



Sullivan County

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Agenda - Final

Chairman Ira Steingart
Vice Chairman Michael Brooks
Committee Member George Conklin
Committee Member Nadia Rajs
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.

Thursday, May 4, 2023

10:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Division of Planning [ID-5503](#)

Attachments: [April 23](#)
[March 23 AG report](#)

2. Division of Community Resources [ID-5501](#)

Attachments: [2023 PCD DCR May Report](#)

3. County Treasurer

4. Real Property Tax Services [ID-5496](#)

Attachments: [Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for 3.2023](#)

5. IDA [ID-5504](#)

Attachments: [04-23 IDA Activity Report](#)

6. Visitor's Association [ID-5507](#)

Attachments: [SCVA EDC REPORT May 2023.pdf](#)

7. Partnership for Economic Development

8. Chamber of Commerce

Discussion: None

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. To authorize the County Manager to enter into a Contract between Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development and Bold Gold Media Group, to provide educational services for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) [ID-5495](#)
2. To authorize award and execution of contract of a Mobile Food Concession at Lake Superior State Park. [ID-5498](#)
3. The County is in receipt of a scope and associated cost estimate for design and engineering services for the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail connecting Parksville to Livingston Manor. The preliminary cost estimate for that section of trail is \$217,500. A request for \$235,000 is being submitted to the Legislature to cover this expense as well as additional costs associated with ongoing efforts along other sections of trail. [ID-5499](#)
4. TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY TRAIL ASSOCIATION (“SCTA”) AND THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN (“COUNTY”). [ID-5500](#)

Adjourn



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Legislative Memorandum

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DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT

April 2023

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- I. Planning**
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I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

- **GML-239 Referrals**

GML-239 Referrals, January 2023					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
4/5/2023	4/20/2023	Planned Unit Development Zoning Map & Text Amendment	Adoption / Amendment of Zoning Map	FAL23-05	Perello Steingart
4/11/2023	5/5/2023	Jennings Lot Improvement	Other	LUM23-01	Rajsz
4/13/2023	5/9/2023	Black Bear Fuel Oil	Site Plan Review	THO23-07	Sorensen
4/20/2023	5/1/2023	Safe Harbor Catskills LLC	Special Use Permit	LIB23-08	Alvarez
4/21/2023	5/1/2023	Rason Gholian	Special Use Permit	LIB23-09	Alvarez
4/21/2023	5/1/2023	Lake Lodge Resort	Special Use Permit	LIB23-10	Alvarez
4/24/2023	5/5/2023	Gleber Minor Subdivision	Subdivision	TUS23-03	Doherty

Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning

- **Housing:**
 - A contract is being developed with Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress following last month's authorization. Services to be included are development of structure for a housing fund, addressing for housing policies and requirements, and municipal outreach and trainings.
- **Neversink Watershed Management Plan:**
 - Two informational sessions held on Wednesday May 3 at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library, from 1:30-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm, to discuss how properties have been impacted by changes to the watershed as well as to collect input on lands that should be targeted for preservation.
 - Public input is being sought to help identify issues of concern and opportunities now and in the future in the local sub-watershed and throughout the basin. Comments can be provided at this link: <https://padlet.com/none4this/146j4qejbh41x32f>
- **Countywide Resiliency Plan:**
 - The community outreach plan has been forwarded to the State.
 - A meeting with municipalities and stakeholders will be held at the beginning of May to initiate the development of goals for the plan.
 - The website for the plan is now live and can be viewed at www.resilientsullivan.com. 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.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure:**
 - The award agreement with the NYS DEC remains on hold due to state staffing shortages
 - The County is supporting an application, submitted by Cornell Cooperative Extension, for technical support from a top active transportation peer review specialist. The study area can be up to 2 miles in length, with a section of the O&W Rail Trail being targeted. The County is committing to participation during meetings to provide information required for his analysis to cover all aspects of accessibility and safety for the selected project location.

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
 - A scope of work has been developed for design and engineering services related to the Parksville-Livingston Manor connection, with an estimated cost of approximately \$235,000. A resolution is on the agenda today for consideration which would authorize the funding for this initiative. Capital expenses for a section of trail in this phase will be partially funded by grants awarded to the Town of Liberty and are time sensitive.
 - The Trail Town assessment which was conducted for Hurleyville on March 24 has been drafted and circulated for comment prior to finalization. The assessment is a tool that helps a community look at their built environment from the perspective of a trail user, in order to leverage the economic potential associated with the trail. Previous assessments have been performed for Wurtsboro and Parksville.
 - We will be holding a litter pluck event on June 3, 2023 for National Trails Day at 269 River Road, Woodridge, NY. Sullivan County Parks has been helpful in providing litter pluck tickets and the Town of Fallsburg will transport the trash. Gloves and bags will be available for participants.
- **Highland Access Improvements**
 - The County's portion of work on this site is nearly completed. The NYSDOT and NYSDEC visited the site on April 13. Several items were identified by NYSDOT to be addressed prior to project completion, and that work is anticipated to be completed by the end of April.
 - The site will not be open for public use until the DEC and DOT have completed their project components (parking lot paving and guiderails, respectively).
 - We are hopeful that the site will open for public use this summer.

Community Development & Revitalization

- **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**
 - The County will execute an agreement with the Land Bank for administrative support as authorized by the Legislature last month. The total funding for this agreement is \$335,000, broken down as follows:
 - \$200,000 to support RUS program
 - \$100,000 base support from the County of Sullivan
 - \$35,000 for administrative support: The Land Bank will contract directly with a third party for administrative items including board support, fiscal activities, monitoring of properties, community outreach, and other activities previously performed by Planning staff.
 - The SCLBC held its reorganizational meeting on April 26.
 - Miscellaneous property maintenance work:

- Planning staff have discussed several properties with John Liddle, Commissioner of Health and Human Services. There are currently occupants at several locations who will need to be relocated. This initiative is being coordinated between the SCLBC, the County, and the municipalities where the properties are located.
 - Working with EPA on hazardous materials assessment of the Broadway Theater. In addition to providing needed information for redevelopment, the activity, funded through the EPA Brownfield Assessment grant to the County, will be used as a match to close out the grant for the ESD-funded feasibility study
 - An event will be held on May 16, 2023 for general clean-up of the Bailey Commons property with participation of students from Monticello High School. Outdoor educational opportunities will be held with participants invited from the Monticello Central School District. There will be one educational session per week for six weeks, from the week of May 16th to the week of June 23rd.
 - The SCLBC has received notice of an award via the Land Bank Initiative Phase II (State funding) in an amount of \$1.8 million. More information about the eligible uses of this funding will be forthcoming once a grant award agreement is received.
- **CDBG Housing**
 - Manufactured Home Replacement
 - Fully subscribed, waiting for contractor selection.
 - 4 applications with signed formal funding awards
 - \$625,000 total committed funding
 - Home Repair
 - The projects are moving forward and have full subscription.
 - 3 applications with signed formal funding awards
 - 2 projects in progress
 - \$25,000 committed for each project with funding awards, \$75,000 total
 - 3 applications under review
 - Homebuyer Assistance
 - This program line is not performing. Market pricing and inventory is limiting success for low-income buyers.
 - Discussions are underway for a budget modification to move funds from this program into the Manufactured Home Replacement program
- **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 19 remaining open projects.

Economic Development

- **CDGB grants**
 - The Center for Discovery is moving forward with the installation of air purification equipment (Cares grant); documents to draw down funding are being compiled for submission to Office of Homes and Community Renewal
- **Revolving Loan Fund**
 - Payments on all loans are current
 - Working with County staff and contractor to review the program.

Administration

- Weekly discussions with the County Manager have been ongoing to ensure activities of the Division remain in line with County priorities
- Review of current staff workload, staffing needs, priority projects, and areas of need continues. Recent hires in Planning and Grants Administration have been welcome additions to the Division.
- Outreach to other County divisions, municipalities, not-for-profit agencies, and other partners to discuss recent changes to the Planning Division has continued.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- OSE is developing accurate calculations of GHG emissions for current County MSW/C&D transportation to Seneca Meadows to be used in analysis of potential solid waste solutions and comparison to existing conditions.
- Comments are being developed to submit for the ongoing NYSEG rate case, which mostly focus on the need to reduce the proposed rate increase percentage.
- OSE is reviewing documents associated with the Clean Path filing. Clean Path is a (primarily) underground high voltage transmission line proposed to be co-located along the Marcy South transmission line/right-of-way. There is an opportunity to participate in the development of projects eligible for host community benefit funds.
- Staff support for the Sullivan County Resiliency Plan continues, with bi-weekly meetings with the NYSDOS (funding agency) and the consultant held regularly. The Community Outreach Plan has been filed with the state and an upcoming meeting is being scheduled to initiate the visioning and goal setting phase of the planning process.
- Participation in the Earth Day at SUNY Sullivan was a success, with remarks provided by the Acting Commissioner and information for the Division of Planning provided to participating students and visitors. A heavy focus was placed on workforce development.

- Staff continue to provide information to members of the public with inquiries pertaining to available incentives for energy efficiency and on-site renewable energy projects.
- Some website updates have been completed. Additional updates will be made in coordination with the Director of Communications.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

Park Planning and Management

- The Countywide Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck Event is currently ongoing through October 31st. Many Towns, Villages and organizations have sponsored litter plucks planned around the county.
- Park maintenance staff have been getting the park grounds and facilities ready for the upcoming season.
- Seasonal staff have been hired for the upcoming season. We had an abundance of applicants who applied to be lifeguard. The Park Manager is currently setting up classes to certify our staff for lifeguarding, and all parks staff will be certified in CPR this season.
- Currently accepting applications for Group Picnic Permits for the County Parks.
- Working with Grants Administration and the Sullivan County Trail Association on the final documents of the Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid grant for the 2022-2023 season.
- Attended the New York State Recreation and Park Society Convention, which was held at the Kartrite Conference Center on April 24.
- Litter Pluck
 - The Countywide Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck Event disposal coupons and paperwork have been delivered to all of the local Town and Village

halls and trail supports for them to distribute to participants. The event is being held from April 1st– October 31st.

- Submitted the application NYSDOT for the Clean Team to litter pluck the pull off areas along Route 97 during the summer months, as they have done in the past
- Callicoon Park
 - We are working with the design and engineering team to refine the scope of work for the parking lot, entrance, and trail loops
 - The landing page for the new park on the County's website will be in the coming weeks.
 - County staff are developing a contest which will invite the public to assist the County with deciding on a name for the new park.

IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- Amplifund
 - Information required to build out the County's solution continues and is nearing completion (currently finalizing outstanding items for the vendor's Master Data request). Weekly implementation meetings continue with the full implementation team.
- Grant Activity/Technical Assistance
 - Public Safety / E911 and Sheriff Office – worked w/County staff in addressing FY 23 Homeland Security Grant Program and the FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program submissions, as well as the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services/ FEMA 1st Quarter 2023 Progress Reporting.
 - Our new Grant Writer (Jennifer Perito) has brought a wealth of grant writing experience, funding resource knowledge and business administration knowledge to the team. She has already begun the process of identifying opportunities that will align with County priorities, as well as developing efficient methods of providing outreach and assistance to our municipalities.
 - The DGA website is under review and will be revamped to provide more streamlined and user friendly access to information about available funding opportunities.

- FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) project status updates are as follows:
 - Project 1 reimbursement received by the County: \$210,830.06
 - Project 2 in process of FEMA final review, pending reimbursement, anticipated to be \$277,559.41
 - Project 3 in process of FEMA final review, pending reimbursement, anticipated to be \$27,017.89;
 - Project 4 in process of FEMA final review, pending reimbursement, anticipated to be \$6,282.07
 - Project 5 in process of FEMA final review, pending reimbursement, anticipated to be \$90,000.00
- Public Safety / E911 and Sheriff Office – worked w/County staff in addressing FY 23 Homeland Security Grant Program and the FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program submissions; and the NYS DHSES / FEMA 1st Quarter 2023 Progress reporting, both electronic and hard copy. Office of Emergency Management and Sheriff staff were extremely helpful in the successful outcome on both.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- Ag District Review update from Cornell Cooperative Extension
- CCE January Ag and Food systems report below

PAST WORKSHOPS

Broiler Grant Farmer Discussion Circle: March 30th: Farmers who participated in year 1 of the NE SARE funded Feed Efficiency for slow growth and conventional broiler production grant received an overview and presentation of the data.

CURRENT WORKSHOPS

Farm & Food Business Planning Series: Launched in March and continues through April, with 35 participants between both training cohorts. Participants reviewed topics ranging from zoning, licensing, operations, staffing, marketing and how to develop their financial workbook. Participants heard from Cornell University experts, National Resources Conservation Service staff, local funders, business and marketing professionals, farmers and food business entrepreneurs. All cohort members receive the opportunity for one-on-one consulting support to complete their business plans for access to funding.

(Part 2) Agricultural Zoning Training Series: Wednesday April 26th 5:30-7:30pm. Learn about different farm friendly zoning and farmland preservation techniques and how to implement them in your municipality. This workshop is open to municipal officials as well as the general public who would like to learn more about land use and agriculture.

Social Media Marketing Series:

- **April 27th:** Branding Basics + 23 Social Media Strategies for 2023
- **May 4th:** Get Reel: Today's Best Photography & Video Tips
- **May 11th:** How to Create Pics and Videos with Canva.com

FSMA Health and Hygiene Farm Worker Training: May 24th, 12-1pm: Fruit and Vegetable Producers were able to complete their yearly FSMA/GAPs training requirement for Farm Worker Health and Hygiene by attending this webinar

Youth Gardening Series: April-June: Youth will learn about microgreens, herbal tea and how to propagate houseplants in a 3 part series.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 4 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 216 Soil Tests: 19 Hay Tests: 0

Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, Ag Districts, beginning farmer, soil tests, field crops, poultry production, Ag Assessments, plant pests, disease, and ID, vegetable production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, Dry and Cold Storage, Grant and Funding sources, agricultural jobs.

Horticulture Program: Technical Assistance was provided to 30 contacts. Topics consisted of soil testing, fertilizer, deer proofing and tree planting. Staff are also working on starting garden planning & support for both Evergreen community garden and a Sleepy Hollow planting day. May will start a social media campaigns on Spotted lantern fly awareness.

Catskills Kitchen Program: We currently have 7 renters using the kitchen. We provided technical assistance to 9 inquiries on licensing and permitting for Dept of Health Commissary, NYSDAM 20c licensing, testing, shelf stable products, starting a food truck, running a hot dog truck, selling to grocery stores, starting a catering business, and utilizing our kitchen.

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PROJECTS/UPDATES

- **Agricultural Jobs Promotion:** Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County wants to connect farms and agribusinesses to the hard-working people seeking employment opportunities in and around the Sullivan Catskills. Check out the jobs posted on the website link on the right. Job postings are updated monthly. Contact Taylor Adam, Beginner Farmer Program Manager, to post a job. CCE Sullivan also attended the SUNY Sullivan Job Fair to help to promote Ag Jobs in the County.
- **Beginner Farmer Program:** We are in the beginning steps for creating the structure of program and advisory committee, which will include site visits, workshops and hand on learning at local farms. We are also in the process of updating our Farmers Guidebook.
- **Farm to School:** SNAC Leadership team is currently meeting monthly to discuss & access continued barriers to local purchasing and possible solutions. This group of stakeholders lead through Sullivan 180 includes A Single Bite/ The Catskills Food Hub, CCESC, Superintendents and Food Service Directors.



<http://sullivancce.org/agriculture/agriculture-jobs>



TRAININGS:

Bridging the GAPs: Approaches for Treating Preharvest Agricultural Water On-Farm-

March 6-7th. Staff attended a 2 day training and learned different approaches to treating water on-farm, how to implement these systems to meet requirements of the Produce Safety Rule, and how to verify that the system is operating as intended. Fruit and vegetable growers are continually assessing their operations to determine where they can limit risk and increase productivity. As a result, many have expressed interest in learning more about how on-farm preharvest water treatment systems work and how they may fit within their current setup, which is why it is important for staff to stay up to date on this type of training.



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Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

May 2023

Workforce Development

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development's (CWD) Annual Countywide Job Fair will be held May 4, 2023 at Resorts World Catskills. Vendor spots are filled at 65 with a waiting list. Advertising with social media and radio, and an insert in the SC Democrat are in place for job seekers. The County Transportation Department will provide a shuttle service from Walmart to Resorts World the day of the job fair.
- ✓ The pilot Construction Trade program started April 10th, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at SC BOCES Career and Tech Center. Nine individuals are enrolled. This short term, non-credit training will lead to employment. Resumes, interviewing skills, and work ethic training will be presented by CWD staff and businesses looking to hire will meet with the trainees.
- ✓ The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is underway. Eligible youth between the ages of 14-20 will engage in six weeks of paid work experience. Applications for Crew Leaders are available. This program is provided under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between CWD and DSS with funding coming through the NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA). The goal is to employ between 35 and 50 youth.
- ✓ A meeting was held between the CWD, Work Readiness Training LLC and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the needs of businesses in training and retaining staff. The CWD has an in-house program that was designed for in person and virtual training that will be modified to meet the needs of the businesses. This will be a fee for service model.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal #R-23-13 was issued on April 14, 2023 under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) for continuation of Digital Marketing Services for the WIOA Youth. Responses to this RFP are due back by April 28th.
- ✓ The Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) position will work to support and expand partnerships, collaboration, service coordination, and service delivery across multiple education, workforce and disability systems. The increased coordination with systems and the business community will

help to create sustainable career paths. Participants collecting SSI or SSDI are able to go to work under this program. This position is fully funded by a grant through New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) under the NY SCION grant. A new hire started April 10th. Required training and certifications should be completed within a few months, and round table events are being put together along with a resource guide and flyers.

- ✓ The CWD has hired a new Student Intern through the County initiative who started on March 27th, working with the Youth Coordinator. A new Employment and Training Specialist has been hired and started April 5th filling a vacancy created by a promotion to Job Developer.
- ✓ Workforce Innovation & Opportunities Act (WIOA) updates: Bi-weekly, statewide calls are occurring; Virtual Career Centers are under way and CWD staff received training; Coursera for online learning is in place; Virtual Reality Training and Solutions is also being rolled out by NYSDOL to provide participants with training in high-demand jobs; NYSDOL is putting together a Youth Build Academy as all local areas are struggling to meet their measurers and provide services for youth; NYSDOL is adding Digital Literacy to all Career Centers in response to the needs for job seekers. This is two-year pilot program is being rolled out across the State.
- ✓ The CWD's Business Services has undergone revisions with the objective to have more businesses support work experience opportunities for participants receiving public assistance, hiring people with disabilities, job sharing, On-The-Job Training contracts; giving a second chance to ex-offenders, and much more. The new Job Developer is in place and is working with the DRC for round table events with businesses and getting out into the field to promote CWD's services.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
 - Social media:
 - 702 followers; March 2023 had a reach of 9,575 people with 635 Facebook page views;
 - Social media posts about the Job Fair have reached over 5,000 people to date;
 - Center Services:
 - CWD provided services to 3 new business customers in the month of March, and 35 current business customers in this same time period.
 - CWD assisted 422 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of March 2023.

Labor Market Data for March 2023 compared to March 2022

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase of 2.8% (800) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 3.6% (800) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (3.6%). Lewis County had the highest nonfarm growth rate among small counties in NYS at 6.3% followed by Sullivan County at 2.8%. Lewis County had the highest private sector growth rate among small counties in NYS at 7.7% followed by Sullivan County at 3.6%.

Please note: The net month (February 2023 – March 2023) showed an increase in nonfarm job of 1% (300) and an increase of 0.9% (200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 15.6% (500)
 - Manufacturing at 10.5% (200)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 4.7% (200)
 - Business and Professional Services at 5.6% (100)

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at -6.3% (-100)
- Education and Health Services at -1.4% (-100)

For Sullivan County sectors that showed no growth were:

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Other Services
- Government

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.7% (256,700) in total nonfarm jobs and 3.2% (250,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Education and Health Services at 4.0% (86,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 8.6% (69,300)
- Professional & Business Services at 3.2% (42,700)
- Financial Activities at 2.9% (20,600)
- Natural Resources, Construction & Mining at 5.4% (20,200)

The only sector to lose jobs overall was Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-7,300).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1% (9,100) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.4% (10,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 8.2% (4,500)
- Education and Health Services at 2% (4,300)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.8% (3,900)
- Financial Activities at 0.4% (200)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Government at -0.9% (-1,400)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.8% (-1,400)
- Information at -6% (-800)
- Other Services at -0.2% (-100)
- Professional Business Services at -0.1% (-100)

Manufacturing saw no job growth.

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.2% for March 2023 down from 3.7% in March 2022.

March 2023 had 37,200 people in the labor force (36,000 employed & 1,200 unemployed). This reflects an increase of 300 employed and a decrease of -200 in the number reporting as unemployed for an overall increase of 200 people in the labor force compared to March 2022.

The total labor force increased 0.8% from February 2023 to March 2023. There was a 1.4% (500) increase in employed workers and a -7.7% (-100) decrease in people reporting as unemployed.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for March 2023 is 2.9% compared to 3.3% in March 2022. This is the lowest March unemployment rate on record for the region dating back to 1990. The Hudson Valley region had the lowest unemployment rate in the State along with the Long Island region.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4% in March 2023 compared to 4.7% in March 2022.
- ✓ The March 2023 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.4% for Tompkins County to a high of 6.9% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.2% rate ranked 16th in the State along with Monroe and Yates counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for March 2023:
 - # 2 Rockland County at 2.6%
 - # 3 Putnam County at 2.7%
 - # 7 Westchester County at 2.9%
 - # 7 Dutchess County at 2.9%
 - #10 Orange County at 3%
 - #12 Ulster County at 3.1%
 - #16 Sullivan County at 3.2%

Transportation

- ✓ First quarter 2023 (January – March)
 - Move Sullivan routes – 16,058 rides
 - Move Sullivan paratransit – 234 rides
- ✓ Move Sullivan average daily ridership:
 - January - 235 rides
 - February – 266 rides
 - March – 286 rides
- ✓ County Transportation:
 - January:
 - 45 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 70 Shoppers
 - 86 Medical transports
 - February:
 - 35 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 66 Shoppers
 - 77 Medical transports
 - March:
 - 33 Veterans transported to Castle Point or Albany
 - 67 Shoppers
 - 108 Medical Transports

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The CAC continues to distribute test kits throughout the county.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking for vaccines and/or information.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Provide monthly assistance to HV Food Bank mobile pantry in Town of Freemont

- ✓ A member of the Sullivan Catskill Food Security Coalition

Office for the Aging - Monthly Report: March 2023

Highlights:

- ✓ Monthly meetings with NYS Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), Aging Association, Local Program Operations ongoing.
- ✓ A Request for Proposal (RFP) distributed to perform Community Needs Assessment for Sullivan County Seniors, specifically to address social isolation concerns since COVID and to facilitate planning for future initiatives.
- ✓ Ongoing communication with RSVP Advisory Council and planning for 50th Anniversary Recognition event to be held at Villa Roma on September 20th.
- ✓ Ongoing-temporary relocation of all staff while office is expanded and renovated. Appointments with clients can be conducted by appointment in the Government Center, at the Transportation Building, in client homes or other community locations as needed.
- ✓ Continue to work with community partners to inform staff of resources available to clients we serve, i.e. Alzheimer's Association, Independent Living, ATI, etc.
- ✓ Conducting interviews in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension in search of filling vacant caregiver coordinator position. Position still unfilled, ongoing discussion of strategies to increase recruitment of eligible candidates.
- ✓ Participated with other Community Based Organizations (CBOs) at Golden Gems at Sleepy Hollow monthly meeting.
- ✓ Ongoing participation with Sullivan Catskills Food Security Coalition.
- ✓ Reopening of 2 congregate sites, more to come in near future.
- ✓ Monthly Hoot mailing list increasing, newsletter expanding to 12 pages in May.
- ✓ New RSVP Coordinator starting May 1st.

EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)

EISEP March 2023	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	20
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in March	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE March	2
CASE FILES total open as of 3/31/2023 includes "bridge" clients pending MLTC	22 EISEP [+2 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 3/31/2023 [does not include "bridge" clients]	5
CASE FILES reassessed in March	3
WAITLIST currently active as of 3/31/2023	15

- ✓ Assisting clients eligible for Medicaid transition smoothly while maintaining or increasing services in the interim.

- ✓ EISEP updated eligibility to reduce overlap for clients eligible for Medicaid.

Legal Services

- ✓ Another Legal RFP issued after discussion with potential provider. Awaiting response.
- ✓ E-MDT is a resource available for complex potential abuse/exploitation cases. Attorney from E-MDT met with OFA staff to discuss two specific cases for further actions.

HIICAP

- ✓ Client interactions – 41

NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -68
- ✓ Attended quarterly NYSOFA; led NYConnects training call.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

- ✓ 23 clients receive PERS medical monitoring through the OFA.

Nutrition Program

- ✓ Isolation and lack of socialization has been a huge concern for our senior clients these last few years. With SC Transportation fully staffed, we have begun to re-open our nutrition sites for congregate lunch, giving our seniors another option to receive a hot meal and socialize with their friends.
- ✓ Mamakating and Livingston Manor (Rockland) opened this month and the response was better than expected. Mamakating has had on average 30 – 40 seniors attend, while Rockland has 12 plus a few that still participate in the Grab-n-Go lunch program.
- ✓ Liberty and Jeffersonville are on schedule to be the next sites to re-open, and we are still looking for a building equipped with a kitchen to open a nutrition site in Monticello area.
- ✓ Ongoing discussion with Narrowsburg Lutheran church to open a Nutrition site. Our previous site at the town Hall is undergoing renovations so we are unable to return at this time.
- ✓ The Liberty Rotary received a grant and has asked to partner with the Home Delivered Meal (HDM) program. Last month they sent small gifts and offered a pen-pal program to all of our HDM clients. They will also recognize all men and women for Mother's Day and Father's Day with small gifts of appreciation.
- ✓ Totals for March 2023
 - Homebound meals: 1719 units for 86 clients
 - Congregate meals: 1302 units for 103 clients
 - Total meals: 3023 units for 191 clients
 - Homebound deposits: \$1,759.00
 - Congregate deposits: \$339.75
 - Guest deposits \$9.00
 - Total deposits: \$2107.00

Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-108
- ✓ RSVP-42 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips—67

Youth Bureau

1. Participated in SALT's PARFACT meeting.
2. Participated in the United Sullivan meetings.
3. Participated in NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development meeting.
4. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau's monthly meeting.
5. Participated in the planning committee meeting for the Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
6. Participated, hosted and presented at the Annual Making Healthful Decisions Conference.
7. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.
8. Submitted a portion of the 2022 Youth Bureau claims.
9. Monthly co-hostess with Thunder 102 promoting the Youth Bureau.
10. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
11. Participated in the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association Bylaws Committee.
12. Participated in Sullivan County Wellness Committee meeting.
13. Participated in Cornell Cooperative Extension lunch room "chat".
14. Multiple consulting with recipients of State and County funding regarding vouchering for 2022.
15. Participated in the on-going System of Care for Youth in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension.
16. Interviewed for the Internship Coordinator Position and filled the position.
17. Collaborated with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to develop a financial cycle for the Youth Bureau to align with the State's October to September cycle for funding.
18. Participated in a collaborate lunch meeting with Sullivan 180 regarding programing targeting youth in Sullivan County.
19. Offered training to the designated OFA staff on Canva.
20. Participated in the Mental Hygiene Services Planning Meeting.



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100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

File #: ID-5496

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 4.

Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for March 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 **March** 2023:

March deed count: 390

2023 total: 1409

2022 total: 1344

March Subdivision Lots: 30

2023 total: 48

2022 total: 117

Director's activities for the month of March:

- Reviewed and made recommendations on nine (9) correction of error applications
- Reviewed and made a recommendation on one (1) mass correction of error application
- Attended and spoke regarding the RPTL §466-a firefighter's real property tax exemption at a meeting of the Sullivan County Fire Commissioners
- Prepared a listing of taxpayers who are 1 or more years delinquent on real property taxes for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
- Attended a meeting of the Real Property Advisory Board

General office activity for the month of March:

- Continued review of four (4) condominium project.
- Answered numerous 911 address inquiries.

E-911:

March new addresses assigned: 13

2023 Total: 102

2022 Total: 166

March new roads created: 1

S.C.R.P.T.S. DEED/SUBDIVISION REPORT							
MONTH OF	March	2023		DEEDS		SUBDIVISION LOTS	
SUBDIVISION LOTS	DEEDS	TOWN	MONTH	2022	2023	2022	2023
	36	BETHEL	JANUARY	507	541	13	4
	9	CALLICOON	FEBRUARY	401	478	80	14
5	10	COCHECTON	MARCH	436	390	24	30
2	8	DELAWARE	APRIL				
5	82	FALLSBURG	MAY				
	8	FORESTBURGH	JUNE				
	11	FREMONT	JULY				
	11	HIGHLAND	AUGUST				
	40	LIBERTY	SEPTEMBER				
	13	LUMBERLAND	OCTOBER				
3	51	MAMAKATING	NOVEMBER				
	14	NEVERSINK	DECEMBER				
	17	ROCKLAND	TOTAL	1344	1409	117	48
15	70	THOMPSON					
	10	TUSTEN					
30	390						
		1409 NEW DEEDS RECEIVED IN 2023					
		48 NEW SUBDIVISION LOTS FILED IN 2023					

This report reflects the number of deeds received through March 2023.

10 units of the Subdivision lots total for March 2023 were Condos.

S.C.R.P.T.S. E-911 ADDRESS REPORT

MONTH OF	March	2023						
NEW E-SITES ADDED	ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS ETC	TOWN		NEW E-SITES ADDED		ADDRESS VERIFICATION & OTHER ISSUES		
			MONTH	2022	2023	2022	2023	
2	1	BETHEL	JANUARY	14	9	21	18	
1	2	CALLICOON	FEBRUARY	11	80	7	8	
0	1	COCHECTON	MARCH	141	13	11	13	
1	1	DELAWARE	APRIL					
0	2	FALLSBURG	MAY					
1	0	FORESTBURGH	JUNE					
0	0	FREMONT	JULY					
0	0	HIGHLAND	AUGUST					
3	1	LIBERTY	SEPTEMBER					
1	0	LUMBERLAND	OCTOBER					
1	0	MAMAKATING	NOVEMBER					
1	0	NEVERSINK	DECEMBER					
0	1	ROCKLAND						
2	4	THOMPSON						
0	0	TUSTEN						
		OUTSIDE CO.	TOTAL	166	102	39	39	
13	13	102 New E-Sites added in 2023						
		39 Address verification, address changes, and other issues, 2023						

This report reflects the number of new E-Sites created through March 2023

Other issues include road name issues, address changes and corrections, etc.



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File #: ID-5504

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 5.

ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL 2023
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA), SULLIVAN COUNTY
FUNDING CORPORATION (SCFC), THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TSCILDC)

April 27, 2023

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

- Resolution authorizing an amended Installment Sale Agreement and Payment in Lieu of Taxation (PILOT) Agreement with **West Delaware Hydro Associates, L.P.** This existing project was set to expire in 2023, but the amended documents will extend the term for ten years, with annual PILOT payments of \$175,000, an amount substantially similar to the taxes that would be paid absent IDA involvement. The amendment is intended to provide financial certainty to the project and the municipalities.
- Resolution authorizing the Agency to apply for a **Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)** from USDA- Rural Development. This resolution formalized the Agency's earlier informal approval of an RBDG application which was submitted in February 2023. If awarded, RBDG funds will be used to purchase equipment to be leased to Sullivan Catskills Regional Food Hub, Inc.

At the April 10th meeting the Board also met with Michael C. Taylor representing Maude Crawford Realty LLC and Bridgeville Ski Company Inc. d/b/a Holiday Mountain. Mr. Taylor discussed his proposed project involving the acquisition and rehabilitation of **Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park**. On April 21st the Agency held a public hearing relating to this project.

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

There was a special meeting of the IDA on April 25th at which time the Board adopted a resolution approving the **Holiday Mountain** project. Also at that meeting, the Board adopted a resolution approving a \$90,000 loan to **Cochecton Spirits Inc. and Cochecton Holdings, LLC** to facilitate the acquisition of a direct current fast charging station for electric vehicles.

The Sullivan County Funding Corp. (SCFC) also met on April 25th, at which time the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the amendment of the 2017 bonds issued for the benefit of **The Center for Discovery, Inc.** The bonds will be amended to replace the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as the benchmark for determining the interest rate.

IDA staff completed training sessions on municipal comprehensive plans and creating walkable communities on March 30th, and attended the New York State Economic Development Council's IDA Academy on April 11th.

The next regular meeting of the IDA Board is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 11:00 AM in the Legislative Committee Room.

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File #: ID-5507

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

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Update for April 2023

Economic Development Committee

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is **strategically focusing on bringing new visitor dollars** and investment into Sullivan County by (not limited to) the following key efforts:

- **Promoting local events** to existing and new markets
- Working the **Meetings & Conference Markets** through advertising, outreach and attending trade shows to promote the Sullivan Catskills as a place to hold their events.
- Partnering with **domestic and international tour operators to include Sullivan County in their saleable travel packages.**
- Attending **consumer and travel trade shows** to promote the Sullivan Catskills to new travelers
- **Collaborating with Short line bus to promote Sullivan County to NYC residents.**
- Engaging existing **and new advertising and marketing markets** to promote Sullivan Catskills.

For the past few months, the SCVA has been collaborating with Bethel Woods on Catskill Cuisine, Saturday, May 13. The event will celebrate our local farmers and businesses through this celebrity driven event. Food network chefs will use regional products, produce and meats to create their culinary masterpieces. Local chefs and vendors will also participate.

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FAST FACTS FOR APRIL

➤ **Google Ads:** 293,991 impressions; Search Campaign has a 7.77% CTR - industry standard is 4.4%; Average CPC is .52 - Industry Standard is \$1.53; 5,903 website clicks

➤ **Facebook Ads:** 97,914 impressions; Facebook Campaign has a 4.11% CTR – industry standard is .90% Average CPC is .85 – industry standard is .63 (while our average CPC is higher than industry standard, our CTR is MUCH higher

than industry standard, which lets us know that while we're spending a little bit more per click, we're still seeing a high conversion rate and quality clicks) ; 4,024 Website clicks

➤ **Facebook Organic:** 542,319 Impressions; Average engagement rate of 4.2% - industry standard is .19%
Top 3 posts: Decant Wine & Spirits; All That Glitters is Old; Member Meet Up Recap

➤ **Instagram Organic:** 190,939 post impressions; 80,112 story impressions; Average engagement rate of 1.3% - industry standard is .91%

➤ **Top 3 Reels:**

Arnold House Reel

- 154 likes
- 17 shares
- 4,159 plays
- 16 saves

Kaatskeller Reel

- 136 likes
- 21 shares
- 4,338 plays
- 15 saves

Chef Saul

- 86 likes
- 59 shares
- 5,199 plays
- 3 saves

➤ **Top 3 Posts:**

Catskill Cuisine

Narrowsburg Union Dove

Lander's Opening Day

Highlights:

- Spring OTT and cable commercials are running and will continue through May with a focus on hiking and biking, fly fishing and other outdoor activities. To Date: Over 1 million impressions and largest amount of impression in zip code Manhattan
- Host the County DMV the last Tuesdays of each month. This service optimizes the visitor centers community space.
- Discussions continue with Coach USA and participating stops will be ready for the summer run again stopping at major points in the County.
- New Website Update: framing is almost complete and will be ready for our spring visitors.
- New Website for [Catskill Cuisine – Catskill Cuisine \(catskill-cuisine.com\)](http://catskill-cuisine.com)
- Continue working with a videographer/storyteller/tour guide to build our video library.
- Final touches on new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills and excited to unveil listing our over 600 members.
- Collaborating with members on the Catskill Film Commission web site and is moving along nicely.

- Continued discussion on innovative marketing initiatives grants through NYS and sharing the process with members who may qualify.
- Working with several communities to team and promote their events.

Meetings

- New York State Destination Marketing Organization By-Laws Committee
- 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 and Destination Marketing Organization 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

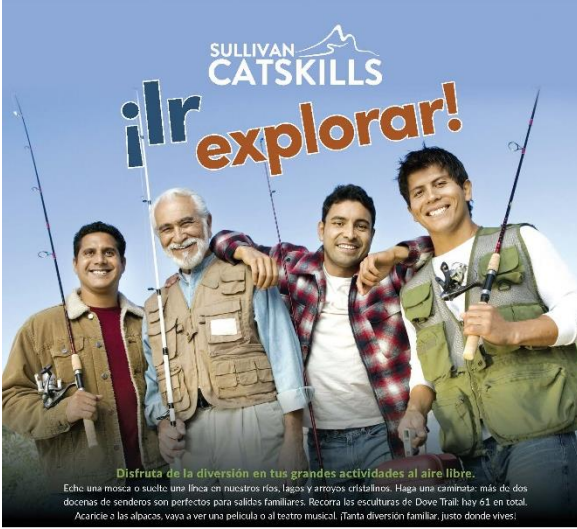
TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME

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

SAMPLES OF ADS



**SULLIVAN
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¡Ir a explorar!

Disfruta de la diversión en tus grandes actividades al aire libre.
Eche una mosca o suelte una línea en nuestros ríos, lagos y arroyos cristalinos. Haga una caminata: más de dos docenas de senderos son perfectos para salidas familiares. Recorra las esculturas de Dove Trail: hay 61 en total. Acércate a las alpacas, vaya a ver una película o al teatro musical. ¡Tanta diversión familiar, justo donde vives!

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A food festival at
Bethel Woods
CENTER FOR THE ARTS
SITE OF THE 1969 WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL



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It's Restaurant Week! Who's hungry?
Our Catskill-icious food and beverage scene is overflowing with goodness.

**HUDSON VALLEY
RESTAURANT
WEEK**
MARCH 20 - APRIL 2

Farm-fresh, 3-course lunches, and dinners
\$29.95 - \$44.95

Bernie's Holiday Restaurant • Bibby's Derby • Blue Fox Motel
Catskill Provisions • Cellario • Conover Club • Konaera Hall
Latus • Piccolo Fascio • Seminary Hill Orchard & Cider
Tavern on Main • The Arnold House • The Cabin • The Delancey
The Homestead Restaurant • Lounge • The Wickel Owl
Western Inn & Supper Club

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SULLIVAN CATSKILLS MAY 18 & 19

MAY 12 & 13
A two-day foodie affair with local and celebrity chefs and farm-fresh seasonal ingredients.


TAP
MAY 21 & 22

A two-day beer festival showcasing hand-crafted NY state beers and live music featuring The Wallers, Blues Traveler, and others.

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This spring, the beer is flowing, the fish are spawning, and pride is high in our Sullivan Catskills.



Join in on the good times.

TAP NEW YORK MAY 21 & 22 BETHEL WOODS Showcasing hand-crafted NYS beers and live music featuring, The Wallers, Blues Traveler, and others.	FESTIVAL OF THE FOUNDING FISH MAY 20-28 A week of food, fish, history, music, and more along the scenic Upper Delaware River corridor.	COUNTDOWN TO CATSKILLS PRIDE MONTH GATHERING May 28 • 3-8PM CATSKILL PROVISIONS
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RIVER TRIPS • GOLF • HIKING • DOVE TRAIL • FISHING

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Go fish!

Spring anglers: fish in the waters where American dry fly fishing was born. Celebrate your catch on the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail with a beer, cider, wine, or spirit.

CATSKILL CUISINE
SULLIVAN CATSKILLS MAY 12 & 13

More Spring fun! A two-day foodie affair with local and celebrity chefs and farm-fresh seasonal ingredients at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Golf • Hiking • Hunting • River Trips and more

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Happy Trails and Bon Appetit! There's a whole lot of both in New York's Sullivan Catskills. Ploot down the Delaware River, tour the Dove Trail—a tribute to the 1969 Woodstock festival, meander through dozens of hiking trails, and fish in the waters where American dry fly fishing was born. Then it's time to dine. Our imaginative chefs and creative mixologists rule the foodie scene.

Come experience it:
CATSKILL CUISINE
MAY 12-13
BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
A two-day foodie affair with local and celebrity chefs and farm-fresh seasonal ingredients.

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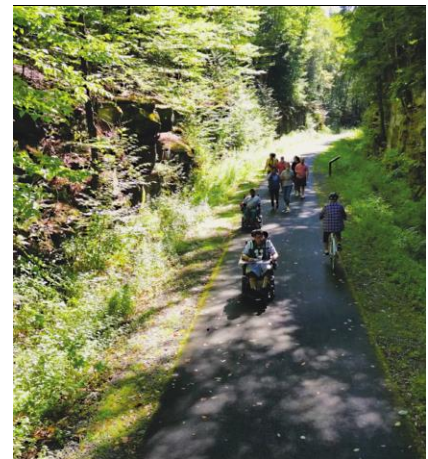




Wet your whistle and bring your appetite to New York's Sullivan Catskills

Spring may be the time of plans and projects, but in New York's Sullivan Catskills, it's the time to feast. The first annual Catskills Cuisine happens on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12-13. This two-day food and beverage festival will celebrate the area's heritage with locally sourced provisions prepared by celebrity and local chefs. It will be held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts—the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair.

This area, just 90 minutes from Manhattan, has been a popular getaway destination since the early 19th century when it built a legendary reputation for hospitality that still exists. Today, across nearly 1,000 square miles, there are full-service resorts, charming inns, and abundant outdoor pursuits. The area is full of modern-day makers and artisans and exudes a low-key vibe and small-town charm.



Hurleyville Rail Trail

Post Performance

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 27, 2023 2:59 PM

The Chatwal Lodge - The Catskills is your perfect cozy getaway located



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
1096	227	30	18
Reach	Impressions		
13549	13700		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 9, 2023 3:08 PM

We kicked off Hudson Valley/Catskills Restaurant Week



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
1133	87	4	16
Reach	Impressions		
13218	17591		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 10, 2023 1:16 PM



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
591	145	12	28
Reach	Impressions		
12960	12528		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 7, 2023 10:00 AM

Soaring high in the Sullivan Catskills 🦅 @jerry.cohen on IG



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
264	338	24	19
Reach	Impressions		
10634	10916		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 13, 2023 12:33 PM



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
358	49	3	10
Reach	Impressions		
7694	7787		

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 17, 2023 2:38 PM

Nothing beats sunset views from The Pinnacle Lodge in Narrowsburg



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
190	211	22	8
Reach	Impressions		
5787	5805		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 6, 2023 12:39 PM

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and The CATBIRD Music festival



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
223	57	7	14
Reach	Impressions		
5385	5385		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 2, 2023 12:00 PM

Calling all foodies! 🍴 Spend a day on the ground of the legendary 1969

CATSKILL CUISINE
SATURDAY, MAY 13
A Food Festival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
176	83	2	22
Reach	Impressions		
8306	8399		

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 24, 2023 10:24 AM



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
218	19	1	0
Reach	Impressions		
3792	3792		

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 1, 2023 4:05 PM

A Murder Mystery Dinner at The Eldred Preserve Dinner | Show |



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
160	15	0	10
Reach		Impressions	
4694		4737	

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 7, 2023 4:53 PM

So many SMILES at Hurleyville General Store, stop in and say hello



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
146	33	2	0
Reach		Impressions	
2980		3015	

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 21, 2023 12:23 PM

Beat the Winter Blues at Fly Fest! Catskill Fly Fishing Center and



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
102	45	13	18
Reach		Impressions	
5458		5688	

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 2, 2023 9:54 AM

ADULT ED: WHEEL-THROWN POTTERY Wednesday, March 8.



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
107	21	7	7
Reach		Impressions	
4957		5135	

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 17, 2023 10:06 AM

Today is the day- the @45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon at the



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
115	11	0	1
Reach		Impressions	
863		900	

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 28, 2023 2:42 PM



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
108	17	0	0
Reach		Impressions	
1029		1081	

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 24, 2023 10:05 AM



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
75	25	2	15
Reach		Impressions	
4434		4440	

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 28, 2023 11:07 AM

Looks cozy ❄️🔥



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
83	26	2	1
Reach		Impressions	
2719		2786	

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 3, 2023 2:38 PM

On Saturday, March 4th, at 2 PM, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance



Clicks	Reactions	Comments	Shares
65	19	4	2
Reach		Impressions	
2609		2669	

Top Stories

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 26, 2023 3:54 PM



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Impressions	Replies	Reach
781	0	779
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
462	11	69

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 5, 2023 10:00 AM



WELCOME NEW MEMBER
SYNCHRONICITY GALLERY

Impressions	Replies	Reach
618	0	618
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
364	5	57

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 12, 2023 10:00 AM

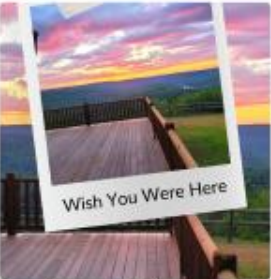
CUISINE
SATURDAY, MAY 13
A Food Festival at
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts



Catskills Chef
Cooking
Demonstration
(Brunch, Main
& More!)

Impressions	Replies	Reach
596	0	587
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
322	17	75

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 4, 2023 10:00 AM



Wish You Were Here

Impressions	Replies	Reach
529	0	529
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
306	5	50


Sullivan Catskills
Feb 19, 2023 9:55 AM



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Impressions	Replies	Reach
483	0	480
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
311	8	30

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 18, 2023 12:24 PM



Media Unavailable:
We couldn't collect the media from this story, most likely because it was reshared content from another Instagram user's account.

Impressions	Replies	Reach
455	0	450
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
268	5	24


Sullivan Catskills
Feb 25, 2023 10:00 AM



Wish You Were Here

Impressions	Replies	Reach
452	0	452
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
269	11	33

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 1, 2023 3:08 PM



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Impressions	Replies	Reach
434	0	433
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283	9	39

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 13, 2023 10:00 AM



WELCOME NEW MEMBER
SPOTTED COW CAFE GRILL

Impressions	Replies	Reach
431	0	429
Taps Forward	Taps Back	Exit
267	4	28

Post Performance

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 26, 2023 9:57 AM

You're in for a Pollinator Spirits treat! This Bonfire + honey rye



Likes	Comments	Saves
161	10	4
Engagement	Impressions	Reach
175	4526	4227

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 14, 2023 4:28 PM

Us? Obsessed with The Arnold House? Yes, yes, we are. If you're in



The Arnold House

Likes	Comments	Saves
150	7	14
Shares	Plays	Reach
17	3975	3815

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 17, 2023 2:38 PM


Nothing beats sunset views from The Pinnacle Lodge in Narrowsburg



Likes	Comments	Saves
144	7	8
Engagement	Impressions	Reach
159	2845	2598

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 7, 2023 4:28 PM

POV: You spend your evening at The Kaatskeller. 🍷🍷 @chantillysongs



POV: You spend your evening at The Kaatskeller

Likes	Comments	Saves
137	5	15
Shares	Plays	Reach
21	4151	3802

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 27, 2023 2:59 PM

The Chatwal Lodge - The Catskills is your perfect cozy getaway located



Likes	Comments	Saves
139	1	10
Engagement	Impressions	Reach
150	3745	3466

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 2, 2023 12:00 PM

Calling all foodies! 🍴 Spend a day on the ground of the legendary 1969

CATSKILL CUISINE
SATURDAY, MAY 13
A Food Festival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts



Likes	Comments	Saves
104	11	11
Engagement	Impressions	Reach
126	3285	3045

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 16, 2023 4:33 PM

Nothing better than summer in the Sullivan Catskills 🌞🍷



Likes	Comments	Saves
111	1	7
Shares	Plays	Reach
11	3090	2892

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 21, 2023 4:28 PM

Let's have dinner with @byaimeekelly at Catskill



Let's have dinner at Catskills Provisions

Likes	Comments	Saves
67	1	2
Shares	Plays	Reach
5	2526	2395

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 11, 2023 11:06 AM

Snuggle up fireside with your loved one at Blue Quill Cabin by



Likes	Comments	Saves
66	1	2
Engagement	Impressions	Reach
69	2109	1951

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 28, 2023 1:05 PM

Book Now, Unlock \$250! When you book three nights at a Red Cottage



Likes 62	Comments 0	Saves 4
Engagement 66	Impressions 2598	Reach 2389

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 22, 2023 4:47 PM

Celebrate #NationalMargaritaDay at El Sombrero Restaurant Tex Mex



Likes 60	Comments 0	Saves 3
Engagement 63	Impressions 2442	Reach 2178

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 1, 2023 4:28 PM

Dreaming of sunny days at Seminary Hill ☀️ @seminaryhillny



Likes 47	Comments 3	Saves 6
Shares 8	Plays 2286	Reach 2022

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 28, 2023 1:45 PM

Snow in the Sullivan Catskills ❄️



Likes 54	Comments 0	Saves 0
Shares 1	Plays 1726	Reach 1541

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 8, 2023 2:38 PM

Which one of Pelkey's Tavern's specials is calling your name? 🍷 Let



Likes 43	Comments 1	Saves 5
Engagement 49	Impressions 1862	Reach 1404

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 10, 2023 2:38 PM

Feed your hunger for delicious food at Annie's Ruff Cut 🍟



Likes 48	Comments 0	Saves 0
Engagement 48	Impressions 1820	Reach 1670

Sullivan Catskills
Mar 4, 2023 9:54 AM

Come visit Buck Brook Alpacas, Inc. and see the alpacas. They'll take you



Likes 47	Comments 0	Saves 1
Engagement 48	Impressions 1240	Reach 1155

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 25, 2023 3:30 PM

You can't go wrong with a burger and beer from The Western Inn 🍔



Likes 43	Comments 3	Saves 2
Engagement 48	Impressions 1954	Reach 1753

Sullivan Catskills
Feb 18, 2023 11:11 AM

Celebrate #NationalDrinkWineDay with us today Bashkill Vineyards



Likes 44	Comments 4	Saves 0
Engagement 48	Impressions 1512	Reach 1370





Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5495

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

To authorize the County Manager to enter into a Contract between Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development and Bold Gold Media Group, to provide educational services for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$30,000.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

WHEREAS, the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) runs the Summer Youth Employment Program under an MOU with the County of Sullivan Department of Family Services (DFS) with funds provided through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and

WHEREAS, under the 23-LCM, participants must be engaged in traditional paid employment activities such as career exploration, mentoring, financial literacy, or education. CWD is requesting to enter into a Contract with Bold Gold Media Group, to provide the educational service component for the SYEP through Digital Graphics, Photography, Video, Audio, Radio, and Social Media, and

WHEREAS, the contract will coincide with the six-week SYEP schedule from July 10, 2023 through August 18, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Bold Gold Media Group from July 10, 2023 through August 18, 2023, and such contract shall be in the form approved by the County Attorney. This contract is contingent on CWD receiving all funding allocations.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5498

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

Lake Superior State Park currently offers snack and drink vending machines during beach operating hours. To enhance the experience patrons have at Lake Superior State Park an RFP was executed for proposals for the operation of a mobile food concession.

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:

TO AUTHORIZE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT OF A MOBILE FOOD CONCESSION AT LAKE SUPERIOR STATE PARK

WHEREAS, proposals were received for the operation of a mobile food concession at Lake Superior State Park during beach operating hours; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received from Floyd Wagner, dba Oakie Pokie Hot Dogs, 16 Old County Route 128 Jeffersonville, NY 12748, is considered the most responsible contractor for such work; and

WHEREAS, said contractor proposes to operate on weekends, holiday's, and other negotiated days during the 2023 season; and

WHEREAS, in a Letter of Authorization, dated September 26, 2022, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission has authorized the sale and distribution of goods at Lake Superior State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beautification has approved said proposal and recommends a contract be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with Floyd Wagner, dba: Oakie Pokie Hot Dogs, at a contract price of \$300.00/season for one (1)

season, commencing May 27, 2023 and ending September 4, 2023, with an option to extend for three (3) additional years, upon mutual agreement, on an annual basis to be paid to the County and in accordance with the RFP, R-23-09, dated March 17, 2023, said contract to be in such form as the County Attorney shall approve.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5499

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

The County is in receipt of a scope and associated cost estimate for design and engineering services for the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail connecting Parksville to Livingston Manor. The preliminary cost estimate for that section of trail is \$217,500. A request for \$235,000 is being submitted to the Legislature to cover this expense as well as additional costs associated with ongoing efforts along other sections of trail.

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$235,000, funded by unanticipated, unrestricted federal reimbursement

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MODIFY A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN INC. FOR WORK ON THE O&W RAIL TRAIL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 130-22, adopted by the County Legislature on April 7, 2022, Alta Planning + Design Inc. was awarded a contract in accordance with #R-22-02 not to exceed \$250,000.00, to assist with implementation of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement with Alta Planning + Design Inc. was executed on April 18, 2022 ("Original Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No 93-23 the County modified the Original Agreement to include an additional amount not to exceed \$25,000 to include additional assistance needed to pursue funding opportunities for the trail; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to include an additional amount not to exceed \$235,000 to advance engineering and design for additional segments of the trail, including a section of the trail connecting Parksville (Town of Liberty) to Livingston Manor (Town of Rockland).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute a modification agreement with Alta Planning and Design Inc. to include an additional \$235,000 to advance engineering and design for additional segments of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of said agreement be approved by the County Attorney.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-5500

Agenda Date: 5/4/2023

Agenda #: 4.

Narrative of Resolution:

To apply for and accept the 2023-2024 New York Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program and enter into a contract with the Sullivan County Trail Association

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:

TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY TRAIL ASSOCIATION ("SCTA") AND THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN ("COUNTY")

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan and SCTA recognize that the maintenance and improvement of snowmobile trails would serve the interests of and redound to the benefit of Sullivan County citizens and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the County, on behalf of SCTA, seeks to obtain funding through the New York Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program to provide maintenance and improvements along publicly accessible designated snowmobile trails within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the County would be the designated Local Sponsor, as required by this Grant-in-Aid program, with respect to the administration of the required documentation; and

WHEREAS, the County as the Local Sponsor, with the respect to the funding, would act solely as a pass through, retaining up to 10% of the State provided funds to cover administrative costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and / or their authorized representative (*as required by the funding source*) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the New York Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program application for funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and / or Chairman of the County Legislature (*as required by the funding source*) to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall

approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Agreement between Sullivan County Trail Association and the “County of Sullivan” for the period commencing April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the New York Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.