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## **SCOPED/FLX Gateway Welcomes Wendy Shutter as New Economic Development Specialist**

**WATKINS GLEN, NY** — The Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPED), operating as FLX Gateway, is pleased to announce the appointment of Wendy Shutter as its new Economic Development and Community Development Specialist.

Wendy brings a deep blend of technical acumen and business leadership to FLX Gateway's high-energy team. With decades of experience in private and nonprofit sectors, she most recently served as Director of Business Services for The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler. There, she oversaw multifaceted operations including transportation, facilities, document destruction, Glen Co-Pack food production, and IT systems, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to efficiency, innovation, and community impact.

In her new role, Wendy will help advance transformational projects across Schuyler County and support initiatives like the monthly Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, Schuyler County Façade Improvement Program, and the SCOPED small business loan program. She will also provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses, manage complex grants, and work with municipalities to foster vibrant communities through strategic investment and redevelopment.

"We're thrilled to welcome Wendy to the team. Her extensive experience in food manufacturing brings valuable insight and expertise that will play an important role as we expand and attract new partners in the food production sector. Her understanding of the industry's supply chain dynamics will also be instrumental in strengthening our regional

infrastructure and supporting sustainable growth,” said Jon Beckman, Chairman of FLX Gateway.

"Wendy's depth of experience and her passion for mission-driven results make her an incredible asset to the FLX Gateway team," said Judy McKinney Cherry, Executive Director of SCOPED. "Her work will directly support our efforts to attract capital investment, grow the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and build sustainable infrastructure across the region."

Wendy holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Ithaca College and has earned numerous certifications in transportation, food safety, and compliance. Her longstanding involvement with local and regional organizations—including the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce, the NY Small Scale Food Producers, and the SCOPED Business Attraction and Diversification Committee—underscores her deep roots and active engagement in the Finger Lakes region.



Wendy Shutter

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