

## **ELLINGTON RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP RESIDENTS REPLACE OLD TRAILERS**

The Town of Ellington has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the New York State Office of Community Renewal to assist low and moderate income homeowners in the Town of Ellington with replacement of mobile homes that are determined to be irreparable. In an effort to address some of the most serious housing needs of the Town's lower income residents, the Ellington Trailer Replacement Program is available to owner-occupied mobile homes throughout the Town of Ellington.

This program is only available to residents of the Town of Ellington. The trailer must currently be the owner's permanent, year-round residence. The owner must own both the trailer and the land upon which the trailer is located. If the trailer is located on a rented lot, such as in a trailer park or on property owned by another person, the program cannot assist you even if you own the trailer. The current mobile home must be free and clear of any mortgages through a bank or a private purchase agreement. The owner must be current with all property and school taxes. Finally, the household must meet annual income eligibility guidelines which are as follows: household size of one - \$37,650; household size of two - \$43,000; household size of three - \$48,400; household size of four - \$53,750; household size of five - \$58,050. These figures continue to increase as household size increases. These maximum allowable incomes include the gross (before taxes) income of all members of the household over the age of 18, whether they are related or not and regardless of their willingness to contribute to household expenses.

The Ellington Trailer Replacement Program will assist three homeowners replace their existing trailer with a new HUD-certified, energy star compliant manufactured home or, possibly, a modular home, depending on household size and other factors. The old trailer will be demolished and removed from the property. It will not remain available to the current owner to sell, scrap or otherwise re-use.

The Town has contracted with the countywide non-profit housing agency Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation (CHRIC) to administer and deliver the program. For more information, call Eileen Powers at CHRIC at 716-753-4653.