



# **Sullivan County**

# Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee

# Meeting Agenda - Final

Chairman Ira Steingart
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Committee Member George Conklin
Committee Member Nadia Rajsz
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.

Thurs	sday,	August 3, 2023 10:00 AM	<b>Government Center</b>			
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	1.	Division of Planning	<u>ID-5694</u>			
		Attachments: July 23  June 23 AG report				
	2.	Division of Community Resources	<u>ID-5693</u>			
	Attachments: 2023 PCD DCR August Report					
3.	Co	unty Treasurer				
	4.	Real Property Tax Services	<u>ID-5695</u>			
		Attachments: Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for 6.2023	_			
	5.	Visitor's Association	<u>ID-5698</u>			
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	6.	IDA	<u>ID-5705</u>			
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#### Committee

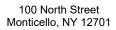
#### **Public Comment**

#### **Resolutions:**

- 1. To authorize a stipend to volunteer(s) for the administration of HIICAP counseling
  - **Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul
- 2. A Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental
  Quality Review Act regarding the addition of parcels of real property to an
  existing certified Agricultural Districts within Sullivan County.
  - **Attachments:** AD 1 and 4 Inclusion EAF Short Form 07.24.2023
- **3.** To include viable Agricultural land in an existing Certified Agricultural District within Sullivan County.
- 4. Issuing a Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, concerning the Eight-Year review of an Agricultural District pursuant to Section 303-A of the Agriculture and Markets Law
  - Attachments: AD 4 Eight Year Review EAF Short Form 07.24.2023
- 5. To approve and adopt the recommended modification of Sullivan County

  Agricultural District No. 4
- 6. Resolution to withdraw the parcel known as Town of Delaware SBL 15.-2-35 from a foreclosure proceeding pursuant to RPTL §1138(6)(b) and issue respective certificates canceling taxes

#### Adjourn





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# Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-5694 **Agenda Date:** 8/3/2023 **Agenda #:** 1.



# DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

#### **ACTIVITY REPORT**

July 2023

#### **CONTENTS**

- I. Planning
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#### I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

#### **Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:**

■ GML-239 Referrals

GML-239 Referrals, July 2023								
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator			
6/20/23	7/13/23	5629 Rt 42 LLC	Site Plan Review	FAL23-10	Perrello			
6/21/23	7/11/23	Spring Hills	Subdivision Review	MON23-04	Sorensen			
6/21/23	7/11/23	Interdevelopment Corp.	Site Plan Review	MON23-03	Sorensen			
6/21/23	7/11/23	Dollar General	Site Plan Review	MON23-02	Sorensen			
6/22/23	7/24/23	Bobov Yeshiva Educational Retreat	Special Use Permit	TUS23-04	Doherty			
6/28/23	7/10/23	157 S. Main St.	Site Plan Review	LIV23-09	Alvarez			
6/30/23	7/26/23	Camp Ger	Site Plan Review	THO23-13	Sorensen			
7/6/23	8/4/23	Amend Town Code Chapter 250	Amendment of Zoning Map	THO23-14	Sorensen			
7/7/23	7/17/23	Rock Paper Plate LLC	Area Variance	LIB23-13	Alvarez			
7/13/23	8/7/23	Birchwood Estates	Site Plan Review	THO23-15	Sorensen			
7/14/23	8/9/23	Woodbourne Mobil Gas Station	Site Plan Review	FAL23-11	Perrello			

7/17/23	8/8/23	Odell Subdivision	Subdivision Review	CAL23-05	Conklin
7/17/23	7/31/23	Araks Farm	Subdivision Review	LIB23-14	Alvarez
7/18/23	8/10/23	Cypert Road Solar Project	Site Plan Review	FAL23-12	Perrello

#### **Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning**

#### **Neversink Watershed Management Plan:**

- Staff from Planning and Public Works participated in a review of the culvert assessment completed for Sullivan County. There was considerable discussion about the possibility of expanding the culvert assessment services into other areas of the County which are not included in the Neversink Watershed.
- Friends of the Upper Delaware, Trout Unlimited, and Sullivan County Planning have been meeting with supervisors, mayors, and public works representatives in the municipalities located in the watershed to review culvert assessments and the overall plan.

#### **Countywide Resiliency Plan:**

- The consultant will be on-site to meet with County staff as well as third party stakeholders on August 3 and 4. Cornell Cooperative Extension has been helpful in arranging to connect the team with a group of representatives involved in agriculture including farmers and CCE staff.
- Though the online mapping and visioning tools have been taken down and the plan is now being drafted, we have continued to accept input from members of the public via our department e-mail: planning@sullivanny.us
- The website for the plan can be viewed at <u>www.resilientsullivan.com</u>. The website provides an overview of resiliency issues and a set of town and village fact sheets (on the "Engage" tab) that provide baseline information about our communities.

#### New Initiative: Water Resources and Infrastructure

- Division staff are formulating a strategy to address the concerns which have been raised by multiple municipalities with regard to the County's water resources and possible impacts from development pressure. The strategy is currently broken down into three (3) main areas of study:
  - Water Resources
  - Public infrastructure (water and wastewater)
  - Private wells/septics
- Our goal is to use information to support municipalities as they seek funding for critical repairs, upgrades, and investments in public infrastructure.
- We also hope to support municipalities, homeowners associations, civic associations, and other organizations that wish to collect data via water testing to monitor the

health of our waterbodies, with the anticipation that funding may become available for assistance with private septic systems.

#### Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

#### **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**

- Progress continues on the design and engineering phase of the Neversink River Crossing project. As of this writing the consultant believes that a final design will be submitted to the NYSDOT for review by the end of October, and we hope to secure final design approval by the end of December.
- County staff (Planning, Grants Administration, County Manager, County Attorney, and Legislative representative for the Town) met with the Town of Fallsburg to discuss the project, with status updates of each project component as well as funding sources provided.
- Planning assisted the Town of Liberty with an application submitted through the CFA for funding to support the O&W Trail development in Parksville.
- A trail town assessment was completed for the hamlet of Mountaindale.
- We have been working with municipalities, the O&W Alliance, and the consultant to identify the next portions of the rail trail to be addressed n 2024, which will be included with the Division's budget request.

#### **Community Development & Revitalization**

#### **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**

- Planning staff are working with staff from RUPCO to ensure the transition of administrative duties is as seamless as possible. The contract between the SCLB and RUPCO has been executed.
- We will discuss a regular schedule for the new administrator for the Land Bank to provide updates to the Legislature.

#### **CDBG Housing**

- Manufactured Home Replacement
  - Fully subscribed, waiting for contractor selection.
  - 4 applications with signed formal funding awards.

- \$625,000 total committed funding, fully subscribed: Contracts are complete and will be signed with each property owner with RIDGEWOOD LLC, startup checks to be ordered by Friday 7/28/23.
- Contractor will order units by week of July 31, estimated time for completion Nov. 1, 2023.
- We anticipate submitted our first partial draw under this budget line for Manufactured Home Replacement in amount of \$130,405 by the end of next week.

#### Home Repair

- To date 11 applications have been received, however, 2 were denied, 1 is dropping out of the program, and 2 were deemed incomplete.
- 5 applications with signed formal funding awards
  - 2 projects in progress (one nearing completion)
  - \$130,000 total funding has been committed with a balance of \$495,000 available
- 1 project has just been inspected and appears to be a viable project to commit funding to after the environmental review is complete.
- RUPCO recently conducted a Contractor Outreach meeting in Monticello and a new media campaign to push the information out to homeowners and local agencies. Since the outreach we have received 5 new leads of which 4 were considered conditionally eligible and were mailed an application package.

#### **EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant**

- The County has engaged BRS, Inc. to assist with the closeout of the grant. organize documents and identify remaining work to be completed by the end of the grant term (September 2023).
- A contract modification with Tectonic was developed to accurately reflect project change orders. This will not impact the overall cost of the project and does not require legislative approval.
- BRS is assisting the County with ensuring all aspects of the project are in compliance with program requirements. Quarterly reporting is current.

#### **Plans & Progress**

Progress continues as we closing out the open projects that were awarded funding for the entirety of the program. To date there are 17 remaining open projects and 3 more are anticipated to close out in the next month.

#### **Economic Development**

#### **CDGB** grants

The project with the Center for Discovery has been closed out. We are working with staff from OMB to draw funding down from the grant for administrative tasks.

#### **Revolving Loan Fund**

- Payments on all loans are current
- Working with County staff and contractor to review the program.

#### Administration

- Staff are engaged in crafting the 2024 Operating Budget request to be submitted by August 4.
- Weekly discussions with the County Manager have been ongoing to ensure activities of the Division remain in line with County priorities
- The Planning Department is actively seeking to fill three positions: Director of Planning, Research Assistant, and RPT Account Clerk. We anticipate the Account Clerk position being filled shortly.

#### II. **OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)**

- OSE staff met with Laura Quigley and representatives from Clean Path NY (a proposed underground high voltage transmission line proposed for the Marcy South right-of-way) to discuss the project and the anticipated \$270 million host community benefit fund. Projects that may receive funding through the fund include housing retrofits, conservation stewardship, and local workforce development initiatives. Of particular interest was the potential to link workforce development initiatives with housing retrofits in disadvantaged communities. Early awards for funding are anticipated to begin in 2024.
- OSE staff have been assisting Planning staff with crafting grant applications for CFA, specifically an application for funding for the LWRP grant.
- OSE continues to act as lead for the Resiliency Plan project. Currently they are coordinating with the County's consultant for the in-county visit on August 3 and 4.
- Staff conducted outreach to businesses and residents that have expressed an interest in onsite solar installations (rooftop and ground-mounted).
- Staff continue to reach out to NYSEG to address billing and credit issues related to the County's hydroelectric generation.

#### III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- Lake Superior is open daily for swimming, boating and picnicking. We are now renting single and double Kayaks. Currently there have been no issues with an algae bloom. We are testing the lake water weekly and keeping daily logs as per NYS Parks to see if certain changes in weather/rainfall trigger an algae bloom.
- The D&H Canal Interpretive Center is open for the season. The staff are currently setting up a series of summer history walks and talks that will take place along the canal trail and at the center. A presentation was provided on July 30th about the section of canal that runs through the Mamakating area.
- The Center for Workforce Development has a group from their Youth Employment Program completing projects throughout the County Parks.
- The Delaware Company hosted the Commemoration of the Minisink Battle on July 22, 2023 at the Minisink Battleground Park.
- The Sullivan County Museum and the D&H Canal Interpretive Center are participating in "The Sullivan County Museum Weekend" which is a collaborative event to encourage Sullivan County residents to engage with their history and visit cultural touchstones in the area. The event is being held July 29th and 30th.

#### IV. **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

- Activity/Technical Assistance
  - Since June 20, received and responded to 1 request for funding resources related to housing for farmworkers, and received two visitors to the Grants Admin office making initial inquiries. A letter of support for the Jeffersonville Auction Barn was provided.
  - Staff have continued to communicate with and support a potential private daycare facility in Liberty, providing information about funding opportunities for playground equipment and other needs identified.
  - DGA has maintained contact with the Village of Wurtsboro with regard to project readiness for various projects, including municipal infrastructure and trail connections to main street.
  - DGA prepared a report of activity related to water/septic system replacement inquiry. In addition, a proposal, presentation outline, and informational packet was drafted for an educational workshop related to becoming project ready for water infrastructure grant funding.
- **In-County Grant Readiness** 
  - DGA has developed a compliance strategy, which includes rudimentary curriculum notes for future trainings, which may be accomplished via webinar trainings County-wide.
  - Assistance has been provided to departments requiring support with the grant process, including Public Health, Planning, SC International Airport, Parks, Board of Elections, Public Safety, and the District Attorney's Office.

#### Administrative Activities

- Records Retention/Digitization: DGA has been processing files past retention date and preparing for storage/destruction. DGA met with ITS and Records staff regarding the digitization process, and are familiarizing with protocols as they work toward development of a strategy for department best practices. DGA received Laserfiche training on July 27th.
- The 2024 Operating Budget request was submitted.
- DGA is considering a strategy for completing a grant users systems audit. The purpose of the audit would be to identify all online grant platforms and/or grantrelated management systems currently utilized by County departments, along with a list of staff who are enrolled as registered users in each system, as well as their assigned user role / corresponding security level.

#### ٧. **AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION**

- Ag District Review update from Cornell Cooperative Extension
- CCE June Ag and Food systems report attached

#### **JUNE 2023 AG REPORT**

# **Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County**

#### SULLIVAN CATSKILLS FARMERS MARKETS

The Sullivan Catskills Farmers Markets marketing has entailed purchasing a billboard located on NYS Route 17, social media promotion, newspaper ads and printed brochures. Over 3,500 Farmers Market brochures have been distributed to date. We are in the process of promoting the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and SNAP/EBT at the markets.

#### **SULLIVAN FRESH MARKETS**

The Sullivan Fresh Markets kicked off in July. The program has a farmers market located on Monticello and mobile markets at the County buildings in Liberty, Woodridge, Loch Sheldrake, South Fallsburg, Wurtsboro and Garnet Health Medical Center. We have once again launched our Sullivan Fresh Wellness Program, where participants receive \$10 in Sullivan Fresh Bucks to spend at the markets after attending a wellness program, and a new Produce Prescription Program in partnership with Garnet Health. We are currently working with over 10 different farms to purchase local vegetables, fruits, meat, diary and eggs.





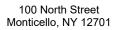
#### **BEGINNER FARMER PROGRAM**

Staff have been busy preparing to launch the educational workshop portion of the program. To date, the Beginner Farmer Advisory Committee has met and have planned the following programs for the summer/fall:

- Beginner Farmer Meet Ups. This is an opportunity for new and beginner farmers in the County to mingle and get to know each other. CCE Staff and the Beginner Advisory Committee will be there to network and support.
  - August 11th: Basha Kill Vineyards, a vineyard and agri-tourism farm in Wurtsboro, NY.
  - September 13th: Majestic Farm, an organic orchid and livestock farm in Mountaindale, NY.
  - October 11th: Sprouting Dreams Farm, a vegetable farm in Liberty, NY.
- Beginner Farmer Workshops
  - August 29th: Growing Healthy Soils with Cover Crops on Small Farms at Bobolink Farm Attendees will learn first hand from farm owner Brenda Miller how she evaluates the soil on her farm and how she utilized cover crops to grow health, resilient soil.
  - September 30th: The Nuts and Bolts of High Tunnels at Sprouting Dreams Farm Attendees will learn first hand from Sprouting Dreams Farm on how to fund a high tunnel, why high tunnels can be beneficial for a farm operation, and "the nuts and bolts of high tunnels" and construction.

#### **Agricultural District Program**

The Public Hearing for the Ag District #4 Eight Year Review and 30 Day Window was held on June 1st. Staff are in the process of finalizing the report for NYS Agriculture and Markets and preparing the resolutions for adoption in August. From there, the report will be submitted to NYS for certification from the Commissioner of NYS Ag and Markets.





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# Legislative Memorandum

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#### **Division of Community Resources Monthly Report August 2023**

#### **Workforce Development**

- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is underway. There are 47 youth between the ages of 14-20 engaged in six weeks of paid work experience at 12 sites around the County. The program will run through August 18<sup>th</sup> when the annual picnic/awards will be held.
- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) is conducting research and speaking with SC BOCES to determine the next Trade program(s) to start in the fall.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-06 was issued on March 10, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for in-School and Out-of-School Youth Services to be contracted with qualified organizations that can assist The Center for Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board. There were no responses to the RFP. There was a resolution for July that will allow for contracts with local providers for the required services.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE**: October is Disability Awareness month, and the CWD will be hosting an "*Empowering Towards Independence*" educational forum for the public and businesses striving to change the capacity of existing employment systems to serve employers and individuals with disabilities. The event will be held Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 1 pm at the Kartrite Grand Ballroom.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls for Directors are held; roll outs for Virtual Career Centers, Virtual Reality Training & Solutions, Youth Build Academy, Digital Literacy to all Career Centers, Community Colleges as Group Program Sponsors, and a Teacher Ambassador Program. Trainings and updates continue for CWD staff.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:

#### Social media:

 767 followers; June 2023 had a reach of 12,386 people with 512 Facebook page views (13.5% increase from April);

#### **Center Services:**

- A catalogue of services is being developed that will be accessible through multiple formats.
- Career Center recruitment events:
   Sullivan Orange ARC, August 22, 11am 3pm.

- Center for Discovery, August 29, 11am 3pm.
- The CWD provided services to 36 business customers and listed 124 jobs in the month of June.
- The CWD assisted 466 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of June 2023.
- Welfare to Work caseload profile June 2023:

Total Caseload - 253

TANF – caseload 103

Medical issues – 14%

Disabled - 15%

Pregnant/Newborn - 3%

Needed in Home - 7%

No Child Care – 20%

Criminal Justice involved - 33%

Cases closed – 17%

<u>Safety Net</u> – caseload – 150

Medical issues - 18%

Disabled – 37%

Needed in Home - 2%

Criminal Justice involved – 63%

Cases closed - 25%

#### Labor Market Data for June 2023 compared to June 2022

✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 1.7% (500) and an increase of 2.5% (600) in total private sector jobs.

*Please note*: The net month (May 2023 – June 2023) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 5.5% (1,600) and an increase of 6.4% (1,500) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Leisure & Hospitality at 9.5% (400)
  - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 6.5% (300)
  - Financial Activities at 11.1% (100)
  - Professional and Business Services at 5.3% (100)
  - Manufacturing at 5% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Education and Health Services at -3.9% (-300)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -5.9% (-100)
- Government at -1.7% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Other Services

✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.3% (220,000) in total nonfarm jobs and 2.3% (190,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 5.1% (106,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 6.4% (58,400)
- Government at 2.1% (29,800)
- Professional & Business Services at 1.6% (22,600)
- Other Services at 3.7% (14,400)
- Financial Activities at 1% (7,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.7% (6,700)

#### NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.9% (-14,100)
- Information at -3.9% (-11,800)
- Manufacturing at -0.1% (-400)
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 2.5 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+2.1 percent), followed by the Kingston MSA (+0.4 percent). The Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division declined by 0.6 percent over the period.
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.7% (16,600) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.6% (13,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Leisure & Hospitality at 10.5% (10,200)
- Education and Health Services at 3.5% (7,300)
- Government at 2.2% (3,400)
- Other Services at 3.8% (1,600)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 0.5% (300)

#### The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional Business Services at -3.2% (-3,800)
- Information at -6.7% (-900)
- Financial Activities at -1.3% (-600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.3% (-500)
- Manufacturing at -0.9% (-400)
- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 2.7% for June 2023 down from 3.0% in June 2022.

June 2023 had 39,000 people in the labor force (37,900 employed & 1,100 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 1.1% (400) and the number of unemployed

decreased by -8.3% (-100) leaving the labor force with a net gain of .8% (300).

The total labor force increased 4.6% (1,700) from May 2023 to June 2023. There was a 4.4% (1,600) increase in employed workers and a 10% (100) increase in people reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for June 2023 is 3.0%, down 0.1% from June 2022. The Hudson Valley has the third lowest unemployment rate at 3.0% behind the Capital region (2.8%) and the Long Island region (2.9%).
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.3% in June 2023 compared to 4.1% in June 2022.
- ✓ The June 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.1% for Saratoga County to a high of 7.6% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 2.7% rate ranked 5th in the State along with Washington County.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for June 2023:
  - #5 Sullivan County at 2.7%
  - #7 Rockland County at 2.8%
  - #15 Putnam County at 2.9%
  - #19 Westchester County at 3.0%
  - #19 Dutchess County at 3.0%
  - #19 Orange County at 3.0%
  - #28 Ulster County at 3.1%

#### **Transportation**

**✓** County Transportation:

Month 2023	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In- County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses
January	45		86	70
February	35		77	66
March	33		108	67
April	46		82	68
May	52	7	91	89
June	41	14	92	97
July				
August				
September				
November				
December				
Totals				

Move Sullivan 2023	Averag	e Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	235	(21 days)	4,929	84
February	266	(19 days)	5,057	65
March	286	(22 days)	6,301	85
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Totals			16,287	234
April	315	(20 days)	6,291	109
May	330	(22 days)	7,267	119
June	N/A		N/A	140
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Totals				368
July				
August				
September				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Totals				
October				
November				
December				
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Totals				
Annual Totals				

#### **Community Assistance Center (CAC)**

- ✓ The CAC distributed masks received from the State in light of the Canadian wildfire smoke.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are continue twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.
- ✓ Supported HV Food Bank mobile pantry efforts in Freemont, Yulan and Foxcroft Village.
- $\checkmark$  A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition

#### Office for the Aging (OFA) June 2023 Monthly Report

#### Monthly Accomplishments

#### **OFA Director:**

- Continued participation on Food Security Coalition.
- Participation at Division tabling events.
- Senior Needs Assessment was awarded to Pattern for Progress, preliminary discussions underway.
- ICMA Leadership training completed.
- Bi-weekly case management conference meetings.
- Aging Concerns Unite Us (ACUU) Statewide Conference attended by several OFA staff June 26-28. Strong focus on planning efforts for upcoming 4year plan.
- Attended Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) meetings for at risk clients.
- Participated in interviews for new Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)
   Coordinator with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Collaboration with RSVP Advisory Council in preparation of RSVP 50<sup>th</sup> Recognition Luncheon on September 20<sup>th</sup>, all staff to attend and assist with event.
- Continue to work on planning on opening additional Congregate sites in conjunction with Sullivan County Transportation and Jail kitchen.
- 800 booklets received for Senior Farmer's Market Coupon distribution.
- Continued participation in Long Term Supports Subcommittee of Master Plan on Aging- Statewide collaborative planning effort between OFA & Department of Health (DOH).
- Conducting interviews for EISEP Case Management vacancy.
- Participated in various interviews and publicity surrounding Elder Abuse
   Awareness month and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- Co-hosted Alzheimer's Research Forum at Cornell Cooperative Extension, hybrid event to bring awareness of newest research advances and information.
- Participated in Digital Equity focus group hosted by ATI.
- Participating in planning committee for Empowering Towards Independence event.
- Submitted Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) to New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)

#### RSVP:

- Over 300 Volunteer hours provided during June across multiple stations (number likely much higher as stations continue to mail/email hours).
- Attended ACUU conference to meet with aging professionals across NYS and receive feedback on better serving the elderly community.
- Multiple community outreach events to spread awareness of RSVP and other services (Monticello Book Store, Liberty Library, Juneteenth Event, Multiple locations with NYConnects)
- Continue to establish rapport between site managers and volunteers by visiting and learning about the sites in addition to further needs in the community.

#### Nutrition:

- Full time staff continue to cover part-time staff vacancies and vacations.
- NYSNAP had a 4-week series at the Livingston Manor nutrition site for the congregate meal attendees. They discussed better usage of SNAP benefits and purchasing food products. Hand-outs and herbal gardens were given to all participants.
- The Tusten Social (Sage Group) have been meeting bi-monthly in Narrowsburg to promote socialization and intergenerational activities. Discussion to open a Nutrition site in Narrowsburg.
- Once again, the Liberty Rotary Club presented us with gifts for the recipients of our Home Delivered Meals program for Father's Day. They have been very generous and supportive through a grant they received.
- Nutrition tabled at the Public Health, Health Fair on 6/4/23 @ Hanofee park in Liberty.

	Units:	Clients:	Contributions:
Homebound:	1898	92	\$1,573.00 (collected from
homebound <u>and</u> con homes)	gregate serve	d at their	
Congregate			
served at home:	1186	50	
Congregate			
served at sites:	47	25	\$390.00 (collected at
our 2 active congre	gate meal site	s)	
Total:	3131	167	\$1,963.00

#### **Transportation:**

- 92 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 97 SCT Shopping Trips
- 55 RSVP Medical Trips
- 58 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

#### Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

• 22 Clients currently receive a PERS unit through the OFA.

#### HIICAP:

- 49 Clients served
- Continued outreach regarding Medicare & Medicaid scams and education about covered wellness benefits.

#### NY Connects:

- 45 Clients served
- Library Outreach continuing:
  - o 6/1 Fallsburg Library
  - o 6/5 Liberty Library
  - o 6/14 Read it Again Bookstore
  - o 6/16 Eldred Library
  - o 6/21 Western Sullivan Library, Jeffersonville
- January 1st, 2023 through June 30, 2023 OFA has registered 77 new seniors.

- O Where did they hear about OFA from?
  - Friends
  - NY Connects postcard mailing
  - Google search
  - Social Media
  - Workforce Development
  - Department of Family Services (DFS)
  - Real Tax Office
  - Govt Center Directory
  - Public Health Services Social Work
  - Insurance Companies
  - Garnet Hospital
  - SAGE
  - DOH
  - Risk Management
  - Orange County OFA

#### **EISEP:**

- 21 case files open for full EISEP-type services including Personal Care Aide (PCA)
- 0 new case file open in June 2023
- 0 case file closed in June 2023
- 6 case files open without aides as of 6/30/2023
- 0 case file reassessed in June 2023
- 6 currently active on waitlist

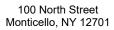
#### Sullivan County Youth Bureau:

- Participated in United Sullivan meeting.
- Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed, reaching around 600 people.
- Consistent posts to the Youth Bureau's Facebook & Instagram pages.
   Reached almost 3,000 people.
- Processed 37 Youth Bureau funding applications. Funded through County of Sullivan, Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Funded \$116,768.43 in County funds, \$20,318.99 in OCFS Sports funds & \$54,737.00 in OCFS Youth Development programs.
- Began putting all contracts together for the above awardees.
- Participated in on-going Safe School Ambassador discussion.
- Participated in on-going County wide leadership training.
- Attended the Juneteenth Celebration.
- Attended the Unite Us Sullivan information session.
- Attended bi-weekly PARFACT Committee meetings <u>Youth Bureau Internship</u>
- New Youth Internship Brochure under development.
- Youth Internship letter of introduction created.
- Letter to parents congratulating their students for acceptance into program created.
- Letters of agreement created for Youth Internship Program.
- Samples for functional resumes created
- Attended Making Healthful Decisions meeting

Meeting with Sullivan 180 to go over Youth Board/Internship members

#### IN PROGRESS FOR NEXT MONTH

- Single page list of all active volunteer sites accepting volunteers to share with prospective volunteers.
- Continued collaboration for RSVP Luncheon Save the Dates/Invites to be sent immediately to all active volunteers.
- Pending visit by Rebecca McCormick, CNCS AmeriCorps Seniors Regional Representative on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>
- Complete brochure and application for Youth Internship Program
- Contract executions for Youth Bureau funding
- Site visits continuing summer programming
- Meeting with Jaime Schmeiser concerning Youth Internship Program
- Budget training & preparation
- Continuing Library Outreach Program





# **Sullivan County**

# Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-5695 **Agenda Date:** 8/3/2023 **Agenda #:** 4.

#### **Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for June 2023**

### Real Property:

We continue to provide services internally, to the assessment community and to the public. The department continues to be busy with the uptick in real estate activity.

#### Deed and subdivision count:

These statistics through the end of June 2023:

June deed count: 417 June Subdivision Lots: 90

**2023 total**: **2505**2022 total: 2588 **2023 total**: **279**2022 total: 242

#### Director's activities for the month of June:

- Reviewed and made recommendations on two (2) Correction of Error applications
- Attended a meeting of the Sullivan County Assessor's Association

#### General office activity for the month of June:

- Continued review of one (1) condominium project
- Reviewed one (1) new condominium project
- Answered numerous 911 address inquires

#### E-911:

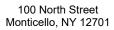
June new addresses assigned: 53

**2023 Total**: **222** 2022 Total: 244

June new roads created: 0

MONTH OF	June	2023					
				DE	EDS	SUBDIVISO	N LOTS
SUBDIVISION							
LOTS	DEEDS	TOWN	MONTH	2022	2023	2022	2023
	33	BETHEL	JANUARY	507	541	13	4
6	10	CALLICOON	FEBRUARY	401	478	80	14
	7	COCHECTON	MARCH	436	390	24	30
3	7	DELAWARE	APRIL	384	282	57	16
56	111	FALLSBURG	MAY	425	397	29	125
2	3	FORESTBURGH	JUNE	435	417	39	90
	10	FREMONT	JULY				
	8	HIGHLAND	AUGUST				
	41	LIBERTY	SEPTEMBER				
	14	LUMBERLAND	OCTOBER				
	53	MAMAKATING	NOVEMBER				
	18	NEVERSINK	DECEMBER				
	14	ROCKLAND	TOTAL	2588	2505	242	279
23	80	THOMPSON					
	8	TUSTEN					
90	417						
		2505 NEW D	EEDS RECEI	VED IN 2	023		
		279 NEW SUB	DIVISION LO	TS FILED	IN 2023		
This report reflects	the number o	of deeds received t	hrough June 20	23.			

MONTH OF	June	2023						
NEW E-SITES ADDED	ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS ETC	TOWN		NEW E-SITI	ES ADDED	ADDRESS VERIFICATION & OTHER ISSUES		
3	2	BETHEL	MONTH	2022	2023	2022	2023	
3	0	CALLICOON	JANUARY	14	9	21	18	
0	0	COCHECTON	FEBRUARY	11	80	7	8	
2	1	DELAWARE	MARCH	141	13	11	13	
27	1	FALLSBURG	APRIL	11	15	11	31	
0	0	FORESTBURGH	MAY	34	52	8	4	
1	0	FREMONT	JUNE	33	53	23	7	
1	0	HIGHLAND	JULY					
2	1	LIBERTY	AUGUST					
1	0	LUMBERLAND	SEPTEMBER					
3	1	MAMAKATING	OCTOBER					
1	1	NEVERSINK	NOVEMBER					
4	0	ROCKLAND	DECEMBER					
5	0	THOMPSON						
0	0	TUSTEN						
		OUTSIDE CO.	TOTAL	244	222	81		
53	7	222 New E-Site	es added in 20	23				
		81 Address ve	rification, addı	ress change	s, and othe	er issues, 2	2023	
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# Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-5698 **Agenda Date:** 8/3/2023 **Agenda #:** 5.





#### **Update for August 2023**

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Even with the rain, July continued to be above average for requests for information and visitor inquiries from all over the nation to enjoy the outdoors, attractions, and lodging. This month, SCVA is hosting and esteemed travel writer, Ute Junker, from Australia. She writes for the Australia Financial Review and other top publications that are equivalent to the NY Times and Wallstreet Journal. The SCVA 's strategic marketing initiatives are reaching new markets outside of the traditional Metro NY, NJ, PA, and CN markets. SCVA is responding to a fast-growing national and international interest.

#### **FAST FACTS**

#### Digital Ads 6/15 - 7/15

#### Google Ads

- 231,691 impressions
- Search Campaign has a 9.94% CTR industry standard is 4.4%
- Average CPC is \$1.15 Industry Standard is \$1.53
- 2,553 website clicks

#### Facebook Ads

- 205,289 impressions
- Facebook Campaign has a 4.49% CTR industry standard is .90%
- Average CPC is \$0.18 industry standard is .63
- 9,209 Website clicks

#### Facebook Organic

- 533,553 Impressions
- Average engagement rate of 7.53% industry standard is .19%
- Top 3 posts:
  - o Perched on a Hill
  - o Dove Unveiling at Animal Hospital of Sullivan County
  - o 1 Year anniversary at Hampton Inn, Monticello NY

#### Instagram Organic

- 131,727 post impressions
- 59,006 story impressions
- Average engagement rate of 9.97% industry standard is .91%
- Top 3 Reels:
  - o These Views..
    - 5,395 Plays
    - 205 Likes
    - 3 Comments
    - 21 Shares
    - 13 Saves
  - Lunch Vlog: Roscoe Beer Co,
    - 4,559 Plays
    - 142 Likes
    - 2 Comments
    - 27 Shares
    - 6 Saves
  - Let's Cook!
    - 2847 Plays
    - 39 Likes
    - 1 Comment
    - 9 Shares
- Top 3 Posts:
  - Bethel Woods Giveaway
  - Main Street Farm
  - o The Hound Books

#### Highlights:

- Bi-weekly Zoom meetings with SCVA, Awestruck, and Core Creative, Fisher Mears
- Weekly Consumer E-Blast
- New Art Work for Coach Bus Wrap
- Updated Website for Summer
- O Summer Promotional TV ads on air through Sept To view, <u>click</u> here:
  - SCVA SUMMER 23 version 1-New TV Output for FisherMears.mov
  - SCVA SUMMER 23 version 2-New TV Output for FisherMears.mov
- Print and Digital Ads and Advertorials Completed and Released:
  - o Hoy en Sullivan July Print ad
  - o Catskills Confidential July Print ad
  - o Foot and Travel Magazine Print ad and editorial

- Visit Vortex Fall Ad
- Happenings Magazine August ad
- o Roadrunner Magazine Fall ad
- o Giant Pumpkin Party Ad
- USA Today Winter Ad
- o ROVA Banner and editorial
- Valley Table July Digital ads

#### • In Progress:

- o Print ads for ByWays Magazine for October, December and (February 2024)
- o USA Today Ad: Modern Woman
- o SC Democrat, Winter, Hunting Ads
- o Chronogram August-December Ads
- o Hoy En Sullivan Monthly Ads August-December
- o Travel, Taste and Tour Fall Print Ad and Editorial Copy
- o Happenings Magazine August Print Ad
- o Roadrunner Magazine Fall Print Ad
- o Food & Travel Magazine Fall Print ad and Editorial
- o Monthly Digital ads for Social Media, Mid-Hudson News, Valley Table
- Mass Republican Fall Campaign (Print, Eblast, Digital ads, editorial)
- o Group Tour Magazine Ad
- o Concept Development for Fall TV Ad
- o 2024 Travel Guide Cover Designs
- o Template Designs for B2B Info Gathering Profiles for Influencers, Travel Writers, Tour Operators
- Updating Pitch Deck and Sponsorship Deck for Catskill Cuisine 2024

#### Meetings

- Regional Catskill Association Tourism Promotion Agency Meeting
- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Social Educational Seminar for members
- New York State Director of Sales meeting

#### Social Media & E-News

- Continue to utilize videos produced with our members to create short vignettes and Tik Tok
  placements to use on our social channels. Tik Tok and Instagram reels are seeing a lot of likes and
  comments.
- SCVA continues to work with our social media group Awestruck and Fisher Mears Associates to create and implement targeted marketing to the drive traffic within two hundred miles of the Sullivan Catskills

#### PR Outreach:

 Working with ILNY PR Firm, Core Creative, and Awestruck Agency to continue with story ideas for social media influencers and renowned writers now and in the future.

Attachments: Advertising and social marketing highlights

TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS 2022 VISITOR SPENDING: \$710 MILLION

**TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME** 

**LOCAL TAXES GENERATED \$43.2 MILLION** 

**SAVINGS PER HOUSEHOLD: \$2,943** 

For every Dollar invested in tourism there is a 40:1 Return on Investment





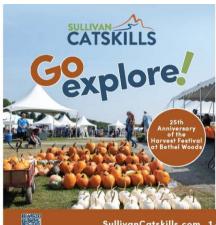
#### **Travel Stories**

Total Impressions to Date: 4,371,100,117 Total Ad Equivalency to Date: \$40,411,282

June						
28,		Amazing Places to Hike in Upstate New				
2023	Passport	<u>York</u>	Editors	TBD	41,200	381
					1	
July 5, 2023	PureWow	19 Summer Weekend Getaways from NYC That You Should Book ASAP	Sheena Foster	TBD	7,500,000	69,375
July 6, 2023	Yahoo!	19 Summer Weekend Getaways from NYC That You Should Book ASAP	Sheena Foster	TBD	3,300,000,000	30,525,000
July 6, 2023	River Reporter	A 4-H livestock auction, a penny social and more	Jenn Powell	TBD	43,700	404
July 6, 2023	River Reporter	ShadFest supported	Editors	TBD	43,700	404
July 7, 2023	Sullivan County Democrat	Forestburgh Playhouse announces cast of Matilda the musical	Editors	TBD	22,000	204
July 11, 2023	Drift Magazine	Enjoy the Sounds of Summer in New York	Editors	TBD	113,900	1,054
July 12, 2023	Global Journey's Podcast	Unearthing the Flavors of the Sullivan Catskills with Bob Eckert – Global Journeys with Jill Dutton.	Jill Dutton	Core Creative		0
July 12, 2023	Global Journey's With Jill Dutton	An Insider's Look at the Sullivan Catskills: Foraging, New York Wheat, and the Flavors of the Region	Jill Dutton	Core Creative		0
July 14, 2023	InsideHook	Chasing Trout in the Catskill Mountains	Robert Annis	Core Creative/Finn	2,300,000	21,275







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THE HONEY BEE

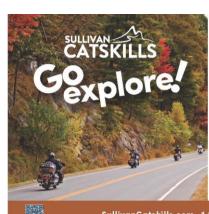
OCT 7 & 8: THE BIG SIP WINE & SPIRITS FESTIVAL Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

OCT WEEKENDS: THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW LIVE! Forestburgh Playhouse

OCT 13-29: PEACE, LOVE & PUMPKINS Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

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# **Over The Top commercials**

#### **CTV**

983,913 Total Impressions 98.48% Completed View Rate

Companion Display
668,643 Impressions
695 Direct Clicks
0.11% Click Through Rate





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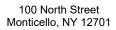




#### **Reels and videos**

https://www.instagram.com/p/CupYVOcJm1F/

https://www.instagram.com/p/CvDRKKiNW33/





# **Sullivan County**

# Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-5705 **Agenda Date:** 8/3/2023 **Agenda #:** 6.

#### **ACTIVITY REPORT - JULY 2023**

# COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA), SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION (SCFC), THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TSCILDC)

July 27, 2023

The IDA Board held its regular monthly meeting on July 10, at which time the Board adopted the following resolutions:

- Resolution authorizing IDA to execute a five-year AgriBusiness Agreement with **Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation**. For over a decade HVADC has provided an array of technical assistance, lending, marketing, and other services to agricultural businesses in Sullivan County through its contractual relationship with the Sullivan County Funding Corporation (SCFC). Going forward, IDA will contract with HVADC for provision of these services.
- Resolution extending the sales tax abatement period for the Monticello Industrial Park
  LLC project through December 31, 2023. This project relates to the development of
  infrastructure on the former landfill expansion parcel in the Village of Monticello.
- Resolutions authorizing the amendment of the Payment in Lieu of Taxation (PILOT)
   Agreements with NY Thompson III, LLC; NY Liberty II, LLC; and NY Mamakating I, LLC.
   The amended PILOT payment amounts will more closely reflect these solar facilities'
   appraised values based on the recently implemented discounted cash flow appraisal model
   established by New York State.

The IDA Board also approved three revolving loans on July 10: to **2 Queens LLC**, for the expansion and relocation of this coffee roasting business's café in Narrowsburg; **3 Franks Inc.** for the establishment of a new restaurant in Parksville; and **North Branch Cider Mill LLC** for restoration and redevelopment of the North Branch Cider Mill.

The Sullivan County Funding Corp. (SCFC) and Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation (TSCILDC) also met on July 10 to conduct routine business.

The next meeting of the IDA Board is scheduled for Monday, August 14 at 11:00 AM in the Legislative Committee Room at the Sullivan County Government Center.

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100 North Street Monticello, NY 12701

# Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5682 Agenda Date: 8/17/2023 Agenda #: 1.

#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

To authorize a stipend to volunteer(s) for the administration of HIICAP counseling

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$300.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures: 1-7610-87

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging has HIICAP (Health Insurance Information & Counseling Program) whose mission is to empower, educate, and assist Medicare-eligible individuals through objective outreach, counseling and training; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022-2023 HIICAP program year statewide, HIICAP volunteers devoted over 13,000 hours to counseling and outreach and over 8,000 hours to training and certification; and

WHEREAS, HIICAP volunteers must complete annual HIICAP training requirements and completing these requirements takes time, effort, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the NY State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has piloted a volunteer recruitment and retention opportunity in the form of an annual HIICAP volunteer stipend of \$300 to incentivize volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging currently has one certified HIICAP volunteer and it is a desire of the department to authorize a stipend in the amount of \$300 annually to continue to assist HIICAP with this important work; and

WHEREAS, this stipend has been awarded to the Sullivan County Office for the Aging through an NGA (Notice of Grant Award) from NYSOFA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes a one stipend in the amount of \$300 to the HIICAP volunteer effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once the above funding source concludes, the annual stipend (s) will end



100 North Street Monticello, NY 12701

# Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5686 Agenda Date: 8/17/2023 Agenda #: 2.

#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

A Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act regarding the addition of parcels of real property to an existing certified Agricultural Districts within Sullivan County.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

WHEREAS, The Sullivan County Legislature has the authority under New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b to include additional parcels in the existing certified Agricultural District No 1 and No.4 on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has consented to the Sullivan County Legislature being declared lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposal to add parcels to Sullivan Agricultural District No. 1 and No. 4; and

WHEREAS, a short form Environmental Assessment (attached hereto) has been prepared which concludes that the proposal to add parcels, pursuant to one or more Resolutions to be adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature, to Sullivan County Agricultural Districts No. 1 and No. 4 will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and recommends that the County Legislature issue a Negative Declaration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment described in the NYS Environmental Quality Review Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts (attached hereto); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, with respect to the proposal to add parcels to Sullivan County Agricultural District No. 1 and No. 4; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the Environmental Assessment Form.

**File #:** ID-5686 **Agenda Date:** 8/17/2023 **Agenda #:** 2.



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

## **UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY**

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below: The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department"), the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as lead agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3). ☐ The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3). Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information 1. The proposed action is located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Town(s) of 2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of County. 3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is: 4. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. 5. Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification: acres.

6.	If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? acres  Does this represent ☐ an increase or ☐ a decrease?				
7.	Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?				
	Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Agriculture  Park/Forest/Open Space  Other				
If C	Other, please describe:				
8.	Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:  • A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐ Yes ☒ No  • A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? Yes ☐ Xlo  • A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☐ Yes ☒ No				
	If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities:				
9.	Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans  ■ Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan? □ Yes □ No				
	If Yes, date of Plan approval:				
	If Yes, please cite the applicable language:				
10	<ul> <li>Comments from Municipalities within the County</li> <li>Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district?   Yes   No</li> <li>If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments:</li></ul>				
11	. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.				
1.	AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE				
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#### Part 2: Impact Assessment

## Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body ("CLB") as Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, Statecertified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s) The action is <u>not</u> the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

		None to small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing:  a. public / private water supplies?		
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

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### Part 3: Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur," or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

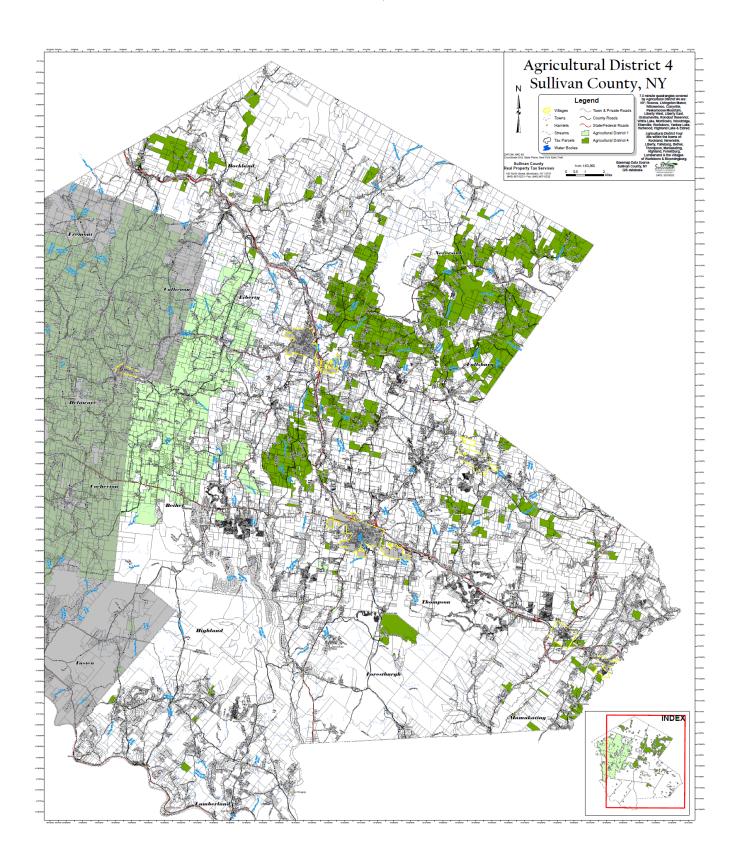
The action contemplated herein, is a modification of Agricultural District #1 and Agricultural District #4. The modification only involves the inclusion of a certain number of parcels into the District. The inclusion of parcels into the District will in no way create an adverse environmental impact of any nature.

that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially larger and an environmental impact statement is required.	and analysis above, and any supporting documen ge or significant adverse impacts
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse of	
County of Sullivan, NY	
Name of Lead Agency	Date
Name of Lead Agency  Joshua Potosek	Date
• •	Title of Responsible Officer

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# **Brief Description of Proposed Action:**

Modification of Agricultural District No. 1 and Agricultural District No. 4 pursuant to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25-AA, Section 303-b.





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# Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5687 Agenda Date: 8/17/2023 Agenda #: 3.

#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

To include viable Agricultural land in an existing Certified Agricultural District within Sullivan County.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law authorizes the inclusion of viable agricultural land into certified agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board has recommended that the parcels listed below be added to the existing certified Agricultural District No. 1 and Agricultural District No. 4 within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the inclusion of these parcels into the existing certified Agricultural District No. 1 and Agricultural District No. 4 on June 1, 2023 at which time all comments were heard by the Sullivan County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, all comments and considerations brought to the attention of the Sullivan County Legislature and the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development were considered during all phases of the inclusion process, including but not limited to the environmental review process, in determining whether or not the parcels were to be included in the existing certified Agricultural District No. 1 and Agricultural District No. 4.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following parcels are to be included in the existing certified Agricultural District No. 1 and Agricultural District No. 4:

### **Agricultural District No. 1:**

Town of Tusten Parcel 20.-1-27.3

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# **Agricultural District No. 4:**

Town of Fallsburg 59.-1-24.4

Town of Lumberland 26.-1-2

Town of Lumberland 17.-1-4.32



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# Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5688 Agenda Date: 8/17/2023 Agenda #: 4.

#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

Issuing a Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, concerning the Eight-Year review of an Agricultural District pursuant to Section 303-A of the Agriculture and Markets Law

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

**WHEREAS**; Section 303-A of the Agriculture and Markets Law grants the Sullivan County Legislature the authority to review its Agricultural Districts every eight years following their creation, and sets forth the procedures which must be followed in such review; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has consented to the Sullivan County Legislature being declared lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed modification to Agricultural District No. 4; and

WHEREAS, a short form Environmental Assessment (attached hereto) has been prepared which concludes that the proposal to modify Sullivan County Agricultural Districts No. 4, pursuant to one or more Resolutions to be adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and recommends that the County Legislature issue a Negative Declaration.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment described in the NYS Environmental Quality Review Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts (attached hereto); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Sullivan County Legislature hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, with respect to the proposal to modify Agricultural District No. 4; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the Environmental Assessment Form.



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

## **UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY**

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below: The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department"), the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as lead agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3). ☐ The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3). Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information 1. The proposed action is located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Town(s) of 2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of County. 3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is: 4. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. 5. Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification:

6.	If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district?   Yes  No
	If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? acres
	<ul> <li>Does this represent □ an increase or □ a decrease?</li> </ul>
7.	Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?
	Residential $\square$ Industrial $\square$ Commercial $\square$ Agriculture $\square$ Park/Forest/Open Space $\square$ Other
If C	Other, please describe:
8.	Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:  • A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐ Yes ☒ No  • A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? Yes ☐ Xo  • A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☐ Yes ☒ No
	If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities:
9.	Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans
	<ul> <li>Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural &amp; Farmland Protection Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No</li> </ul>
	If Yes, date of Plan approval:
	If Yes, please cite the applicable language:
10.	<ul> <li>Comments from Municipalities within the County</li> <li>Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district?</li> </ul>
	If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments:
11.	Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.
L	AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
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	thorized to Sign: Date:
Sic	nnature: Title:

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#### Part 2: Impact Assessment

#### Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body ("CLB") as Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, Statecertified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s) The action is <u>not</u> the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

		None to	Moderate to
		small impact may occur	large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing:  a. public / private water supplies?		
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

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## Part 3: Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur," or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

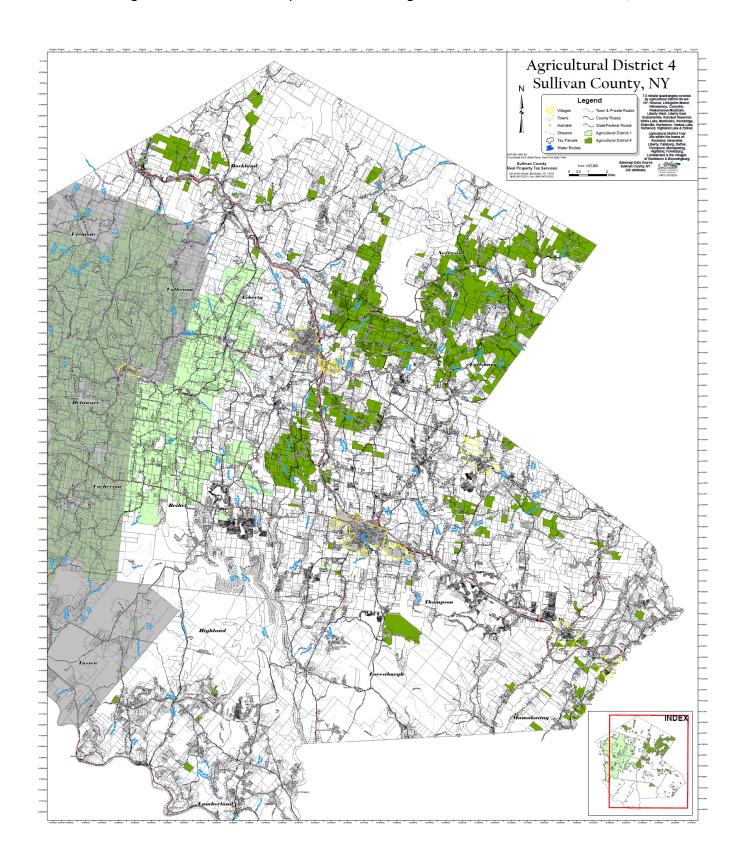
The action contemplated herein, is a modification of Agricultural District #4. The modification only involves the inclusion and removal of a certain number of parcels into the District. The inclusion and removal of parcels into the District will in no way create an adverse environmental impact of any nature.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information that the proposed action may result in one or more potent and an environmental impact statement is required.	mation and analysis above, and any supporting document ally large or significant adverse impacts
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information that the proposed action will not result in any significant a	mation and analysis above, and any supporting document dverse environmental impacts.
County of Sullivan, NY	
County of Sullivari, IN I	
Name of Lead Agency	Date
	Date
Name of Lead Agency	Date Title of Responsible Officer
Name of Lead Agency  Joshua Potosek	

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# **Brief Description of Proposed Action:**

Modification of Agricultural District No. 4 pursuant to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25-AA, Section 303-a.





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## Legislative Memorandum

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#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

To approve and adopt the recommended modification of Sullivan County Agricultural District No. 4

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

**Are funds already budgeted?** Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

WHEREAS, Section 303-a of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires the County review of an Agricultural District every eight years after its creation and sets forth the procedures which must be followed in such review; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Resolution 280-15, the Sullivan County Legislature reviewed and modified Agricultural District No. 4 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural District No. 4 must be reviewed by the Sullivan County Legislature in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development have recommended that Agricultural District No. 4 be modified; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature has reviewed the reports and recommendations of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Sullivan County Legislature on June 1, 2023 at 10:15 am for the purpose of reviewing Agricultural District No. 4 and considering the recommendation to modify and to hear all persons interested; and

WHEREAS; upon review of Agricultural District No 4, and based on the survey of landowners, and upon the review and recommendations of the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development it is necessary to modify the boundaries of Agricultural District No. 4, such modifications involve the removal of certain parcels of real property being described in Schedule A, attached hereto.

**WHEREAS**, the necessary procedures for review, as set forth in Article 25-AA of Agriculture and Markets Law, have been completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby approve and adopt the recommendations of the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Sullivan

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County Division of Planning and Community Development and does hereby modify Agricultural District No. 4 consistent with those recommendations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the report, so adopted, be forwarded to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for its review and approval.

#### **SCHEDULE A**

Parcels to be Removed from Agricultural District No. 4:

181-26.1
141-16.41
32.A-1-53
81-34.5
141-1.7
141-31
51-20.21
32.A-1-47
81-19.7
331-5
331-7
331-8
331-9
71-9.33
81-33
482-4.1
482-4.3 now known as 482-4.6
482-4.4 now known as 482-4.7
482-4.5 now known as 482-4.8
251-33.14
301-33
211-6
201-27.3

As portrayed on the Sullivan County Tax Maps on May 18, 2023.



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# Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5690 Agenda Date: 9/7/2023 Agenda #: 9.

#### **Narrative of Resolution:**

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer is the Real Property Tax Enforcement Officer for the County of Sullivan pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer filed a List of Delinquent Taxes on or about November 1, 2020 which included the parcel in question; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer commenced the tax foreclosure proceeding for unpaid 2020 taxes on October 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, one parcel on said List of Delinquent Taxes, Town of Delaware SBL 15.-2-35, meets one or more of the criteria so that it should be withdrawn from the foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138 of the Real Property Tax Law, in that the tax has been cancelled or is subject to cancellation pursuant to §558 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that it would be in the best interest of the County to execute and file a Certificate of Withdrawal of this parcel from the foreclosure proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that the commencement of supplementary proceedings against said parcel pursuant to §1138(5) of the Real Property Tax Law in the manner provided by §990 of the Real Property Tax Law would not be an effective means to enforce collection of the delinquent tax liens at the present time because the property is a 0.09 acre parcel of land which is a portion of a road in disrepair. All adjacent property owners were previously afforded an opportunity to purchase said parcel from the County and none of the owners were interested in doing so; and

WHEREAS, there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax liens regarding said parcel and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the taxes would not be effective; and

WHEREAS, considering all of the circumstances set forth above, it would be in the best interest of the County to have the County Treasurer execute and file a Certificate of Cancellation and a Certificate of Prospective Cancellation affecting said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County has made the other tax districts whole regarding the delinquent tax liens affecting said parcels; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County to charge back to the various municipal corporations the amount so credited or guaranteed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after the filing of said Certificate of Withdrawal, the County

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Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a Certificate of Cancellation pursuant to §1138(6)(b) and to charge back to the affected municipal corporations the amounts so credited or guaranteed pursuant to §1138(6)(c), and to issue a Certificate of Prospective Cancellation pursuant to §1138(6)(d) and to file a copy of same with the Assessor of the assessing unit in which said parcel is located, and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to §1138(6)(d) of the Real Property Tax Law, thereby making said parcel exempt until this governing body shall determine that said parcel should be restored to the taxable portion of the assessment roll.

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: n/a

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** 

n/a