



Sullivan County Planning and Community Resources Committee

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Meeting Agenda - Final

Chairman Matt McPhillips
Vice Chairman Terry Blosser-Bernardo
Committee Member Luis Alvarez
Committee Member Catherine Scott
Committee Member Joseph Perrello

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:30 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Division of Planning [ID-6963](#)
Attachments: [November 2024](#)
[October 24 AG report](#)
2. Division of Community Resources [ID-6971](#)
 Monthly Report
 December 2024
Attachments: [2024 PandCR December Report](#)

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF RSVP STATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025 [ID-6962](#)
Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul
2. Seek Lead Agency status for a countywide broadband infrastructure project in accordance with SEQRA requirements. [ID-6965](#)

3. TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AGREEMENTS WITH VOLUNTEER STATIONS TO PLACE RSVP VOLUNTEERS WITH SUCH STATIONS

[ID-6983](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

Adjourn



Sullivan County
Legislative Memorandum

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DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT

November 2024

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I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

- GML-239 Referrals

GML - 239 Referrals					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
11/18/24	12/3/24	Wise Equities Warehouse (resubmission)	Site Plan Review	THO24-14	Ward
11/19/24	12/13/24	Proposed Local Law #1 of 2024	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Map	BET24-03	M/McPhillips
11/26/24	12/11/24	240 Chestnut St.	Special Use Permit	LIV24-12	Alvarez
11/26/24	12/2/24	McMorrow 2-lot Subdivision	Subdivision Review	BET24-04	M. McPhillips

- Updated exemption agreements were sent to municipalities for renewal. To date, fifteen municipalities have signed and returned them, and two are due later this month.
- Working with NYS DEC and the Sullivan County Partnership on a training to update our communities on changes to wetland regulations.
- Planning staff has been attending municipal planning board meetings to foster better coordination and more helpful reviews. The Town of Neversink and the Village of Monticello's meetings were attended in November.
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Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning

- **Water Resources and Infrastructure**
 - Planning consultant Delaware Engineering is making progress on the the Countywide Infrastructure Assessment. Delaware created the framework to collect data on existing conditions and make recommendations for areas for infrastructure expansion based on current and anticipated growth. Outreach to all municipalities to collect the data is underway
 - Planning and Delaware Engineering met with the US Water Alliance to collaborate on developing a peer learning based training that will dovetail with the assessment. Training is in development and expected to be completed in early 2025.
 - A separate scope of work is being developed to obtain hydrogeologic expertise in relation to subsurface conditions throughout the County to assess the County's water resources. We are actively searching for funding sources that could potentially fund this study. Assessment of available funding sources and development of the scope of work are ongoing.
 - Continued facilitation of technical assistance to Wurtsboro and Fallsburg from the Water Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
 - The County, Town of Fallsburg, and Alta met with NYS DOT to go over the remaining items for the Neversink Crossing project advanced design review. The current schedule anticipates a bid will be issued by the end of January 2025.
 - The use and occupancy agreement between NYS DOT and the Town of Liberty for the Parkville extension is tied with the acquisition process for multiple parcels related to the rerouting of Route 17. The engineering has started, but final scoping of the needed surveying needs to be assessed. Planning, DPW, DOT, the Town and the consultant, Alta met and it was determined the survey and SEQR needs to be extended to include the whole parcel.
 - The Town of Rockland and their engineers completed the first design draft for the Livingston Manor to Dahlia section of the trail.
 - Staff continue to participate in monthly meetings of the O&W Rail Trail Alliance as well as regular meetings with the engineering firm and partner municipalities.
 - Planning worked with the Sullivan Public Library Alliance and area schools to organize a daypack lending project to encourage people to use the trail. Packs were funded through Sullivan 180, and are currently being distributed.

- The 2025 multi day hike (ROAM) will take place on June 6-8 in Mamakating. Partners include Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, Sullivan 180, Parks and Trails New York, Trout Unlimited, and Open Space Institute.

Community Development & Revitalization

- **Housing Fund**
 - Planning staff continue to work with our consultant, Pattern for Progress, to create a program design for a local funding source/trust to support the development of affordable housing units in Sullivan County.
 - A final draft of the program will be presented to the Legislature for review and deliberation.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan**
 - A contract with Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop (MUDW) is in process.
 - An official project kick-off meeting with the Advisory Board is expected for February 2025.
 - The plan will focus on connecting residents and visitors in and around community centers (villages, hamlets) with safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- **RESTORE NY Round 7**
 - Actively working with NYS Empire State Development and RUPCO to implement the RESTORE NY Round 7 award received for rehabilitation of the Strong Building and Key Bank Building on Broadway, Monticello.
 - The County is working with RUPCO and the Sullivan County Land Bank to navigate a significant increase in the cost of construction based on the latest cost estimates. RUPCO is waiting for determinations on several grant applications that have been filed for this project.

Economic Development

- **Emerald Corporate Center Economic Development Corporation (ECCEDC)**
 - We continue to work with the Town of Thompson to transfer Emerald Springs Water Company (ESWC) and all assets to the Town of Thompson, based on discussions with counsel having experience with the process.

Administration

- Met with representatives from the Upper Delaware Council and National Parks Service to establish lines of communication and an understanding of each entity's programs and initiatives. Both Planning and UDC/NP have had significant staff turnover during the past 2 years.
- Continue to participate in regular meetings with County Manager, ITS, Grants, and NYS Empire State Development with regard to Municipal Infrastructure Grant.
- Participated in monthly O&W Rail Trail Alliance meeting
- Attended the NYSEG Electric Capacity Summit to hear updates about grid capacity in the utility's territory.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- Staff attended a webinar hosted by the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) to hear about new programs to control energy costs. One program of interest was Demand-Response, which involves curtailing usage during periods of peak demand.
- Staff continue to work toward updating and compiling information for recertification as a Climate Smart Community
- The Sullivan County Department of Public Works has completed the replacement of the oil-fired boilers and chill water system at the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office with cold climate air source heat pumps. This building is now heated and cooled solely by electricity and will qualify the building to be recognized by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority as a Clean Heating and Cooling Demonstration. Additionally, once this meter is added to the queue for either the hydro or solar projects it will qualify as Sullivan County's first net-zero energy building (all building energy comes from either on-site renewable resources or all building energy is sourced from a net-metered renewable energy resource).
- The Lake Goodyear small hydro facility continues to be offline due technical problems. Gravity Renewables, the operator of the plant, is troubleshooting with NYSEG to resolve the issue. There is no cost to the County for repairs.
- OSE staff have continued to review monthly utility statements, and to work with NYSEG and DPW staff to resolve ongoing issues with meter readings and monthly billings.
- OSE continues to document the County's progress toward reducing energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions while also identifying future clean energy project opportunities.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- We have received confirmation from the NYS Parks Department Snowmobile Unit, that grant funding has once again been approved for 14 of the 39 miles of trail, that is maintained by the Sullivan County Snowmobile Trail Association, in northern Sullivan County.
- The 2024 County-wide Roadside and Hiking Trail Litter Pluck Event that ran from April 1st through October 31st was a success. 720 bags, 149 tires, and 2 Ton of Loose material were plucked from the roads and trails throughout Sullivan County.
- Weston and Sampson are continuing work on the Park and Recreation Master Plan.
- The department is hosting a Sullivan County Parks Photo Exhibition. Photographs must be taken at one of the departments facilities. Winning photos will be on exhibit from March 1-April 30, 2025, at the Government Center, Monticello and the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum, Hurleyville.
- The department teamed up with The Delaware Company to offer a Ghost Walk at the Minisink Battleground Park on October 26th. The event was a great success with approximately 75 people attending.
- Park maintenance staff are closing the parks for the winter months. Staff are also removing dangerous trees at several of the parks and facilities.
- Attended the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail - Emergency Management Roundtable Discussion meeting.
- The department is working on a presentation series for 2025 at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the D&H Canal.

IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- **Activity/Technical Assistance**

- Assistance has been provided to departments requiring support with the grant process. Of note:

- *Community Resources*: DGA staff met with Community Resources/Center for Workforce Development staff to participate in a debrief related to the 2024 WORC grant. Future funding needs and potential projects were discussed. DGA staff routed information about potential additional funding resources and is on standby to offer additional assistance as needed.
- *ITS*: The County was awarded \$29.9 M for the NYS ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program for the installation of 253 miles of fiber and one new communication tower, extending broadband service to unserved and underserved locations. DGA staff was honored to be part of the team who worked in collaboration to submit a successful and historic application; DGA staff reviewed NY Connect All BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program) funding opportunities in order to assess eligibility for future broadband infrastructure projects.
- *Planning*: NYS Department of State final Countywide Resiliency Grant award final disbursement payment in the amount of \$68,900 was issued to the County.
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- *Public Safety*:
 - V-FIRE Success – Four Sullivan County fire companies awarded a total of \$271,301:
 - Beaverkill Valley - \$98,850 for equipment
 - Jeffersonville – \$8,000 for equipment
 - Highland Lake - \$46,201 for equipment
 - Youngsville - \$118,250 for facilities
 - *DGA had presented a V-FIRE Information session on February 5, 2024 at the EOC. We congratulate the respective fire companies/districts on their success!
 - The 2024 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program is currently accepting applications until December 20. Information was routed to local departments via John Hauschild; DGA staff will attend webinar and is on standby as a reference source for any fire departments/districts with technical questions related to the application process.
 - 2024 DHSES Grants Regional Workshop on Thursday, October 24th with members of OMB and Public Safety staff. The conference included helpful information related to procurement procedures, future applications, Uniform Guidance updates, and proper submission of reports.
- *Public Works*: Funding for Compost Facilities - Information related to the 2024 MWRR Program 24 for capital projects was routed to the Department of Solid

Waste as a potential funding source for the County’s composting facilities. DGA staff is on standby to provide support as needed.

- **In-County Grant Readiness**

- Grants Best Practices Training was provided to 5 members of Management and Budget staff on November 12, 2024. Public Works is scheduled for December 5th.
- Compliance: DGA staff participated in a webinar discussing the updates to the Uniform Guidance; summary information was routed to Audit, OMB, Treasurer’s Office, and Purchasing. Tools related to establish grant-related internal controls have been located and were routed to the Compliance Office for review prior to distribution during future grant trainings.

- **Summary of 2024 Grant Activity (Awards, Pending, and Declinations): Summary of 2024 Grant Activity (Awards, Pending, and Declinations):**

The Department of Grants Administration tracks discretionary grants and allocations requiring execution. The following table represents only programs in process in 2024. It is not an exhaustive list of all grant programs currently monitored from previous years. DGA staff provides varying levels of support to Divisions/Departments. At any given time, DGA staff may be immersed in project planning, application preparation, and management technical assistance, simply tracking programs, or somewhere along a continuum of support. The role DGA plays is largely contingent upon the nature of the grant program and the capacity and/or experience of program managers. Please contact DGA staff related to information about any of the following programs.

Year	Div./Dept.	Program	Type	Amount	Status
2024	BOE	CTCL Election Infrastructure	Discretionary	\$50,000.00	Awarded
2024	Co. Clerk	LGRMIF	Discretionary	\$66,820.00	Awarded
2024	CR /CWD	WORCS	Discretionary	\$1,500,000.00	Declined
2024	CR/OFA	NY Connects	Allocation	\$307,611.00	Pending
2024-2028	CR/OFA	Americorps RSVP	Allocation	\$409,200.00	Pending
2023	DPW	Bridge NY	Discretionary	\$3,581,000.00	Awarded
2023	DPW	Bridge NY	Discretionary	2,990,00	Awarded
2024	DPW	NBRC Timber for Transit	Discretionary	\$524,800.00	Pending
2024	DPW/SCIA	FAA AIP EA Safety Area	Discretionary	\$115,867.00	Declined
2024	DPW/SCIA	FAA AIP EA Ob. Removal	Discretionary	\$148,485.00	Pending
2023	DPW/SW	MWRR	Discretionary	\$51,367.11	Awarded
2024	DPW/SW	MWRR	Discretionary	TBD	Pending
2022 - 2023	DWP /SW	HHW	Discretionary	\$11,088.00	Awarded
2023-2024	DWP /SW	HHW	Discretionary	\$20,190.42	Pending
2024	HHS/DSS	MDT-CAC	Allocation	\$49,999.00	Awarded
2025	HHS/DSS	MDT-CAC	Allocation	\$49,999.00	Pending
2024	HHS/DSS	DASNY/CREST	Discretionary	\$125,000.00	Pending
2024	HHS/PH	GTSC Child Pass. Seat	Discretionary	\$15,000.00	Awarded
2023-2024	HHS/PH	NYS RHN Food is Med.	Allocation	\$9,869.00	Awarded

2024	HHS/PH	NACCHO MRC OR	Discretionary	\$5,000.00	Awarded
2023-2024	HHS/PH	HRI MRC	Allocation	\$12,100.00	Awarded
2023-2024	HHS/PH	PHEPP	Allocation	\$77,711.00	Awarded
2025	HHS/PH	NACCHO MRC OR	Allocation	\$5,000.00	Pending
2025-2030	HHS/PH	NYS DOH RHNDP	Discretionary	\$750,000.00	Pending
2024-2025	HHS/PH	PHEPP	Allocation	\$77,711.00	Pending
2024	ITS	MIP	Discretionary	\$29,900,000.00	Awarded
2024	Parks	Snowmobile	Discretionary	\$4,858.00	Awarded
2024	Parks	NY SWIMS	Discretionary	\$25,000.00	Pending
	Parks	DASNY	Discretionary	\$125,000.00	Pending
2023	Planning	CFA /LWRP	Discretionary	\$150,000.00	Declined
2024	Planning	RAISE	Discretionary	\$3,155,000.00	Declined
2024	Planning	ATIIP	Discretionary	\$1,680,000	Pending
2024	Planning	FUDR	Discretionary	\$100,000.00	Pending
2024	Planning	FEMA/NYS DHSES HMG	Discretionary	\$112,500.00	Pending
2024	PS / E911	PSAP	Allocation	TBD	Pending
2024	PS / E911 EMS	CEMSSG	Discretionary	\$500,000.00	Pending
2024	PS / OEM	EMPG	Allocation	\$32,678.00	Pending
2023	PS / OEM	DTPGP	Allocation	\$172,413.00	Pending
2024	PS / OEM E911 Interop.	SICFBGP	Allocation	TBD	Pending
2024	PS / Sheriff	HSGP – SHSP/SLETPP	Allocation	\$179,249.00	Awarded
	PS/EMS	DASNY	Discretionary	\$425,000.00	Pending
	PS/Fire Bureau	DASNY	Discretionary	\$250,000.00	Pending
2024-2025	PS/Prob.	NYS DCJS ATI	Allocation	\$28,510.00	Awarded
2023-2024	PS/Prob.	NYS DCJS ATI	Allocation	\$25,510.00	Awarded
2025	Sheriff	GTSC PTS	Discretionary	\$4,960.00	Awarded
2024	Sheriff	BPV	Discretionary	\$5,199.00	Awarded
			ALL TOTAL	\$43,159,694.53	
			Pending Awards	-\$4,160,587.42	
			Declined Awards	-\$4,920,867.00	
			TOTAL AWARDED	\$34,078,240.11	

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- CCE October 2024 Ag report attached

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 12 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 161 Soil/Hay Tests: 10

Technical Assistance was provided on soil testing, spongy moth caterpillar, garlic planting, fall garden maintenance, SLF, Pest ID ag districts, farm funding, farm food safety, livestock processing, orchard management, starting a farm, ag taxes, livestock production, vegetable production, meat processing, access to wholesale markets, business planning, land access.

PAST WORKSHOPS

Fall Garden Cleanup Workshop 10/24: 18 registered, 11 participants attended. Katie Gasior taught participants how to ready the garden beds for winter, what plants to leave, how to plant a cover crop, young tree care, pruning, and how to plant, care for & harvest garlic and allium.

Farmer Mixer at Gael Roots Community Farm co-hosted with the Greater Catskills Young Farmers Coalition 10/01: 33 people attended. Iris Fen Gillingham hosted the October Farmer Mixer at Gael Roots Community Farm. The Gael Roots Community Farm is a collaboratively run educational farm located between Livingston Manor and Youngsville NY.

Small Engines Workshop 10/15: 15 registered, 9 attended. SG from SG Tractors guided an interactive workshop. Throughout the workshop, folks had hands on learning opportunities and were guided through demonstrations and video tutorials. Participants learned about the mechanisms of walk-behind tractors, 4 stroke and 2 stroke engines, and how all parts function. This event was held at the CCE Sullivan office in Liberty, NY.

Community Agritourism (In person) (10/2/24) 14 registered, 13 attended & Community Agritourism (Webinar) (10/9/24) 132 registered, 87 attended

This was a training to promote agri-tourism in communities. It focused on tools that local towns can put to work to increase farm-friendly land use and zoning practices. We covered zoning policies, definitions, tools, and methods related to opening opportunities in your town for ag-tourism, on-farm sales, breweries, and other similar farm operations. Nan Stolzenburg and Melinda Meddaugh covered New York State Agriculture and Markets guidelines on direct farm sales, picking up tips on compliance and making the most of opportunities. These trainings are part of a 3-part training series for municipal officials on agriculture where municipal officials can receive training credits.



Farm Business Training Series 10/16 - 11/06: Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering a specialized farm business training series. We are partnering with Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) for this series. Participants will work with consultants, business owners, and Extension Educators to develop and write a Business Plan. Workshops are held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Extension Education Center and virtually through live sessions via Zoom and parallel participation through Teachable. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with consultants, local USDA staff, and farmers from our region. Upon completion, a \$500 stipend will be given to assist with participation and beginning steps for establishing your business.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS for November

- **Farm Succession and Estate Planning (11/5), 5:30-6:30pm:** Dave Chamberlin of NY FarmNet will discuss valuable insights into the complexities of transitioning your farm to the next generation.
- **Farmer Mixer at All Family Farm (11/13), 5-7pm:** Join us at All Family Farm for great conversation and community with seasoned, beginner, and aspiring farmers in our region. ALL Family Farm is a veteran owned and operated business.
- **Community Preservation & Farmland Protection (11/13), 11am - 3pm:** At this workshop, attendees will hear from our speakers David Behm from NYS Ag & Markets, Kaylan Hubbard from the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, and Michael P. Sweeton from Orange County Land Trust. Our presenters will speak on conservation easements and their role in preserving land, community preservation plans, and state funding opportunities.
- **Climate Resiliency Webinar Series: Strategies for Climate Resilient Farming: Adapting to Changing Growing Seasons (12/5), 12-1pm:** A lunch and learn webinar series focused on strategies for New York farmers facing climate impacts, where we will address ways that farmers can adapt to more variable growing seasons. Topics include adjusting planting and harvest days in response to extended growing seasons, growing zone changes, managing risks of late spring and early frost dates and crops that work well with changing growing conditions.
- **Wholesale Market Readiness (12/9) 6-7:30pm:** Learn about grading, labeling, packaging, and food safety processes to sell products wholesale. Owner Greg Swartz & CCE Ag Production Program Manager Michelle Proscia, will explain how to prepare your farm and products to sell wholesale with an emphasis on food safety standards with time for questions. This workshop will also include a wash & pack barn tour.



SULLIVAN FRESH PROGRAM

The Sullivan Fresh Mobile Market season has come to a close. New for the 2024 season, we launched the Sullivan Fresh Kids Club, sponsored by Sullivan 180. Throughout the summer we offered a variety of programming for kids at the markets, including story time, yoga, seed starting, crafting and cooking demos. Kids also received books to take home and Sullivan Fresh Bucks to spend at the market.

For the Community Cupboard program, we were recently awarded funding through the Nourish NY program to purchase food from local farms for our mobile pantry. We have also been working with CCE Orange to collect donated farm products through their farm gleaning program.





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Division of Community Resources Monthly Report December 2024

Office for the Aging (OFA) October 2024 Monthly Report

Monthly Accomplishments

OFA Director:

- Participation on Sullivan Catskills Food Security Coalition.
- Monthly Hoot distribution continues to increase via mail, email and drop off locations. Direct mail list has grown to over 700.
- Four Year Plan development of goals and content ongoing.
- Annual Public Hearing and Senior Resource Fair October 24th, 10am-2pm at the Government Center, very well attended by the community and valuable feedback provided by those in attendance.
- New RSVP Coordinator starting November 4th, Monika Roosa.
- Interviews scheduled for Aging Services Specialist and EISEP Case Management Specialist, and Aging Services Aide ongoing.
- Continued distribution of test kits.
- Attended Mid-Hudson Alzheimer's Association quarterly PAC (Professional Advisory Council)
- Participation in E-MDT (Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team) meetings conducted by JFS Ulster aimed at fostering multi-faceted approach to complex elder abuse cases.
- 231 HEAP application processed to date by OFA.

RSVP:

- ❖ Over 1,418 hours volunteered in October with a value of \$47,498.20 according to <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/>
- ❖ 120 Currently registered volunteers, 64 actives in October.

Nutrition:

	Units:	Clients:	Contributions:
Homebound:	2,038	110	\$1,322.00
Congregate served at home:	35	2	
Congregate served at sites:	599	90	\$694.00
TOTALS:	2,672	202	\$2,016.00

- ❖ Nutrition continues to benefit from Food Bank of the Hudson Valley distributions twice a month run by the County's Community Assistance Center (CAC). This enables us to supplement fresh fruit, vegetables and other perishable items through our Home delivered meal and Congregate program.

- ❖ Plan to deliver hot meals 5 days a week as of January 6th 2025, coordination with Jail kitchen manager to ramp up capacity for this. Grab and go meals available at all 5 congregate nutrition sites.
- ❖ Part Time Nutrition Staff attending mandatory county trainings in person conducted by Human Resources.

Transportation:

- 104 SCT (Sullivan County Transportation) Medical Trips
- 181 SCT Shopping Trips
- 52 RSVP Medical Trips
- 48 Congregate Nutrition Site Transportation

HEAP:

- ❖ 231 applications received as of November 21st.

Legal referrals: 4 individuals received legal assistance through Rural Law Center of NY.

Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)

Caregiver support groups are offered for caregivers of someone with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease:

(registration required www.sullivancee.org/events or by calling CCE Sullivan at (845) 292-6180 x 122

Caregiver Café' (In person):

held Oct. 21 -6 attendees

Upcoming: Nov.4 and Dec. 2

Virtual/zoom: 2nd Wednesday each month 6pm-7pm.

Held October 9 – 1 attendee

Upcoming: Nov. 14, Dec. 11

A **Parkinson's Support group** meets monthly 2nd Wed - 4pm – 5:30

The **October 9** meeting had 10 attendees.

This group will take a winter break. No meetings will be held December through March and will resume in April 2025

Bone Builders (Osteoporosis prevention). Started Sept. 19 and will run through Nov. 21.

14 active participants. A spring series will likely be offered, check the events page: www.sullivancee.org/events

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention – Tai Chi Stage 2 series will be held Oct 21 – Dec. 12. The class is currently full with 15 people registered.

A beginner's class will be offered again in spring 2025. Check the events page: www.sullivancee.org/events

Workshops held:

October 15 - *Keep Them Safe – A Caregiver’s Guide to a Safe Home* – with Lynda Shrager, OT, MSW, CAPS

11 attended via in person and zoom

Nov. 4 – Empowered Caregiver Series: Communicating Effectively

Nov. 14- Empowered Caregiver Series: Exploring Care & Support Services

Upcoming! Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) workshop series - FREE

Jan. 27 – March 3, 2025, once/week on Mondays from 11-1pm with lunch

Register: www.sullivanccce.org/events

This is a weekly program for 6 weeks to enhance awareness of senior health and well-being.

NY Connects:

- 184 contacts for October.
- Outreach events at Towns & Villages scheduled throughout November and the beginning of December.

HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program):

- ❖ 68 contacts.
- ❖ Annual election period October 15th-December 7th for Medicare open enrollment.

PERS (Personal Emergency Response System):

- 28 clients currently receive PERS through CSE, EISEP & IIIE funding.

EISEP (Expanded In Home Services for Elderly Program):

- Retirement of long serving EISEP Case Management Specialist 10/30/24, Applications still being accepted for replacement.
- Updating waitlist prioritization procedure and screening process.

EISEP FULL-SERVICE CASEFILES during October	
Casefiles open as of 10/31/2024	45
Casefiles newly opened throughout October 2024	6
Casefiles closed throughout October 2024	0
Waitlist (due to aide availability)	14

Sullivan County Youth Bureau:

- Youth Bureau met with Probation and DFS to discuss partnership moving forward as per the Office of Children and Family Services' (OCFS) recommendations. (will become mandated sometime in the future so we're trying to be proactive).
- Attended two Leadership Development trainings.
- Attended two MLK Day of Service Planning groups to go over schedule for that day. YB will assist with the planning of the schedule.
- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Prasad's new dental van. They received a \$600,000 grant from Mother Cabrini Foundation.
- Site visits conducted at Town of Thompson Spooktacular and Town of Tusten Halloween Extravaganza on 10/19.
- Attended NYS YB Association Conference in White Plains.
- Sullivan West students attended Legislative Day at the Government Center on 10/24. Met with County Manager, County Attorney, County Treasurer, and Commissioner of Division of Community Resources.

Transportation

County Transportation:

Month 2024	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In-County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses	Seniors to Congregate Sites	Meals Delivered
January	50	12	70	150	*	*
February	38	17	79	147	*	*
March	47	42	112	158	*	*
April	59	29	105	181	35	407
May	51	29	121	190	41	416
June	33	17	111	191	38	351
July	47	24	117	187	47	470
August	43	32	101	191	40	478
September	32	22	99	163	33	357
October	39	23	104	181	41	394
November						
December						

Move Sullivan

- ✓ Approved expansion routes include a 1-hour shuttle in liberty; a 1-hour shuttle in Monticello and a 1-hour route covering Livingston Manor, Roscoe, Callicoon Center, Jeffersonville, Youngsville, White Sulphur Springs, and Liberty.
- ✓ All new routes link up with transfer points to the other routes.

- ✓ Creation of signs in underway.

Move Sullivan 2024	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	436 (21 days)	9,154	230
February	472 (20 days)	9,447	218
March	478 (21 days)	10,048	262
1st Quarter Totals		28,649	710
April	490 (22 days)	10,775	272
May	521 (22 days)	11,469	296
June	546 (20 days)	10,910	270
2nd Quarter Totals		33,154	838
July	590 (22 days)	12,999	347
August	605 (22 days)	13,245	338
September	570 (20 days)	11,398	259
3rd Quarter Totals		37,642	944
October	517 (22 days)	11,373	303
November			
December			
4th Quarter Totals			
Annual Totals			

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ Through our partnership with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, we average 25 food pantries who attend our monthly food distributions at the Transportation building.
- ✓ The food distribution days now 3 per month.
- ✓ The Catskill Food Hub is a critical partner whose relationship with local farmers and Growing Soul provides the rest of our distributed food.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ Continued distribution of test kits.

- ✓ The CAC remains active providing emergency food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ Support HV Food Bank monthly mobile pantry efforts in Fremont, Yulan and Fallsburg.



Sullivan County
Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

File #: ID-6962

Agenda Date: 12/5/2024

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF RSVP STATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$7,465.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF RSVP STATE GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has notified Sullivan County that NY State funding for the 2024-2025 RSVP program is available in the amount of \$7,465; and

WHEREAS, the goal the RSVP program is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities throughout the county especially in rural areas, and to the underserved populations that reside in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the term for the RSVP program is from 7/1/2024- 6/30/2025; and

WHEREAS, if the County’s application is approved, the funds will be used to reimburse the County for RSVP expenditures incurred by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging including operational costs; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for County expenditures will be available after submission by the County and approval by the New York State Office for the Aging of an application, standard assurances, program narratives and program budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager or their designee is hereby authorized to execute the RSVP renewal application with required assurances, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office for the Aging for the RSVP program, for the term beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to accept the award should one be granted, 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 all commitments and agreements are contingent upon receiving the necessary State allocations.



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File #: ID-6965

Agenda Date: 12/5/2024

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

Seek Lead Agency status for a countywide broadband infrastructure project in accordance with SEQRA requirements.

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:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN TO PURSUE LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR THE SEQRA PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTYWIDE NETWORK OF HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The County of Sullivan was recently awarded \$29,943,365 for the construction of a county-wide network of high-speed broadband infrastructure, including wireless equipment on a total of 11 communication towers and approximately 250 miles of fiber; and

WHEREAS, the Project is subject to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as defined in Title 5 NYCRR Section 617; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SEQRA requirements, the County of Sullivan is eligible to act as Lead Agency for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County of Sullivan to pursue designation of and act as Lead Agency for the SEQRA process for the Project.



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File #: ID-6983

Agenda Date: 12/5/2024

Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

INTRODUCED BY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AGREEMENTS WITH VOLUNTEER STATIONS TO PLACE RSVP VOLUNTEERS WITH SUCH STATIONS

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging (“SCOFA”) operates the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (“RSVP”), which is federally funded via the Corporation for National Community Service (“CNCS”); and

WHEREAS, RSVP volunteers are placed at over sixty (60) volunteer stations throughout the County of Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer station may be a public agency, a secular or faith-based private non-profit organization or a proprietary health care organization, which accepts responsibility for assignment and supervision of RSVP volunteers; and

WHEREAS, CNCS regulations (45 CFR 2553.23(c)(2)) require that a Memorandum of Understanding (or MOU) be entered into by RSVP sponsoring organization (e.g., the County) with each volunteer station, which MOU is renegotiated at least every three (3) years and which specifies the respective responsibilities of the volunteer station and the sponsoring organization; and

WHEREAS, SCOFA has obtained renewed, signed MOUs from each of the current volunteer stations in the County, and SCOFA may add additional volunteer stations from time to time, each of which would also need to sign MOUs with the County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is effective for MOU’s signed after January 1, 2025 and effective until 3/31/28; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with each existing volunteer station and any volunteer stations selected by SCOFA in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Memorandum of Understanding agreement be in such form

as approved by the Sullivan County Department of Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all commitments and agreements are contingent upon receiving the necessary State and Federal allocations.