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County Executive Joanie Mahoney Announces Retirement of Jean Smiley Deputy County Executive for Physical Services and Appointment of Matt Millea as new Deputy County Executive for Physical Services

County Executive “owes a tremendous amount of gratitude to outgoing Deputy County Executive Smiley”

County Executive Joanie Mahoney announced today that Deputy County Executive Jean Smiley will retire at the end of June, ending a 31 year career of exceptional public service to the citizens of Onondaga County.

“When I was elected County Executive, I began a dialogue with county employees as a part of the transition,” said County Executive Mahoney, “One name kept coming up over and over as someone I needed to speak with--Jean Smiley. After my first meeting with Jean, it was clear that she would be a tremendous asset to our team and she agreed to come aboard. Her professionalism and commitment have assisted me in some of my proudest accomplishments and led to decisions that will impact this county for decades to come. Jean will truly be missed.”

Deputy County Executive Smiley played a key role in the change of direction in the Onondaga Lake cleanup plan from sewage treatment plants to green technology. In addition, Jean has been responsible for many other major initiatives since joining the County Executives Office including overseeing changes to save millions of dollars in energy costs, establishing a storm water coalition and new plowing agreements with the Towns, initiating new legislation to address sewer management, and was very instrumental in working with the Chief's last year to provide successful concerts at Alliance Bank Stadium.

Her career began in public health in 1977. Jean served in various positions in the Health Department and eventually rose to the position of Deputy Commissioner of Health in 1998. In 2008, she was asked by County Executive Joanie Mahoney to become the Administrator of Physical Services, a title that became Deputy County Executive for Physical Services in 2010. In her position as Deputy County Executive for Physical Services, Jean oversaw departments such as Transportation, Facilities Management, 911, Parks and Recreation, WEP and many others.

Deputy County Executive Smiley said, "I spent the majority of my time in County Government in the Health Department working on many important programs such as building the Westside Clinic and preparing the county bioterrorism plan. I have appreciated the trust placed in me by the County Executive to take on a very different new role as Deputy County Executive for Physical Services. It has been an exciting time in county government."

County Executive Joanie Mahoney also announced that the new Deputy County Executive for Physical Services will be Matthew J. Millea. With over twelve years of distinguished public service, Matt has served three New York State Governors and has focused his professional efforts on helping to preserve and protect New York State's invaluable natural resources.

"I am very pleased that Matt has agreed to assume the duties of Deputy County Executive for Physical Services" stated County Executive Joanie Mahoney, "Matt's experience and background are a natural fit for this challenging position and I believe he will hit the ground running and help us continue to move forward."

"I would like to thank County Executive Mahoney for inviting me to join her Administration and for the confidence and trust she is placing in me as I transition into this important role," stated Matt. "I am humbled and honored to succeed outgoing Deputy County Executive Jean Smiley and will work hard every day to continue her good work on behalf of the residents of Onondaga County."

Pete Grannis, New York State Environmental Conservation Commissioner and EFC Chairman said, "Matt Millea has been a tremendous asset for the EFC and an outstanding partner with the Department of Environmental Conservation. As Acting President of EFC, he helped navigate the agency's rollout of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, expeditiously getting more than half a billion dollars out the door to help New York communities improve their drinking water and wastewater systems. This is a terrific, new opportunity for Matt and Onondaga County is fortunate to have him."

NYS EFC President and C.E.O Matthew J. Driscoll said, "On behalf of EFC let me thank Matt for his years of dedicated service to this agency and his commitment to working with communities across this state. Matt Millea will be a terrific fit in the Mahoney Administration with his background and will serve the people of Onondaga County well."

For the past four years, Matt has served in various roles at the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, a public benefit corporation that since 1990 has financed over \$12 billion in water quality projects throughout New York State. In December 2007, EFC's Board of Directors appointed Matt as acting President of the Corporation, a position he held until January of 2010. During this time, he oversaw the administration of over \$500 million in water quality project funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including the launch of New York State's award-winning Green Innovations Grant Program.

Prior to joining EFC as its Executive Vice President in March of 2006, Matt served as Governor George E. Pataki's Director of Environmental Programs overseeing the operations and day-to-day activities of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the New York State Canal Corporation, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and the Hudson River Valley Greenway. He joined the Governor's staff in June of 2001 as a Program Manager in the Public Authorities Office where he worked with the New York State Thruway Authority, the New York State Bridge Authority as well as numerous transit authorities throughout the state.

During his tenure in the Governor's office Matt participated in the development and enactment of numerous bills and state budgets, in particular the reform and refinancing of the state's Superfund hazardous waste site clean up program and the creation of the Niagara Falls Greenway Commission. He also aided in the state's efforts to achieve Governor Pataki's pledge to preserve one million acres of open space during his three terms in office.

Prior to joining the Governor's staff, Matt served as a legislative assistant at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and as a Senior Legislative Analyst with the New York State Association of Counties.

He is a graduate of Columbia University, where he earned his Masters Degree in Public Administration in 2006 and Siena College in Loudonville, New York, where he now serves as a member of the college's Associate Board of Trustees.

Matt and his wife Lori have two sons, Ethan (4) and Aaron (2).

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