

My platform in 2005 was water, transportation, affordable housing.

Water Issue and Public Awareness - After I took office, I showed a Power Point presentation of all the flaws in the County's water plan at several libraries around the County. For public awareness, I held press conferences to point out to the public how poor the business plan is for the water project and how the Water Authority planned to dig in the NYS Forrest Preserve, which is against the NYS Constitution. I don't just talk about open government, I act on it and that information comes into your homes through the press and media.

Transportation: I formed the Citizens Transportation Committee of Saratoga County to cut down on traffic congestion and pollution in Saratoga Springs and work on County transportation issues. We meet weekly. We met with CDTA, Amtrak, Greyhound, Trailways, Upstate Tours, Pedicab and Carriage companies and others. We will be having a large public forum on transportation for the public and local governments on November 26, 2007, 7PM at the library. CDTA's first quarter shows rider-ship is up. My committee organized a month long drive to get seniors signed up for senior discounts. We had CDTA bus seniors to the Senior Center, to have their pictures taken with Saratoga County's Office for the Aging; over 160 seniors from our City can ride the bus for half price. After negotiating with CDTA, a new route for senior citizens will start in early November.

Rehabbing for Affordable Housing – I met with Carrie Woerner, Executive Director, Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation to locate houses to rehab with developers Sonny Bonacio and Steve Ethier. I worked with the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council through my appointee, real-estate agent Celeste Caruso, who helped with real estate issues with the rehabbing of a two family home for affordable housing. I testified for NYS Senator Liz Krueger to push for a NYS Affordable Housing Trust Fund, my testimony is on her website. I Co-Sponsored with Phil Barrett, Chair of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, bringing nationally recognized speaker Mary Brooks, Director of the Housing Trust Fund Project. I sit on an Oversight Board for the NYS Main Street Grant Award for Beekman Street, where two rehabbed properties will remain affordable for seven years.