



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Seward Advances State Funding for Delaware County Companies

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**ONEONTA, 02/03/17** -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today helped advance Empire State Development Corporation grants for two job creation projects in Delaware County. The grants will assist **Green Lumber Company in Davenport** and **Sportsfield Specialties in Delhi** with financing for recently completed upgrades that retain and create a total of 145 jobs.

**“We need to create more job opportunities in New York State and these public-private partnerships are accomplishing that priority in Delaware County,”** said Senator Seward. **“Green Lumber**

**Company and Sportsfield Specialties are both crucial to our local economy and are worthy of state support as they grow and create new jobs.”**

The New York State Public Authorities Control Board (PACB) today approved grants for a number of projects across the state including:

- \$850,000 to help finance electrical infrastructure improvements in the Town of Davenport to allow Green Lumber to expand operations. The \$1.6 million project was completed in October 2016, resulting in the retention of 30 jobs and the creation of 20 new jobs;
- \$900,000 to help finance facility expansion and equipment purchase at Sportsfield Specialties in Delhi. The \$7 million project was completed in December 2015, resulting in the retention of 58 jobs and the creation of 37 new jobs.

Senator Seward is the New York State Senate Majority representative on the PACB which oversees project related financing agreements for several state agencies including the Empire State Development Corporation.

**“As a member of the PACB, I have the opportunity to review a number of innovative and significant job creation projects that are taking place across New York State. These projects in Delaware County stand up to the demanding standards in place to receive state funding and both will yield real dividends,”** concluded Senator Seward.