



DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT October 2022

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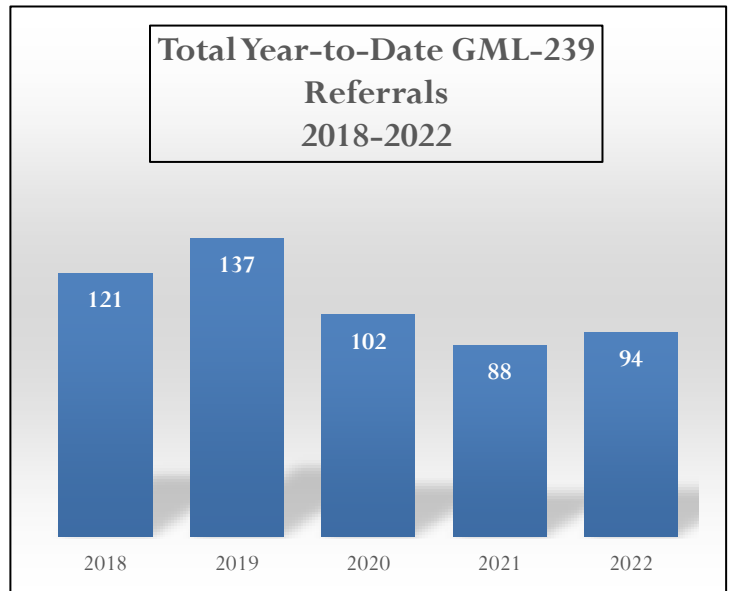
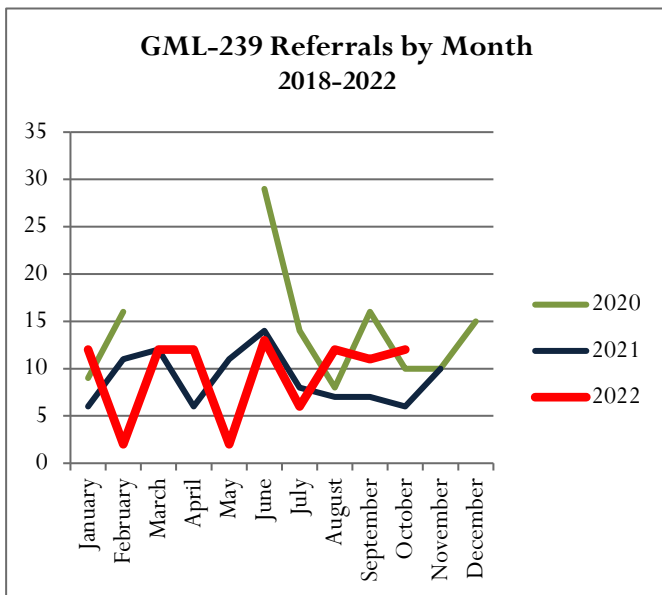
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I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

- **GML-239 Referrals**

- 12 referrals received, with actions in 7 municipalities; quantity remains generally consistent with recent years; however, there’s been a noticeable increase in referrals over the past three months compared with the same period last year – 35 v. 20



GML-239 Referrals, September 2022					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
10/13/2022	10/31/2022	Agudah Israel Camp Division	Special Use Permit	LIB22-13	Luis Alvarez
10/13/2022	10/31/2022	Camp HASC	Special Use Permit	LIB22-12	Luis Alvarez
10/13/2022	10/31/2022	Machne Gila Camp	Special Use Permit	LIB22-11	Luis Alvarez
10/14/2022	11/7/2022	Sullivan Regency	Site Plan Review	MON22-04	Alan Sorensen
10/13/2022	11/1/2022	Lands of Curry	Subdivision Review	NEV22-03	Michael Brooks
10/6/2022	11/2/2022	Western Sullivan Properties	Subdivision Review	ROC22-04	Michael Brooks
9/30/2022		Jumpcha Picnic Grove, Inc.	Site Plan Review	THO22-10	Alan Sorensen
10/18/2022	12/14/2022	Weiss Realty	Site Plan Review	THO22-11	Alan Sorensen
10/21/2022	11/9/2022	GQ Machining	Special Use Permit	CAL22-05	George Conklin III
9/27/2022	10/21/2022	Townhouse Zoning Revisions	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Map	FAL22-19	Joseph Perrello
10/4/2022	10/26/2022	Rabbinical College of OHR	Area Variance	FAL22-20	Joseph Perrello

- **Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning**
 - *Countywide Resiliency Plan:*
 - Advisory Committee kick-off meeting held September 29th
 - Stakeholder interviews being scheduled, including representatives of each municipality in the County
 - Coordination with SC GIS and University of Albany (preparer of the Hazard Mitigation Plan) on mapping for existing conditions inventory
 - *Housing Plan:*
 - Revised draft completed and presented to the Legislature for adoption
 - Initial discussions on next steps for implementation
 - Met with the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress’s new Center for Housing Solutions team to explore opportunities for collaboration


Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Neversink Crossing
 - Revising Initial Project Proposal (IPP) package in response to NYS DOT comments
 - Draft design report delayed, pending NYS DOT acceptance of IPP


- Tree clearing initiated by Town
 - Ongoing coordination with Coordinated project requirements with consultants, Town, State & Federal funding sources; project remains on track for Spring 2023 bidding
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Parksville North
 - Town of Liberty submitted application to Sullivan Renaissance for 2022 Golden Feather funding
 - Alta to provide proposal, with costs, for design of Phase 1a of this project, consisting of a combination on and off-road connection from the existing northern trailhead in Parksville to the rail bed on the other side of Route 17
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Other
 - Alta to provide proposal, with costs, for design of on-road connections from Ferndale to Liberty, paving of remaining Hurleyville section, and upgrades and wayfinding needed for the anticipated Mountindale to Liberty stretch
 - Outreach and events committee
 - HO&WL planned for October 29th in Hurleyville
 - Rack card design drafted by Alliance partner Sullivan Renaissance to promote 2023 four season cycle of trail events. See next page.
- **New County Park Project (Callicoon)**
 - Interim park closed sign installed; DPW security fence installation partially complete; on track for completion by November
 - Webpage being developed to include information on park progress
 - News release announcing park and naming contest being prepared for November, for issue upon completion fence, webpage
 - Ongoing work with DPW to assess remnants of electrical system and develop a plan to address safety and potential utilization
 - Ongoing work to finalize National Fish and Wildlife Fund grant contract, which will support:
 - Design and permitting of parking and access area
 - Invasive speciation remediation
 - Signage

Highland Access Improvements

- Contract executed and work commenced
- On-site meeting held with project partners and permitting agencies on 10/21
- On-site meeting with NYS funding agencies and Friends of the Upper Delaware on 10/28 r



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Sullivan O&W
Rail Trail
 A TRAIL FOR ALL SEASONS



Upcoming Events

SnO&W Fun Run

February 25, 2023

A wintry walk and snowshoe...It's 'snow' much fun!



National Trails Day

June 3, 2023

Experience the trail by volunteering on an O&W Rail Trail project.

BowWO&W Walk

August 10, 2023

Celebrate the dog days of summer with this canine-friendly event.



HO&WL

October 27, 2023

A spooky and historical guided evening walk.

For more information: www.SullivanOandW.com
 Follow on Facebook and Instagram

The Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance includes representation from trail communities: Town of Mamakating • Village of Wurtsboro • Town of Fallsburg • Village of Woodridge • Town of Liberty • Village of Liberty • Town of Rockland • Village of Monticello • Town of Thompson
 And partnering community organizations:
 Catskill Mountainkeeper • Cornell Cooperative Extension
 Open Space Institute • Orange County Land Trust • Delaware Highlands Conservancy • Sullivan 180 • Sullivan Renaissance
 Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

Community Development & Revitalization

- **2022 Plans & Progress Program**
 - Ongoing work processing project vouchers and reimbursements
- **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**
 - Broadway Theater Feasibility Study draft revised, nearing completion;
 - Issued RFP for 91 Chestnut Street

- Fielding inquiries on a variety of vacant lot purchases
- Preparing application for additional round of EPA Brownfield Assessment grant
- Preparing RFP for organizational strategic plan, funded by recent NYS grant
- **CDBG Housing**
 - Ongoing outreach to grant sub recipients for housing assistance launched.
- **Other**
 - Responding to NYS Main Street project monitoring inquiry.

Economic Development

- **CDGB grants**
 - Ongoing work to process existing grants.
 - Working with special needs education center on resubmission. New public hearing will be required.
- **Revolving Loan Fund**
 - Worked with Director of Communications Dan Hust on news release to promote loans. Resulted in Spectrum News segment: https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/udson-valley/news/2022/10/21/sullivan-county-offers-loan-funds-to-entrepreneurs?cid=app_share
 - Three applications are pending submission of additional documents
 - Three new inquiries as a result of the news release.
 - All active loans current.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

Projects

- “Clean Path”
 - An application for the “Clean Path” has been submitted to the NYS Public Service Commission. Information has been routed to Public Works and Planning for review. This is a recent application and updates will be provided as staff get further into review and public input/outreach opportunities are identified.

Clean Path is a 178 mile long, 1,300MW high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line and associated facilities. The transmission line will run from the Fraser Substation in Delaware County to the Rainey Substation in Queens. Staff is reviewing the plans to identify any potential impacts of the project as it traverses Sullivan County, during the construction phase and after it is made operational. The Project is designed to be constructed and operated predominantly within existing transmission line and road ROWs in order to minimize impacts.

- Climate Smart Recertification
 - Work continues on the County's recertification of its status as a Bronze-certified Climate Smart Community. This includes generating concise descriptions of qualifying climate actions, assembling key data and supporting documents, and updating information about ongoing County initiatives.
- SUNY Sullivan Energy Project
 - Construction phase of the SUNY Sullivan energy project remains on track for completion by 12/31/2022, with the exception of window replacements (likely to take place in the late Spring of 2023). There is no change to the final cost of the project to the County.

Public, Agency, and NYS Engagement

- In partnership with SC Executive Director of Human Rights, outreach was conducted in the towns of Liberty, Thompson (Monticello Village), Fallsburg and Mamakating which are the Sullivan County municipalities likely to have communities designated as "Disadvantaged Communities" by the NYS Climate Action Council. Discussions centered around community priority projects and opportunities to secure/advocate for funding to support.
- OSE is updating the department's web pages to provide timely consumer information for County residents and businesses regarding NYS and utility resources for energy retrofits, renewable energy, on-site electric vehicle charging equipment and energy planning EVSE; to update reports on County initiatives; and to incorporate new information about state and regional initiatives.

Administrative

- A kick-off meeting was held with an internal implementation committee for the recently acquired Amplifund for Grants Management software. Team members are in the process of gathering the necessary data to populate the system and to incorporate County policies and procedures in the software.
- An RFP was developed and issued for design and engineering services associated with County Parks. Nine responses were received and are under review.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

Park Planning and Management

- RFP for Design, Engineering and Permitting Services
 - Nine responses received, currently being reviewed
- New park in Callicoon
 - Park staff have been clearing brush and debris at the Callicoon Park.
 - Working with Planning on grant implementation, as noted above.

Parks & Rec Events

- Sullivan County's new and past poet laureate conducted a Poetry and Art event at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center on October 1, 2022.
- The Parks Department teamed up with the Mamakating Library and the Bashakill Association to host a guided walk along the D&H Canal on October 23, 2022.
- The Sullivan County Historical Society is sponsoring their annual Open House and Theme Tree Exhibition on Saturday, December 3rd.

IV. GRANTS

- Participating in group working on Amplifund set up.
- Ongoing grant monitoring and administration.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- CCE September Ag and Food systems report below