

**STATE OF NEW YORK**

9411

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

**IN ASSEMBLY**

December 19, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. KAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on  
Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the tax law, in relation  
to including Sullivan county as a designated community for purposes of  
community preservation funds

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 6-s of the gener-  
2 al municipal law, as amended by chapter 608 of the laws of 2019, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4 (d) "Designated community" means any town or city within the Hudson  
5 Valley counties of Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster, or Westchester.  
6 § 2. Subdivision 11 of section 1560 of the tax law, as amended by  
7 chapter 608 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:  
8 11. "Designated community" means any town or city within the Hudson  
9 Valley counties of Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster, or Westchester.  
10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION  
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A9411

**SPONSOR:** Kay

**TITLE OF BILL:**

An act to amend the general municipal law and the tax law, in relation to including Sullivan county as a designated community for purposes of community preservation funds

**PURPOSE:**

To allow municipalities in Sullivan County to establish locally tailored farmland preservation plans funded through a real property transfer tax.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Section 1 amends paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 6-s of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 608 of the laws of 2019 to include Sullivan County as a "Designated Community"

Section 2 amends subdivision 11 of section 1560 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 608 of laws of 2019 to include Sullivan County as a "Designated Community"

Section 4 establishes the effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Sullivan County municipalities have expressed interest in creating their own Open Space and Farmland Protection Programs through the establishment of Community Preservation Programs. These Programs would allow municipalities to develop plans and provide funds, through the imposition of a real property transfer tax, for the protection\_and preservation of farm lands within their communities.

This has the full support of the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board as well as the Sullivan County Legislature as they identify protecting farmland as a priority strategy for sustaining the county's agricultural economy and rural character and will use the Community Preservation Program to further these goals.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

None.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

None to the state.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Shall take place immediately.

**A 9411** Kay Same as **S 8938** OBERACKER  
General Municipal Law  
TITLE....Includes the county of Sullivan within the  
definition of a designated community  
12/19/25 referred to local governments  
01/07/26 referred to local governments

**S8938** OBERACKER Same as **A 9411** Kay  
ON FILE: 01/20/26 General Municipal Law  
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01/16/26 REFERRED TO LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

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**KAY**

Amd §6-s, Gen Muni L; amd §1560, Tax L

Includes the county of Sullivan within the definition of a designated community for purposes of community preservation funds.

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