



# Sullivan County

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

## Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee

### Meeting Agenda

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

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**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

#### Comments:

1. Explore the County Parks Presentation

#### Reports:

1. Division of Planning

[ID-5612](#)

**Attachments:** [June 23](#)  
[SCLB Forrest School](#)  
[May 23 AG report](#)

2. County Treasurer

3. Division of Community Resources

4. Real Property Tax Services

[ID-5624](#)

**Attachments:** [Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for 5.2023](#)

5. Visitors Association

[ID-5629](#)

**Attachments:** [July2023\\_.docx](#)

6. IDA

7. Chamber of Commerce

8. Partnership for Economic Development

#### Discussion:

**Public Comment**

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution to permanently store tax roll books from 1/1/07 through 12/31/10 and cancel outstanding property taxes contained in said roll books for two years [ID-5593](#)
2. Resolution to withdraw parcels in the Town of Fallsburg from a foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138(6)(b) and to issue respective certificates canceling taxes [ID-5596](#)
3. Resolution to withdraw the parcel known as Town of Lumberland SBL 11.-1-21.21 from a foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138(6)(b) and issue respective certificates canceling taxes [ID-5597](#)
4. Resolution to cancel unenforceable taxes, penalties and interest on parcels pursuant to §558 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law [ID-5598](#)
5. To provide funding for the Neversink Crossing Project in the Town of Fallsburg for additional design, engineering and study as required by the NYS DOT to access \$1.1 million in Congressional funding. [ID-5615](#)
6. RESOLUTION TO CONVEY PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN BY VIRTUE OF THE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING [ID-5617](#)
7. Resolution to accept payment of real property tax arrears from the Village of Liberty [ID-5620](#)
8. TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #52.V-2-19.1 [ID-5625](#)

**Adjourn**



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## Legislative Memorandum

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## DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### ACTIVITY REPORT

June 2023

#### CONTENTS

- I. Planning
- II. Sustainable Energy
- III. Parks, Recreation & Beautification
- IV. Grants
- V. Agriculture & Farmland Protection

#### I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

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

- GML-239 Referrals

| <b>GML-239 Referrals, June 2023</b> |                       |  |                                   |                      |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Date Received</b>                | <b>Date Requested</b> | <b>Project Name</b>                      | <b>Action Type</b>                | <b>Referral ID #</b> | <b>Legislator</b> |
| 05/22/23                            | 06/28/23              | Fisher & McGrath                         | Site Plan Review                  | HIG23-02             | Rajsz             |
| 05/30/23                            | 06/20/23              | Fulton Subdivision                       | Subdivision Review                | DEL23-04             | Conklin           |
| 06/05/23                            | 06/05/23              | Amend Legal Desc. of the Boundary of PUD | Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Text | FAL23-08             | Perrello          |
| 06/07/23                            | 06/16/23              | Zoning Amendments                        | Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Text | LIB23-12             | Alvarez           |
| 06/07/23                            | 07/07/23              | MBSC Ventures, LLC, Self Storage         | Site Plan Review                  | BET23-01             | Doherty           |
| 06/12/23                            | 07/12/23              | 819 Gulf Road, LLC, Minor Subdivision    | Subdivision Review                | CAL23-04             | Conklin           |
| 06/16/23                            | 07/19/23              | Local Law review                         |                                   | LIV23-07             | Alvarez           |
| 06/16/23                            | 07/12/23              | Express BDS                              | SEQR                              | THO23-12             | Sorensen          |
| 06/16/23                            | 07/12/23              | Old Route 17 Warehouses                  | Site Plan Review                  | THO23-11             | Sorensen          |

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

- **Neversink Watershed Management Plan:**
  - A public visioning meeting was held on Monday, June 12 at SUNY Sullivan
  - Staff from Planning and Public Works will be participating in a review of the culvert assessment completed for Sullivan County.
  - 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 website for the plan can be viewed at [www.resilientsullivan.com](http://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.
  - We encourage community members to provide feedback via the following web-based tools:
    - Resilient Sullivan Visioning Board:  
<https://mudworkshop.mysocialpinpoint.com/resilientsullivanplan/ideas/>
    - Resilient Sullivan Mapping Tool:  
<https://mudworkshop.mysocialpinpoint.com/sullivanresiliency/>

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

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
  - We continue to encounter additional requirements from the NYSDOT for the Neversink River Crossing project. A hydraulic study is required at an estimated cost of approximately \$30,000. Additional scope to address NYSDOT requirements to date has been estimated at \$33,000. The results of the hydraulic study have the potential to add additional scope but will not be known until such time as the study is completed. A resolution is being presented today to authorize an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to address NYSDOT requirements. NYSDOT is administering the funds which were awarded to the County via Congressionally Directed Spending (Delgado/Schumer/Gillibrand).
  - A resolution authorizing an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Fallsburg is being presented for consideration. This IMA will establish the mechanism by which the County is able to pass-through funding to the Town for construction of the Neversink Crossing project. It will also authorize the County Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to accept and administer the funds.
- **Highland Access Improvements**
  - Sullivan County Public Works is providing assistance by producing several signs needed for the site (ingress, egress, do not enter, handicap accessible parking). Many thanks to Ed McAndrew and his staff.

- The DEC has indicated that paving will begin shortly, and once completed signage will be installed and the site will be open to the public at that time.
  - We anticipate that the Friends of the Upper Delaware will be hosting a “Day on the Delaware” and launching from the Highland River Access site sometime in the beginning of August. Information will be provided once the date and time have been finalized.

## **Community Development & Revitalization**

- **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**
  - Planning staff are working with staff from RUPCO to ensure the transition of administrative duties is as seamless as possible. The contract between the SCLB and RUPCO has been executed.
  - We will discuss a regular schedule for the new administrator for the Land Bank to provide updates to the Legislature.
  - A series of outdoor educational events, “Forest Exploratorium”, concluded during the last week of June. Eleven (11) students participated, with the majority attending multiple sessions.
- **CDBG Housing**
  - **Manufactured Home Replacement**
    - Fully subscribed, waiting for contractor selection.
    - 4 applications with signed formal funding awards.
      - \$625,000 total committed funding
    - The manufactured home dealer/builder that has been selected to do all homes is Ridgetop LLC, 58 Pleasant Street, Monticello N.Y. 12701. At this time, we are waiting for individual final costs so formal contracts can be signed, permits obtained and units ordered. We anticipate all units being complete by the end of the CDBG contract term.
  - **Home Repair**
    - To date 10 applications have been received, however, 2 were denied, 1 is dropping out of the program, and 2 were deemed incomplete.
    - 5 applications with signed formal funding awards
      - 2 projects in progress
      - \$130,000 total funding has been committed with a balance of \$495,000 available
    - RUPCO had participated in community outreach events in both the Town of Callicoon and the Town of Rockland, in the wake of the tornado which struck the County in April. Due to the source through which the funds were made available (CDBG), applicants had to meet certain income eligibility requirements.
  - **Homebuyer Assistance**

- Funding for this program was moved to the Home Repair program.
- **EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant**
  - The County has engaged BRS, Inc. to assist with the closeout of the grant. BRS has already engaged Tectonic and is working with County staff to organize documents and identify remaining work to be completed by the end of the grant term (September 2023).
  - A contract modification with Tectonic will be necessary to accurately reflect project change orders. This will not impact the overall cost of the project and does not require legislative approval.
  - BRS is assisting the County with ensuring all aspects of the project are in compliance with program requirements. Quarterly reporting is current.
- **Plans & Progress**
  - Progress continues as we closing out the open projects that were awarded funding for the entirety of the program. To date there are 17 remaining open projects and 3 more are anticipated to close out in the next month.

### **Economic Development**

- **CDGB grants**
  - All equipment funded by this program has been received by the Center for Discovery and is currently being installed. We are in receipt of an acknowledgement of completion from NYS Homes & Community Renewal. The project will be closed out by the July 26, 2023 deadline.
- **Revolving Loan Fund**
  - Payments on all loans are current
  - Working with County staff and contractor to review the program.

### **Administration**

- “Moving Day” for the Division is over and four departments (Planning, Grants, Parks/Recreation, and Sustainable Energy) are now located with the same office space. This has already made a big difference in the ability to efficiently manage the Division. Many thanks to Ed McAndrew and the staff of DPW, as well as Lorne Green and his staff from ITS!

- Staff are being engaged in the budget process as 2024 Operating Budget request documents are received from OMB. This has been very helpful to identify resources that will be required to complete ongoing and future projects, as well as training and general office needs.
- Weekly discussions with the County Manager have been ongoing to ensure activities of the Division remain in line with County priorities

## II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- “Resilient Sullivan” County-wide Resiliency Plan: Project consultants MUD Workshop have established 2 online tools that enable County residents to participate and share their views. The digital Resilient Sullivan Vision Board explains the draft goals that have been formulated by the project’s Advisory Board, and invites residents to share initiatives, strategies, and projects to support each goal. The Resilient Sullivan Mapping Tool allows visitors to tag specific places with comments and recommendations regarding economic, social or environmental resilience, hydrology, flooding, open space, or other issues that need attention. These links have been shared through press releases and e-blasts to town and village officials, and town and village clerks have been asked to post on their social media pages to encourage broad participation by the general public. The online tools will remain open for comment through July 15.
- Addressing Septic and Water Quality Issues: In response to requests for assistance, staff from the Division of Planning, Grants department and OSE are assembling information and local data on private septic systems, drinking water wells and potentially affected water bodies in the County. These early steps will help us identify problem areas, develop strategies for outreach, testing, verification and documentation, and explore methodologies and sources of funding for repair, replacement, rehabilitation and ongoing monitoring as appropriate.
- OSE Web Site: The OSE web pages have been updated to include new reporting on the County’s cost savings from energy efficiency and renewable initiatives; the most recent data on benchmarking of County facilities; and new fact sheets with information and resources that can help residents, business owners and municipalities save money on their energy bills.
  - As an example, 26 Hamilton Avenue saw a decrease in oil usage equating to 66,654 kBtu, with an associated increase in electric usage equating to 37,754 kBtu. This represents an overall Site Energy Use decrease of 28,900 kBtu which translates to energy savings for the County.

## III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION



- Lake Superior opens daily for swimming, boating and picnicking on June 24, 2023. Season passes are currently on sale. The Park Manager has certified the lifeguards.
- The D&H Canal Interpretive Center is open for the season. The staff are currently setting up a series of summer history walks and talks that will take place along the canal trail and at the center.
- Working with the Department of Planning on design, engineering, and permitting for the Callicoon Park. There is a resolution on for consideration today to award design, engineering and permitting services to Fisher Associates and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for services associated with the parking lot, entryway, driveway and the first trail loop.
- The Center for Workforce Development will have a group from their Youth Employment Program completing projects throughout the County Parks again this summer.
- Working with the County GIS Department on the creation of maps for each County Park.
- The Delaware Company will be hosting the Commemoration of the Minisink Battle on July 22, 2023 4:00 pm at the Minisink Battleground Park.
- To date, the Parks Department has issued twenty-four Group Picnic Permits for the parks.

## IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- Activity/Technical Assistance
  - Since May 20, received and responded to 10 requests for funding resources related to: Village of Woodridge Police equipment needs, Fallsburg Town water infrastructure needs, and several business startups/expansion projects. (Year to Date Responses: 33) Follow up with previous inquirers is ongoing, as needed.
    - Of note, inquiries directed to us by way of Planning Division include a septic system replacement inquiry; a Veteran's Memorial inquiry for Town of Fallsburg; and an inquiry from a private citizen for a childcare development center.
  - DGA has been readily utilizing resources housed on the website by referring inquirers to the web resources and grant readiness tools. The website was updated with additional resources for funding for Veterans, as well as resources for community-based initiatives.
  - In addition, DGA created a Community Collaborator Intake Form to better equip DGA to assess grant readiness for outside agencies/individuals seeking partnership. It has been successfully implemented and utilized.
- In-County Grant Readiness
  - We are revising the Grants Manual in a new format to include graphics, “resolutions best practices,” etc.
    - Grant Concept Approval Form is under revision.
    - A “fail safe” was built into the resolution process to provide DGA an opportunity to review resolutions for content via Legistar. This also provides DGA with an opportunity to identify grants that they may not be aware of and follow-up with department heads to ensure compliance with the Grants Manual.
    - DGA developed a compliance strategy, which includes rudimentary curriculum notes for future trainings, which we hope can be accomplished via webinar trainings County-wide.
  - CFA Supplements (one for in-county use, one for out-of-county use) were developed. The in-County version was emailed to the County Manager with other CFA resources to be distributed to Commissioners. The out-of-County version was included in the Planning newsletter. To date, we have not been made aware of any potential CFA projects from departments other than Planning. By way of municipalities, the Town of Liberty, Town of Fallsburg, and Village of Jeffersonville made inquiries about the CFA opportunities.
  - Assistance has been provided to departments requiring support with the grant process, including Public Health, Planning, SC International Airport, Parks, Board of Elections, and Public Safety.

**V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION**

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







## PAST WORKSHOPS

**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, hosted and taught by Ag Educator Michelle Proscia.

**Intro to Poultry Production- May 8th 6-8pm.**

50 attendees and over 100 registered to learn about backyard poultry production. Topics included breed selection, feed and nutrition, housing requirements, and egg/meat production. The workshop was hosted in partnership with the Southeast Regional Livestock Team.

**NIFA Annual Meeting:** Grant recipients from across the country met to discuss their Food Safety projects. Hosted by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, this Food Safety Outreach Project meeting was a 2 day event that had 25 speakers.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

**Farm Visits: 13    Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 95    Soil Tests: 26    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, manure management, H2A employees, Livestock density, Farm employee wages, advertising farm jobs.

**Farm Business Management Program:** Through our farm business technical support program, staff are assisting 5 farm operations with farm business planning, with the support of the Hudson Valley Ag Development Corporation, to develop business and/or marketing plan. The farm operations consists of 2 start up operations, one poultry operation, one cider operation and one diversified operation.

**Horticulture Program:** Technical Assistance was provided to 40 contacts. Topics consisted of declining conifers & Japanese maple, soil test inquiries & amendments, young tree care, drought, weed ID, Pest ID.

## Agricultural District Program & County Ag Board

Staff are in the process of developing the final draft for the Ag District Eight Year Review Report. A public hearing was conducted and a final vote for approval and inclusion will take place in August. Overall, there was an increase of almost 4% in viable agricultural land.

The Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board also appointed a new chairperson for the Board. Erika Malmgreen, a farmer representative and co-owner of Winterton Farms, will now serve as the chairperson. John Gorzynki was the previous chair for the Board.

## Farm to School:

Staff partnered with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Harvest NY team to host a farmer and school food service director meeting and networking event. NY recently awarded funding to school districts to purchase products from local farms. Farmers and Directors were able to meet, discuss their needs and potentially set up future sales of Sullivan County farm products.



# MAY 2023 AG REPORT

## BEGINNER FARMER PROGRAM:

The Advisory Committee for the Beginner Farmer Program had its first meeting on May 31, 2023. At the meeting, the Advisory Committee reviewed the mentorship guide, a summer/fall workshop plan, and brainstormed ideas for workshop topics and farm visits in the future. We are in the process of developing a more concrete late summer & fall work plan, reaching out to farmers to host workshops and farm tours, create a curriculum/guide for the mentorship guide, create an outreach plan, and organize a social event for farmers in late August. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be in late July.



*Our program supports historically underserved individuals & communities.*

This includes beginner farmers in operation for less than 10 years; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) owned and operated farms; women owned and operated farms; veteran farmers; farmworkers; small farms; organic farms; and folks looking to get into farming.

*Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities & provides equal program & employment opportunities.*

*We're here to support you!*

Our team members are available to meet one-on-one with prospective farmers to provide technical assistance. Together, we'll spend time reviewing business plans, "vetting" ideas for soundness, and directing you to more in-depth resources if you need them. Our goal is empowering you to turn your farming dreams into reality!



*Take a closer look at our program...*

[sullivanccce.org/agriculture/beginner-farming](http://sullivanccce.org/agriculture/beginner-farming)

*Contact us today to get started.*

Call: 845-2929-6180 ext.130

Email: [tea46@cornell.edu](mailto:tea46@cornell.edu)

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*Turn Your Farming Dreams Into Reality*



*Learn, connect, and grow with other Catskills farmers!*

The Beginner Farmer Program assists beginners farmers in the Catskills Hudson Valley Region through group trainings, one-on-one conversations, farm visits, farmer to farmer mentoring, and an intensive learning cohort.

*Helping beginner farmers create successful, resilient farm operations!*

*We provide technical assistance and workshops focused on essential topics.*

- Direct marketing
- Wholesale marketing
- Business planning
- Farm financial management
- Farmland access
- Agricultural production
- Farm food safety plans
- Urban farming
- Compliance with laws & regulations
- Soil health
- Composting
- Rotational grazing
- High tunnel extension
- And much more!

*Farmer Advisory Committee*

Our Farmer Advisory Committee is helping to develop the Beginner Farmer Program, provide guidance for program implementation, and most importantly, providing new farmers with perspective rooted in their respective agricultural and business experience.

*Bring your farming vision to life...*

This project is supported by USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture award #2022-06508.





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## Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for May 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 **May** 2023:

**May deed count: 397**

**2023 total: 2088**

2022 total: 2153

**May Subdivision Lots: 125**

**2023 total: 189**

2022 total: 203

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

- Taught the annual Board of Assessment Review training class
- Attended a meeting of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
- Created numerous maps and mailing lists pertaining to the Agricultural District Four 8 year review
- Reviewed and made recommendations on nine (9) Correction of Error applications

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

- Continued review of one (1) condominium project.
- Reviewed four (4) new condominium projects
- Answered numerous 911 address inquires.

### E-911:

**May new addresses assigned: 52**

**2023 Total: 169**

2022 Total: 211

**May new roads created: 2**

## S.C.R.P.T.S. DEED/SUBDIVISION REPORT

| MONTH OF         |       | May         | 2023  | DEEDS |      | SUBDIVISION LOTS |      |
|------------------|-------|-------------|---|-------|------|------------------|------|
| SUBDIVISION LOTS | DEEDS | TOWN        | MONTH   | 2022  | 2023 | 2022             | 2023 |
|                  | 33    | BETHEL      | JANUARY                                       | 507   | 541  | 13               | 4    |
| 2                | 12    | CALLICOON   | FEBRUARY                                      | 401   | 478  | 80               | 14   |
| 4                | 2     | COCHECTON   | MARCH   | 436   | 390  | 24               | 30   |
|                  | 8     | DELAWARE    | APRIL   | 384   | 282  | 57               | 16   |
| 98               | 105   | FALLSBURG   | MAY   | 425   | 397  | 29               | 125  |
|                  | 4     | FORESTBURGH | JUNE  |       |      |                  |      |
| 2                | 5     | FREMONT     | JULY  |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 20    | HIGHLAND    | AUGUST  |       |      |                  |      |
| 5                | 36    | LIBERTY     | SEPTEMBER                                     |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 22    | LUMBERLAND  | OCTOBER                                       |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 36    | MAMAKATING  | NOVEMBER                                      |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 9     | NEVERSINK   | DECEMBER                                      |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 16    | ROCKLAND    | TOTAL   | 2153  | 2088 | 203              | 189  |
| 14               | 80    | THOMPSON    |   |       |      |                  |      |
|                  | 9     | TUSTEN      |   |       |      |                  |      |
| 125              | 397   |             |   |       |      |                  |      |
|                  |       |             | <b>2088 NEW DEEDS RECEIVED IN 2023</b>        |       |      |                  |      |
|                  |       |             | <b>189 NEW SUBDIVISION LOTS FILED IN 2023</b> |       |      |                  |      |

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

69 units of the Subdivision lots total for May 2023 were Condos.

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

| MONTH OF          |                           | May   | 2023      | NEW E-SITES ADDED |      | ADDRESS VERIFICATION & OTHER ISSUES |      |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------|-------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|
| NEW E-SITES ADDED | ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS ETC | TOWN  | MONTH     | 2022              | 2023 | 2022                                | 2023 |
| 1                 | 1                         | BETHEL  | JANUARY   | 14                | 9    | 21                                  | 18   |
| 1                 | 0                         | CALLICOON   | FEBRUARY  | 11                | 80   | 7                                   | 8    |
| 0                 | 0                         | COCHECTON   | MARCH     | 141               | 13   | 11                                  | 13   |
| 0                 | 0                         | DELAWARE  | APRIL     | 11                | 15   | 11                                  | 31   |
| 52                | 1                         | FALLSBURG   | MAY       | 34                | 52   | 8                                   | 4    |
| 0                 | 0                         | FORESTBURGH   | JUNE      |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 6                 | 0                         | FREMONT   | JULY      |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 2                 | 0                         | HIGHLAND  | AUGUST    |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 0                 | 2                         | LIBERTY   | SEPTEMBER |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 1                 | 0                         | LUMBERLAND  | OCTOBER   |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 9                 | 0                         | MAMAKATING  | NOVEMBER  |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 0                 | 0                         | NEVERSINK   | DECEMBER  |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 0                 | 0                         | ROCKLAND  |           |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 6                 | 0                         | THOMPSON  |           |                   |      |                                     |      |
| 4                 | 0                         | TUSTEN  |           |                   |      |                                     |      |
|                   |                           | OUTSIDE CO.   | TOTAL     | 211               | 169  | 58                                  | 74   |
| <b>82</b>         | <b>4</b>                  | <b>169 New E-Sites added in 2023</b>                                    |           |                   |      |                                     |      |
|                   |                           | <b>74 Address verification, address changes, and other issues, 2023</b> |           |                   |      |                                     |      |

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

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



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## Update for July 2023

### Economic Development Committee

June continued to be a busy month with requests from all over the nation and visitors coming to enjoy the outdoors, attractions, and Pride Month. SCVA attended and hosted a dinner at the annual TAP Dance travel conference, held for the first time in Rochester, NY from June 11-13, bringing over 115 tourism professionals to Rochester to learn about our beautiful region and connect them with other industry leaders to build their businesses. The SCVA's strategic marketing initiatives are reaching new markets outside of the traditional Metro NY, NJ, PA, and CT markets. SCVA is responding to a fast-growing national and international interest.

## FAST FACTS

### Digital Ads 5/15 - 6/15

#### Google Ads

- 389,023 impressions
- Search Campaign has an 8.34% CTR (Clickthrough rate) - industry standard is 4.4%
- Average CPC (Cost-per-click) is \$1.05 - Industry Standard is \$1.53
- 3,059 website clicks

#### Facebook Ads

- 180,643 impressions
- Facebook Campaign has a 4.38% CTR – industry standard is .90%
- Average CPC is .34 – industry standard is .63.
- 7,915 Website clicks

#### Facebook Organic

- 539,792 Impressions
- Average engagement rate of 6.67% - industry standard is .19%
- Top 3 posts:
  - The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project
  - Cochection Pump House
  - The Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce

#### Instagram Organic

- 140,286 post impressions
- 44,813 story impressions
- Average engagement rate of 14.24% - industry standard is .91%
- Top 3 Reels:
  - Catskill Cuisine Recap
    - 9,391 Plays
    - 378 Likes
    - 18 Comments
    - 105 Shares
    - 21 Saves
  - Festival of the Founding Fish
    - 5,058 Plays
    - 115 Likes
    - 3 Comments
    - 39 Shares
    - 4 Saves
  - Oh, the Places You'll go.
    - 3,620 Plays
    - 103 Likes
    - 4 Comments
    - 9 Shares
    - 6 Saves
- Top 3 Posts:
  - Cohecton Pump House
  - Time Warp Records Callicoon
  - Monticello Bagel Bakery

**Highlights:**

- **Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting of the New York State Destination Marketing Organization at the Kartrite Resort.**
- **Attended I Love NY Summer Media Night in NYC to meet with over 60 travel writers and influencers.**
- **Attended ESSAE conference in Albany to meet with 55 NYS meeting planners.**
- **Attended Tap Dance in Rochester meeting with 40 Tourism professionals.**
- **Preparation for Fall Press Trip—expected up to 6 travel writers from prestigious publications.**
- **4 Dove unveilings at Arthur's Acres, Animal Hospital of Sullivan County, Rent My Escape, and Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.**
- **Met with Frederick, the owner of the new Bar Veloce in Narrowsburg to discuss membership and partnership opportunities.**
- **Attended 1<sup>st</sup> year Anniversary ribbon cutting at the new Hampton Inn in Monticello. Immediately afterwards scheduled a meeting to discuss membership benefits and their essential role in the Sullivan Catskills travel and tourism industry.**
- **Attended "Grand Opening" ribbon cutting at Decant in Hurleyville.**

- Summer OTT and cable commercials are running from mid-June through September with a focus on outdoor activities, hiking and biking, fly fishing, farm to table, concerts, and attractions.
- Host the County DMV the last Tuesdays of each month. This service optimizes the visitor center's community space.
- Coach USA has started the summer run stopping at major destination points in the County (i.e., Kartrite, Resorts World Catskills, and Villa Roma).
- New Website Update: framing is almost complete and will be ready for our visitors very soon.
- Continue working with a videographer/storyteller/tour guide to build our video library.
- Finishing touches on new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills and excited to unveil listing of our over 600 members.
- Collaborating with members on the Catskill Film Commission website and is moving along nicely.
- Continued discussion on innovative marketing initiatives grants through NYS and sharing the process with members who may qualify.
- Collaborating with communities and local organizations to collaborate teams and promote their events.

#### **Meetings**

- New York State Destination Marketing Organization at the Kartrite
- Regional Catskill Association Tourism Promotion Agency Meeting
- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Social Media Educational Seminar for members
- New York State Director of Sales meeting
- TAP—a national organization for tour operators—met with 40 tour operators.
- Essae, Albany. Met with over 50 meeting planners.

#### **Social Media & E-News**

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

#### **PR Outreach:**

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

Attachments: Advertising and social marketing highlights

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



**TOURISM LABOR: 16% ALL JOBS \$235 MILLION IN LABOR INCOME**  
**LOCAL TAXES GENERATED \$43.2 MILLION**  
**SAVINGS PER HOUSEHOLD: \$2,943**

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

## Travel Stories

**Total Impressions to Date: 1,061,035,617**

**Total Ad Equivalency to Date: \$9,793,186**

|               |                          |   |                 |        |               |            |         |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|---------------|------------|---------|
| May 26, 2023  | Sullivan County Democrat | <u>SCVA celebrates successful month</u>   | Editors         | Online | TBD           | 22,000     | 204     |
| May 28, 2023  | Macaroni KID             | <u>Catskill Cuisine 1st Annual Festival at Bethel Woods!   Macaroni KID Northwest Bergen</u>  | Elise Posniack  | Online | Core Creative | 858,000    | 7,937   |
|               |                          |   |                 |        |               |            |         |
| June 5, 2023  | Travel + Leisure         | <u>This New Glamping Retreat in New York's Catskills Has 5 Restored Vintage Campers and Wants to Make the Outdoors More Inclusive</u> | Kristine Hansen | Online | Core Creative | 16,400,000 | 151,700 |
| June 8, 2023  | Vogue                    | <u>How I Discovered Fly Fishing Is More Relaxing Than a Massage</u>   | Devorah Lev-Tov | Online | Core Creative | 19,600,000 | 181,300 |
| June 8, 2023  | Mid-Hudson News          | <u>Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail grows</u>  | Editors         | Online | TBD           | 474,000    | 4,385   |
| June 11, 2023 | Star Advertiser          | <u>The Call of the Catskills</u>  | Amy Thomas      | Online | TBD           | 2,700,000  | 24,975  |
| June 11, 2023 | WRRV                     | <u>A Piece of The Modern West in Washingtonville New York</u>   | Paty Quin       | Online | TBD           | 330,000    | 3,053   |
| June 11, 2023 | Hudson Valley Post       | <u>A Piece of The Modern West in Washingtonville New York</u>   | Paty Quin       | Online | TBD           | 1,900,000  | 17,575  |
| June 17, 2023 | River Reporter           | <u>Hampton Inn Monticello celebrates one-year anniversary</u>   | Editors         | Online | TBD           | 43,700     | 404     |
| June 21, 2023 | Untapped                 | <u>6 Charming Catskill Towns for a Summer Getaway from NYC</u>  | Rebecca Olshan  | Online | TBD           | 551,400    | 5,100   |

Top Performing Posts

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Message: Enjoy delicious food and treats under the stars at Cocheton Pump House! 🍷 🍴 You won't find an experience like this anywhere else...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 6,612       | 6,359 | 456   |



Message: Get ready to rock with Time Warp Records Callicoon! 🎵 🎸 With their amazing selection of music records, you won't want to miss out on...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 3,801       | 3,642 | 132   |



Message: Start your day off at Monticello Bagel Bakery with one of their delicious bagels and some freshly-brewed coffee - there's nothing better...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 3,229       | 3,036 | 155   |



Message: Escape to a world of peace and relaxation at Kadampa Meditation Center New York in the Catskills! 🌿 🧘 Their Buddhist...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 3,174       | 2,980 | 82    |



Message: Milkweed Oat Milk Gelato is a humble oat milk gelato camper right outside The Kaatskeller in Livingston Manor. 🍦 They're local,...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,665       | 2,494 | 122   |



Message: When you stay at Kenoza Hall, make a SPLASH in their outdoor swimming pool! 🏊 ☀ Summer is right around the corner - let's make it ...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,521       | 2,363 | 65    |



Message: The Heron Restaurant is reopening on June 17! Try their homemade Gravlax recipes available in 3 tasty forms to tantalize your...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,464       | 2,322 | 69    |



Message: Nothing screams 'yum!' like a delicious meal from @TangoCafeHurleyville! 🍴 📍 : @tangocafehurleyville . . #catskills...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,253       | 2,063 | 56    |



Message: Come experience the ultimate pampering session at Crystal Life Spa at Resorts World Catskills! 🧖🏻 From massages to facials and body...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,192       | 2,057 | 45    |



Message: Come see our furry friends at Buck Brook Alpacas, Inc.! Their farm is the perfect place to bring your family for a memorable day...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,162       | 2,046 | 81    |



Message: At Forestburgh Playhouse, they celebrate Pride 365 days a year! But, they are especially excited to offer programming this Spring, Summe...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 2,040       | 1,917 | 68    |



Message: Rise and shine! Start your day with a delicious breakfast at Kenoz Hall. ☀️ 📍 . . #catskills #mysullivancatskills #sullivancounty...

| Impressions | Reach | Likes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| 1,980       | 1,885 | 71    |

Top Performing Reels



Message: We're still daydreaming about @catskill\_cuisine last Saturday! Were you with us at the first annual food festival? We want to see your...

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 9,402 | 378   | 21    | 105    |



Message: @upperdelawareshadfest- the Festival of the Founding Fish, returns to Narrowsburg's Fort Delaware on Saturday, May 20! In the...

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 5,064 | 115   | 4     | 39     |



Message: Oh the places you'll go in the Sullivan Catskills. @theakaatskeller @villaromaresort @kartriteresort

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 3,633 | 103   | 6     | 9      |



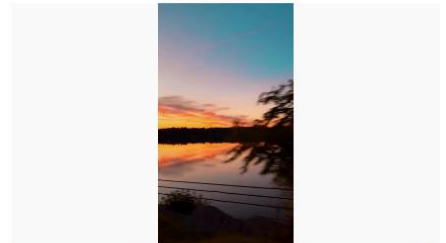
Message: Splash into adventure this Spring at @thekartrite - New York's BIGGEST Indoor Waterpark located right here in the #sullivancatskills. ...

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 3,032 | 61    | 3     | 20     |



Message: It's time to plan your spring getaway to the Sullivan Catskills! ... #catskills #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1,821 | 52    | 3     | 8      |



Message: Don't call us We're busy traveling in the Sullivan Catskills @katiedreamcatcher... #catskills #mysullivancatskills...

| Plays | Likes | Saved | Shares |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1,269 | 58    | 0     | 2      |

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## Over The Top commercials

### CTV

**983,913 Total Impressions**  
**98.48% Completed View Rate**

### Companion Display

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

## Facebook Posts

### Top Performing Posts



Message: The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project unveiled its first historical marker today at the Ethelbert B Crawford Library in Monticello...

| Impressions | Clicks | Engagement |
|-------------|--------|------------|
| 22,226      | 1,911  | 2,590      |



Message: Enjoy delicious food and treats under the stars at Cochection Pump House! 🍷 🍰 You won't find an experience like this anywhere else...

| Impressions | Clicks | Engagement |
|-------------|--------|------------|
| 22,651      | 1,313  | 1,598      |



Message: The Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce unveiled a new way finding sign in Livingston Manor today. The new walking map is...

| Impressions | Clicks | Engagement |
|-------------|--------|------------|
| 10,480      | 1,204  | 1,333      |



# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5593

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 1.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer has certified that there are delinquent taxes due on the financial records of her office for the period from January 1, 2007 through and including December 31, 2010 in the total sum of \$160,430.68, which sum represents delinquent taxes, interest and penalties levied against real properties which were either acquired by the County by in rem tax foreclosure and not discharged of record or which taxes are otherwise uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, \$160,041.43 of said delinquent taxes noted above is attributed to the parcel known as Town of Thompson tax map #107.-1-11.1 (the nursing home formerly known as “Monticello Manor”). This parcel has been transferred to the Sullivan County Land Bank for appropriate environmental remediation and ultimate sale, however, said sale is subject to the review and approval of the Village of Monticello, as they have substantial taxes due and owing on this parcel as well. The County and Village will proportionately share in the sale proceeds if, as and when said parcel is sold. However, due to the large sums of delinquent taxes, it is unlikely that the County and Village will be made whole on all of their delinquent taxes and therefore, writing off two years of the outstanding taxes will not result in a great loss to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer has recommended that she be authorized to make a correction of the records of the Sullivan County Treasurer by writing off the aforesaid amount as uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, the general public researches the financial tax records to inquire if there are any unpaid taxes for individual parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer would like to put into storage the tax roll books from the years 2007 through and including the year 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Treasurer be and she hereby is authorized to correct her financial records and write-off the sum of \$160,430.68 representing delinquent taxes, interest and penalties for the period of January 1, 2007 through and including December 31, 2010 and that the same be deemed discharged and canceled.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** N/A

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

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

N/A



# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

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**File #:** ID-5596

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 2.

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

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

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer filed a List of Delinquent Taxes on or about November 1, 2016 which included the parcels in question; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer commenced the tax foreclosure proceeding for unpaid 2016 taxes on October 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, several parcels on said List of Delinquent Taxes meet one or more of the criteria so that they should be withdrawn from the foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138 of the Real Property Tax Law, in that if the County were to acquire the parcel, there is a significant risk that it might be exposed to a liability substantially in excess of the amount that could be recovered by enforcing the tax lien, as follows: Town of Fallsburg SBL 58.A-1-21, 58.B-1-25, 58.B-3-26, 58.B-4-38, 58.B-5-13, 58.C-2-17, 58.C-4-19, 58.C-4-20, 58.D-1-18, 58.P-1-17, 58.P-1-9, 58.P-2-13 and 58.P-2-30; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that the commencement of supplementary proceedings against said parcels pursuant to §1138(5) of the Real Property Tax Law in the manner provided by §990 of the Real Property Tax Law would not be an effective means to enforce collection of the delinquent tax liens at the present time because the properties are common areas as set forth in the filed subdivision known as "Davos Inc., et al". These parcels are not buildable lots and are spread throughout the Davos subdivision. The former owners, Vodas Inc., have no interest in repurchasing the parcels from the County; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** N/A

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

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

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# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

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**File #:** ID-5597

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 3.

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

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

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer filed a List of Delinquent Taxes on or about November 1, 2012 which included the parcel in question; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer commenced the tax foreclosure proceeding for unpaid 2012 taxes on October 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, one parcel on said List of Delinquent Taxes, Town of Lumberland SBL 11.-1-21.21, meets one or more of the criteria so that it should be withdrawn from the foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138 of the Real Property Tax Law, in that if the County were to acquire the parcel, there is a significant risk that it might be exposed to a liability substantially in excess of the amount that could be recovered by enforcing the tax lien; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that the commencement of supplementary proceedings against said parcel pursuant to §1138(5) of the Real Property Tax Law in the manner provided by §990 of the Real Property Tax Law would not be an effective means to enforce collection of the delinquent tax liens at the present time because the property is a 4.68 acre parcel of land which is a private road in disrepair. All adjacent property owners were previously afforded an opportunity to purchase said parcel from the County and none of the owners were interested in doing so. In addition, the Town of Lumberland previously offered to adopt said road as a Town Road, but required that substantial improvements be done to make it a legal road prior to adoption, which the adjacent property owners were not willing to do; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County to charge back to the various municipal corporations

the amount so credited or guaranteed;

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

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** N/A

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

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

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# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5598

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 4.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

WHEREAS, property located in the Town of Bethel designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Bethel 42.-1-9 is a road owned and maintained by the Town of Bethel since 2014; and

WHEREAS, property located in the Village of Liberty designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Liberty 112.-1-12 erroneously received a solid waste fee in error in 2021; and

WHEREAS, property located in the Village of Liberty designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Liberty 113.-2-1 is owned by the State of New York and has two years of solid waste fees which the State has determined it will not pay; and

WHEREAS, property located in the Town of Mamakating designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Mamakating 23.-1-27.20 is owned by the State of New York and has two years of solid waste fees which the State has determined it will not pay; and

WHEREAS, tax bills for several lien years were generated for the above-mentioned parcels and remain unpaid, accruing delinquent taxes, penalties and interest through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer presented these parcels to the Real Property Advisory Board for review and the Real Property Advisory Board agrees that the parcels should be exempt from taxation under §558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, as these taxes, penalties and interest are unenforceable, the Real Property Advisory Board believes that it is in the best interest of the County to cancel any outstanding taxes, penalties and interest due and owing on the aforementioned parcels pursuant to §558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is so authorized to cancel the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest assessed to the parcels noted above and charge back the tax to the appropriate tax districts pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

**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:**

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Sullivan County  
Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5615

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 5.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

To provide funding for the Neversink Crossing Project in the Town of Fallsburg for additional design, engineering and study as required by the NYS DOT to access \$1.1 million in Congressional funding.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$100,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** funded by sales tax

**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 Sullivan County Legislature on April 7, 2022, Alta Planning + Design Inc. (“Alta”) was awarded a contract in accordance with #R-22-02, to assist with implementation of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Alta has provided design and engineering services for the Neversink Crossing Project (“Project”) as part of the original scope of their contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County (the “County”) was awarded funding in the amount of \$1.1 million via Congressionally Directed Spending to fund the construction phase of the (“Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the funding is being included in a Federal-Aid Project Agreement between the County and the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) who will administer the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT has required design and engineering services for the Project beyond the scope which was originally anticipated by the County and Alta, as well as a hydraulic study of the Project area; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funding for the project is required in order to fulfill the requirements of NYSDOT.

**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. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for engineering and design services, as well as to fund a hydraulic study, in response to the requirements of the NYSDOT; and

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



# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5617

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 6.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, property located in the Town of Mamakating designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as #66.-1-4.3 being 0.62 acres and located on O’Gorman Road is owned by the County of Sullivan by virtue of an Article 11 foreclosure for 2020 taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Luis Acosta owns a 2.97 acre parcel of land known as Town of Mamakating tax map #66.-1-4.5 (“Acosta parcel”) which is adjacent to the County-owned parcel noted above. The County-owned parcel contains the driveway and provides access to this adjacent to the Acosta parcel. Urban Financial Group holds a mortgage on the Acosta parcel and is in the end stages of foreclosing upon Acosta and taking title to the same. As such, the attorneys for Urban Financial Group has offered to purchase said County-owned parcel from the County of Sullivan for the sum of Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars and 50/100 (\$715.50) which includes the auction fees and all outstanding County/Town taxes to ensure that access continues to the Acosta lot. Once Urban Financial Group forecloses and takes title to the County-owned parcel, they will be required to combine the two lots in question to ensure this issue does not arise again in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Property Advisory Board has reviewed the offer of the Urban Financial Group and recommends that the County accept its offer as it provides access to a now landlocked property as defined in Chapter §164-8(C) of the Sullivan County Code, with the condition that the two lots be combined as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the purchase price of \$715.50, Urban Financial Group will also be responsible for all future taxes as well as any other applicable charges, including but not limited to, omitted and pro-rated taxes, water and sewer charges, if any.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents in order to convey the aforesaid premises to Urban Financial Group or its assignee upon payment to the County Treasurer of \$1,329.00 representing the purchase price, auctioneer fee and recording fees.

**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:**

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# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5620

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 7.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to an Inter-Municipal Agreement the County of Sullivan (“County”), the County Treasurer’s Office commenced and concluded a Real Property Tax Law Article 11 foreclosure proceeding on behalf of the Village of Liberty (“Village”); and

**WHEREAS**, one of the parcels of real property foreclosed upon is a 0.03 acre lot of vacant land located at School Street and is designated on the Town of Liberty tax map as Section 108 Block 6 Lot 39 (“Subject Parcel”), and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has maintained title and ownership of the Subject Parcel since August 27, 2012 and has designated the parcel for public use, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has recently learned that this parcel has not been deemed exempt from taxation and as such, there are twelve years of unpaid County real property taxes which still remain unpaid and are a lien against the Subject Parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has requested that the County accept the “County Amount” of said delinquent taxes and waive the payment of the accrued penalties and interest and release its lien against the Subject Parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Property Advisory Board has reviewed the request of the Village and recommends that the County accept its offer as it resolves twelve years of open taxes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Treasurer to waive the penalties and interest accrued against the Subject Parcel, to accept payment of the County Amount of the tax arrears as payment in full and to release the County’s lien against the Subject Parcel.

**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:**

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Sullivan County  
Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-5625

**Agenda Date:** 7/6/2023

**Agenda #:** 8.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING, REAL PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CORRECT THE 2023 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR TAX MAP #52.V-2-19.1

WHEREAS, an application dated June 9, 2023 having been filed by the County of Sullivan with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2023 tax roll of the Town of Thompson Tax Map #52.V-2-19.1 pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, to correct an Unlawful Entry on the taxable portion of the tax roll due to an entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll or the tax roll or both of the assessed valuation of real property which, except for the provision of RPTL, §490, is wholly exempt from taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated June 19, 2023 recommending this Board approve said application; and

WHEREAS, this Board has duly examined the application and report and does find as follows:

(a) That the application be approved because of an unlawful entry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application be approved upon the grounds herein set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature be and he hereby is directed to note the decision of this Board on the application, execute an order to such effect to the officer having custody of the tax roll, send notice of approval to the applicant and file a copy of the records of this proceeding with the Clerk of the County Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of any tax corrected pursuant to this Resolution shall be a charge upon the said municipal corporation or special district to the extent of any such municipal corporation or special district taxes that were so levied and that the amount so charged to any such municipal corporation or special district shall be included in the next ensuing tax levy and to the extent that the levy made pursuant to this resolution includes a relieved school tax, the Treasurer shall charge back such amount in accordance with law.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$6.42

**Are funds already budgeted?** No

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

RPTL §556