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>                      Buffalo Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
America Legion Post #1041  
533 Amherst St.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am
- June**
- Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>                      Niagara Falls’ Annual Senior Cookout  
Oasis Shelter, Hyde Park  
Hyde Park Blvd.  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>                      Grand Island Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
VFW Post  
2121 Grand Island Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>                      Niagara Falls’ Annual Senior Breakfast  
Antonio’s Banquet & Conference Center  
7708 Niagara Falls Blvd.  
9:00 am – 10:30 am
- Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>                      Buffalo  
David Evans Jr. Scholarship Awards Ceremony  
Merriweather Library  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>      Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
American Legion LaSalle Post 1142  
8643 Buffalo Avenue  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **July**

Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>      Tonawanda Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Knights of Columbus  
55 Main Street  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>      Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>      Buffalo Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast**  
**Location: TBD**  
**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

### **August**

Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>      Niagara Falls  
Senator Thompson's Summer Cookout  
Oasis Shelter, Hyde Park  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>      Buffalo  
Operation Protect Your Home  
Bennett High School  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>      Buffalo  
WNY Senior Ball  
Adams Mark Hotel  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **September**

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> Buffalo's Annual School Supply Giveaway  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mahoney State Office Building  
65 Court Street  
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls' Annual School Supply Giveaway  
1902 Main Street  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls' Annual WNY Job Fair  
Doris Jones Resource Center  
3001 Ninth Street  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
MWBE Awards Ceremony & Reception  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mahoney State Office Building  
65 Court Street  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Grand Island Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
VFW Post  
2121 Grand Island Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Tonawanda's Annual Cookout  
Veterans Park  
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

### **October**

- Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration  
65 Court St.  
11:00 am -1:00 pm
- Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls  
Developer's Round Table  
Niagara Falls Public Library  
1425 Main Street  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Buffalo  
Hispanic Diabetes Conference  
Niagara St. Branch Library, 280 Porter Ave.  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Niagara Falls Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Doris Jones Family Resource Center  
3001 Ninth Street  
9:30 am – 11:00 am
- Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Location: McKinley High School, 1500 Elmwood Ave.  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

### **November**

- Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Buffalo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade  
Line Up (TBD) parade route:  
Delaware Avenue to City Hall  
Line Up 1:00 pm  
Step Off 2:00 pm
- Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls  
MWBE Meeting  
1425 Main Street  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm (tentative)

## **2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED**

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Tonawanda Community Leaders & Stakeholders Breakfast  
Knights of Columbus  
55 Main Street  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Niagara Falls' Annual Turkey Giveaway  
1902 Main Street  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Grand Island & Tonawanda Turkey Giveaway  
Location & Date: TBD

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Buffalo's Annual Turkey Giveaway  
Tri-Main Building  
2495 Main Street  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

### **December**

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls' Annual Toy Giveaway  
John Duke Senior Center  
1201 Hyde Park Blvd.  
11:00 am- 12:30 pm

Grand Island & Tonawanda Toy Giveaway  
Location & Date: TBD

Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> Buffalo's Annual Toy Giveaway  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Mahoney State Office Building  
65 Court Street – Buffalo  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

## US CENSUS 2010 AND SENATE DISTRICT 60 DEMOGRAPHICS

The year 2010 marks a notable juncture in the United States, the US Census, the process of taking count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Federal, state and local governments as well as businesses base their decisions on Census data. How much money will be available for state aid, what neighborhood needs a school, a health clinic or a bus line, even where to open a new supermarket – these decisions are based on information that comes from the Census.

Unfortunately, thousands of our people in our community were not counted in the last census. That means we were passed over for millions of dollars in state and federal resources. Our community lost out. But we can make sure it doesn't happen again.

The Census will be mailing Census 2010 questionnaires to every residence in our community starting March 2010. The "Census 2010" questionnaire has only 10 questions, and takes about 10 minutes to fill out. When you receive it, please be sure to fill it out and return it promptly.

Don't worry - your privacy will be protected. It doesn't matter if you have someone living with you the landlord doesn't know about, or if they're not a citizen - the census is prevented *by law* from sharing the information you provide.

My office is working with neighborhood leaders – churches, schools and businesses - to make sure everyone understands how important it is to be counted in the upcoming 2010 Census. You can make sure our community gets its fair share. Let your neighbors know returning the Census form is easy, safe and important for our future.

If you have any questions about the census, or need help with the questionnaire, or any other matter, please contact my office.

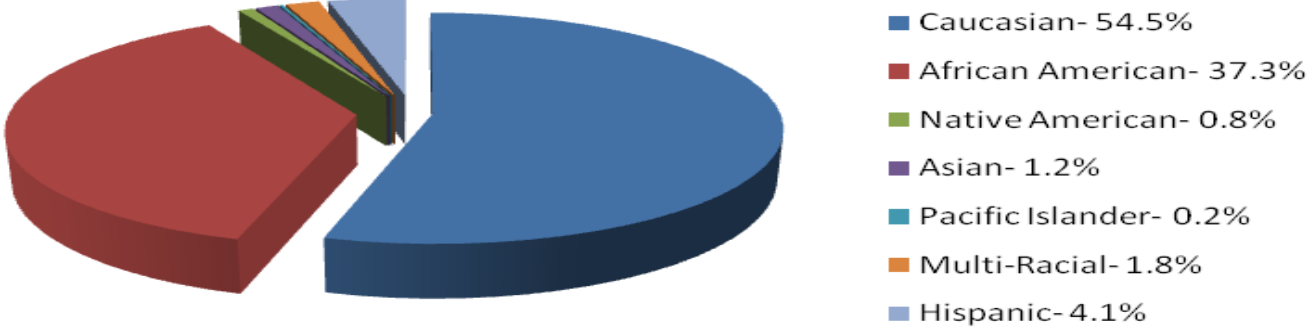
Total population:	298,636
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Sex	Number	%
Male	139,917	46.9
Female	158,719	53.1

Housing Tenure (Occupied housing units)	Number	%
Owner occupied	60,841	48.2
Renter occupied	65,337	51.8



# 60th District Racial Profile

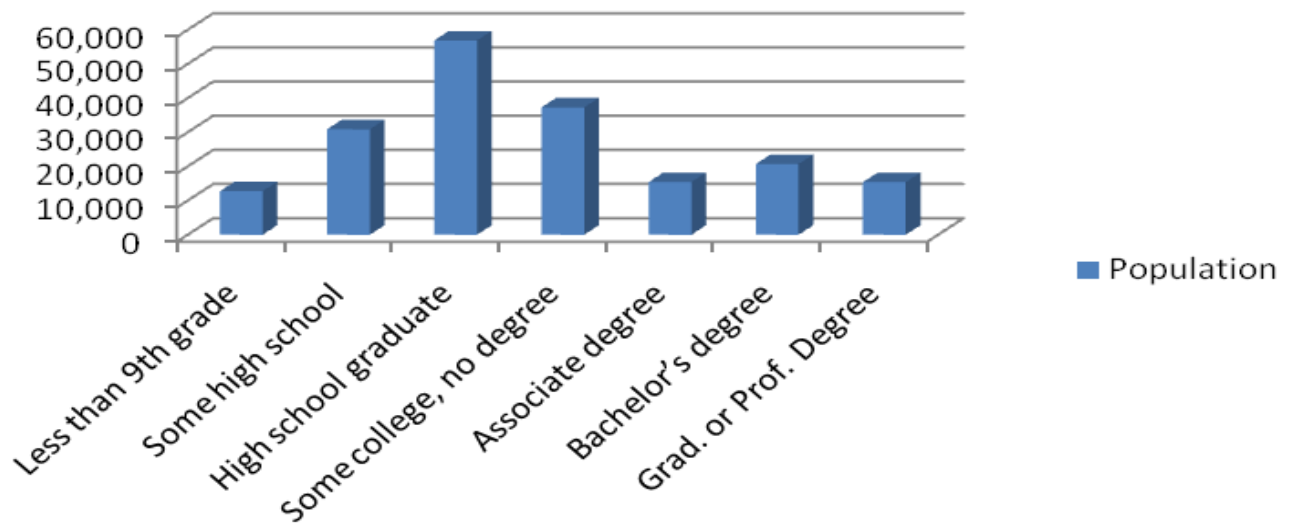


# 60th District Household Income

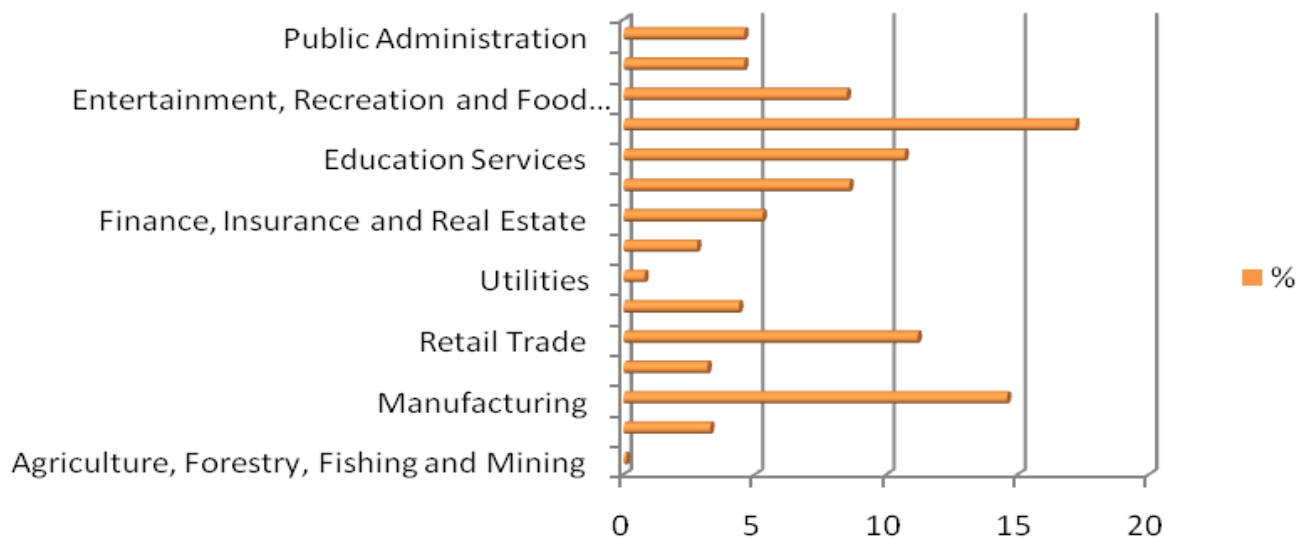


Median Household Income: \$26,314      Per Capita Income: \$15,973

## 60<sup>th</sup> District Educational Attainment



## 60<sup>th</sup> District Employment by Industry



## **SENATOR ANTOINE M. THOMPSON'S BIOGRAPHY**

Antoine Maurice Thompson was born March 1, 1970 to Richard Allen Thompson and Wanda Strong Thompson at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, New York. He attended public schools #60, #61 and graduated from Bennett High School. While in high school, Antoine received All-High and Western New York honors in Cross-Country and Track & Field, serving as the captain of both teams during his senior year.

A graduate of the State University of New York College at Brockport, he has studied extensively Black, African, and American history and government. Antoine received a dual Bachelor of Science degree in History. In 1994, he studied at the University of Ghana, West Africa, on government and social change. He presented papers on subjects related to Black theology and the history of American Slavery.



In January 1996, Antoine was hired as a Legislative Assistant for the Buffalo Common Council Central Staff. He was well versed in policy analysis and legislative research. His greatest public policy work was in the area of conducting research and preparing recommendations related to Affirmative Action policies and minority business development.

In March 1998, Antoine Thompson was appointed Executive Director of the Office of Urban Initiatives, Inc. (OUI) an economic development corporation that focused on minority and women-owned business development and various urban policy issues.

On January 4, 2001, the Buffalo Common Council unanimously appointed Antoine Masten District Council Member. He was a member of the Committee on Community Development, and served as chairperson for Committees on Education and Minority & Women Business Enterprise. He sponsored Buffalo's Inclusion Law providing Minority & Women-Owned Businesses with thirty percent (30%) of the work on all construction projects. Antoine secured \$75 million for community development projects like the Wading Pool in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, the largest man-made wading pool in New York State and one of the largest in the country; the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library; and the restoration of 60 Hedley Place, a 19th Century farmhouse linked to the Underground Railroad.

On December 10, 2004, Antoine participated in the Electoral College and the political process of choosing the President of the United States. Antoine has received numerous and various athletic, civic and community awards.

On January 3, 2007, Mr. Thompson was sworn in as New York State Senator for the 60th District. Now in his second term, he holds positions of leadership as the Senate's Acting

Majority Whip and serves as Chair of the Environmental Conservation Committee. Senator Thompson also serves on the following committees: Civil Service and Pensions; Finance; Health; Insurance; Local Government; Tourism, Recreation, and Sports Development; and Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs. He is also a Co-Chair of the Senate's MWBE Taskforce. His areas of focus include the environment, renewable energy, education, healthcare, small business and economic development, and transportation.

Since his time in the Senate, Senator Thompson has passed progressive legislation including the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, Rockefeller Drug Reform, Ethics Reform, Green Jobs/Green NY, and much more.

Senator Thompson represents parts of Erie & Niagara Counties, which include the Cities of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Tonawanda, and the Town of Grand Island. The 60<sup>th</sup> District includes 300,000 residents.

His commitment to community service is reflected by membership with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Citizen Action of New York, Grassroots Inc., the Parkside Community Association, the NAACP, SCLC, Hamlin Park Community and Taxpayer's Association and as a member of many other groups and organizations. He is a member of Mt. Zion Dominion Church, the loving husband of Merle Thompson, and the devoted father of Deja LaShay and Joseph Antoine Alexander Thompson. Senator Thompson is host of Western New York on the Move, a weekly radio broadcast. It is on the radio every Thursday at 1:00 P.M. on WUFO 1080 AM.

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