## THE AMHERST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ANNOUNCES THE RETITRMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM ALLEN

Jim Allen Has Served the People of Amherst for Over 36 Years

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**AMHERST, NY** — Carlton Brock Jr., Chairman of the Amherst Industrial Development Agency ("AIDA"), announced today that Jim Allen, Executive Director of the AIDA, is retiring.

Mr. Allen has been the Director of the AIDA for over 36 years. In that time the Amherst IDA has overseen more than \$2 billion in capital investment to over 900 separate businesses, helping create thousands new jobs.

"We thank Jim for his three decades of leadership at the AIDA and serving the Amherst Community." Mr. Brock said. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement."

Until a permanent successor can be appointed, AIDA Deputy Director David S. Mingoia will serve as the interim Executive Director. Mr. Mingoia has been with the AIDA for over a decade and holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Buffalo.

"As we honor the work that Jim has done over the past 36 years we are also excited about what the future holds for the AIDA and the opportunity to continue serving our community," Mr. Brock added. "We look forward to launching an extensive and comprehensive search for our next Executive Director over the coming months."

The AIDA exists in order to promote investment, economic diversity, employment opportunities and to broaden the tax base of the Town of Amherst.

For more information about the Amherst Industrial Development Agency please visit our website: <u>http://www.amherstida.com/</u>