



**Sullivan County**  
**Planning and Community Resources**  
**Committee**

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**Meeting Agenda - Final**

Chair Matt McPhillips  
Vice Chair Joseph Perrello  
Committee Member Luis Alvarez  
Committee Member Catherine Scott  
Committee Member Brian McPhillips

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**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**Government Center**

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**Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Comments:**

**Reports:**

1. Planning Division [ID-8187](#)  
**Attachments:** [February 2026](#)  
[Jan 26 AG report](#)
2. Division of Community Resources [ID-8180](#)  
March 2026 Report  
**Attachments:** [2026 PandCR March Report](#)

**Discussion:**

**Public Comment**

**Resolutions:**

1. To authorize the preparation of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant to complete a Mongaup Watershed Management Plan [ID-8183](#)
2. To authorize a contract modification with Metropolitan Urban Design for implementation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan [ID-8184](#)

**Adjourn**



# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

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**DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
& ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
February 2026

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- V. Agriculture & Farmland Protection

**I. PLANNING ACTIVITY**

**Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:**

GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW – 239 Referrals					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
1/28/26	2/20/26	Highlands Salon	Special Use Permit	TUS26-01	Scott
1/28/26	2/20/26	Keller Williams	Special Use Permit	TUS26-02	Scott
1/28/26	2/2/26	Adlers at Swan Lake	Special Use Permit	LIB26-03	B. McPhillips
1/28/26	2/27/26	Camp Bnos	Special Use Permit	LIB26-04	B. McPhillips
1/28/26	2/27/26	Camp Agudah	Special Use Permit	LIB26-05	B. McPhillips
2/23/26	3/5/26	Proposed LL #1 of 2026	Adoption / Amendment of Zoning Map	BET26-01	M. McPhillips
2/3/26	2/24/26	237 Glen Wild – Glamping	Site Plan Review	THO26-04	Ward
2/13/26	3/13/26	D’Auria Lot Improvements	Subdivision Review	FAL26-01	Ward
2/13/26	2/13/26	YKS Bungalows	Special Use Permit	FAL26-02	Ward
2/20/26	2/25/26	Hidden Ridge- Community Building & Pool	Site Plan Review	THO26-05	Ward

2/23/26	3/18/26	Jacobson Rd. – Rezoning	Adoption / Amendment of Zoning Map	FAL26-03	Ward
2/25/26	3/27/26	Mongaup Falls Hydroelectric Project	Site Plan Review	FOR26-02	Rajsz

- Planning staff continues to work on providing training on a wide range of topics for municipal board members so they can get their required 4 hours of New York State Department of State Training. Delaware Engineering provided a training covering package plants for waste water treatment on January 27th. Pace University training that will offer credits for board members and continuing legal education credit hours for attorneys is being scheduled for April 22. Staff continue to keep track of any future webinars from the Department of Environmental Conservation particularly as it pertains to environmental permitting. Additionally, staff compiled a list of training resources and created a page on the county website to share them.



**Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning**

- Comprehensive Planning**

  - Despite not receiving CFA funding, Planning has begun to scope out a process to complete a county-wide comprehensive plan while continuing to seek funding.
- Water Resources and Infrastructure**

  - Planning consultant Delaware Engineering is making progress on the Countywide Infrastructure Assessment. The County reviewed the municipal reports and the consultant is updating them with the recommended edits. The County level was received and Planning is reviewing. Planning and consultant will work with Municipalities to ensure the work is accurate and useful. The project is expected to be completed by May 2026. A presentation to the Legislature will follow.
  - Planning has entered into a contract with LaBella for work to obtain hydrogeologic expertise in relation to subsurface conditions throughout the County to assess the County’s water resources. The process is anticipated to take a year to complete.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan**

  - Staff from Tetra Tech was at the Government Center on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to assist municipalities with completing their jurisdictional annexes. Completion of these annexes are required by NYS and FEMA for plan approval.
  - The remaining municipalities that have yet to review and complete their jurisdictional annexes are being contacted to establish times to complete this exercise. Annexes must

be completed by March 20, 2026 in order to keep the project on schedule. The County has offered additional assistance to ensure participation by all jurisdictions.

- The plan remains on track to be adopted and in place by the end of July 2026.

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

### **• Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**

- Sullivan Paving has site control and started working on the Neversink Crossing. The winter break started with the cold weather at the end of November. The County has been working with the project partners to draw down the funds. Two of the grants have been closed. The project is expected to be complete in late spring/early summer of 2026.
- Two grants have already been 100% drawn down and are in the process of being closed out. The first draw request has been submitted for the funding made available via Congressionally directed spending through the New York State Department of Transportation.
- The use and occupancy agreement between New York State Department of Transportation and the Town of Liberty for the Parksville extension is tied with the acquisition process for multiple parcels related to the rerouting of Route 17. The design is complete. Planning assisted the Town with the State Environmental Quality Review and they were able to issue a negative declaration at their January meeting.
- The Town of Rockland is working with Rotary Park on the section of trail from Livingston Manor towards Parksville. Engineering work is complete, and the Town is preparing an application to get funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program. County support for this initiative has been expended.
- Planning successfully prepared and submitted an application to the federal BUILD program (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) to fund the engineering of the trail/road intersections, a schematic design for the former Liberty Trestle, and an e-bike supplement to the Sullivan O&W Feasibility Study. The request is for \$4,000,000 and there is no requested County match. The Department of Grants Administration played an instrumental role in submitting this application on time.
- Staff continue to work with the Open Space Institute to help municipalities acquire rights of way to the trail.

- Staff worked with the Department of Public Works sign shop to fabricate etiquette signs for the trailheads. Planning continues to work with the municipalities on installation. Staff also has been distributing etiquette brochures that were translated into Yiddish.
- Staff continue to participate in quarterly meetings of the O&W Rail Trail Alliance as well as regular meetings with the engineering firm and partner municipalities.
- The Alliance’s SnO&W event was cancelled due to extreme weather. The next event planned is the FO&WL on Saturday, April 25 at 8AM. The Alliance is teaming up with Sullivan Audubon Society President Maura Muller to lead a short hike on the Hurleyville section of the trail that skirts past Shaddock Pond, a local hotspot for migratory birds.



### **Community Development & Revitalization**

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan**
  - A resolution is being presented today to authorize a contract modification with Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop for next steps towards implementation of the plan. The additional scope will include preliminary design development of five (5) specific capital projects throughout the County, including existing conditions analysis, concept designs, and cost estimates. The locations identified are in the following municipalities:
    - Village of Monticello
    - Village of Liberty
    - Town of Fallsburg
    - Town of Rockland
    - Village of Wurtsboro
  - Funding for the additional scope totals \$50,000 (\$10,000 per location) and was included/approved with the 2026 Operating Budget. The intention is to use the packages developed to seek grant funding to support capital projects.
  - The consultant is also currently completing draft roadway and sidewalk inventory to guide infrastructure planning.
  - A page on the County website is being maintained to keep people informed on the progress and highlight participation opportunities.
- **Housing**
  - The County received three (3) responses to a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for a partnership on the County Infrastructure Grant Program issued by Empire State Development (ESD). Two of the three projects are targeted towards workforce housing (32 units in Fallsburg and 75-100 units in Liberty). The third

project includes the development of 175+ units of luxury townhomes in the Town of Thompson.

- Four recently completed single family homes developed by the Sullivan County Land Bank are now being marketed at a price point that is affordable to Sullivan County residents/workforce at or below 120% of median household income. A strategic session will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> to identify further opportunities to continue developing affordable units to residents of Sullivan County.
- We continue to wait for the announcement of several funding opportunities (both federal and state) that could support development of affordable housing units.

## II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- The 2.4 MW solar array at the Liberty Health and Human Services Campus generated 2,342,914kWh in 2025. The County pays \$0.071/kWh for a total expenditure of \$166,346.89. These credits offset \$383,122.46 worth of charges by NYSEG across seven facilities (which are the “satellite” receivers) through the remote net metering program. Total savings to the County in 2025 were \$216,775.57. The new Sullivan County International Airport terminal will be added as a satellite starting in March 2026. Also, the District Attorney’s Office is now a net zero energy and zero greenhouse gas emissions facility due to the credits received through this project, as well as a transition to cold climate air source heat pumps that provide the heating and cooling for the building operations.
- The hydroelectric facility at Goodyear Lake in Cooperstown, NY was off line for over a year, undergoing major turbine retrofits. Generation resumed on June 24, 2025. From June 24, 2025 through February 2, 2026, the plant produced 1,564,478 kWh of electricity, which the County purchased for \$0.09315 per kWh for a total expenditure of \$166,346.89. This offset charges of \$383,122.46 across the Public Safety Complex, the Government Center and the Sullivan County Courthouse and reflects a savings of \$216,775.57. Note, the hydroelectric facility figures include bills for January 2026, which proved to be an exceptionally expensive month for electricity.
- OSE staff continues to follow developments on three cases before the Public Service Committee which could have impacts on the residents of Sullivan County – Clean Path, Town Line Solar and the NYSEG rate case. One update with regard to Town Line Solar has been received, indicating impacts to wildlife that must be mitigated as part of the project.
- OSE staff have evaluated current rate classifications for various County facilities and are working with NYSEG to determine if savings could be achieved by changing certain classifications. Staff also continues to review monthly utility statements, and to work with New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and Department of Public Works (DPW) staff to resolve any meter readings and monthly billing errors identified.

### III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- Callicoon Park: SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) has been completed. We are currently waiting on NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) determination before construction can begin. We have been advised that a determination on NEPA is being finalized and will be issued in the first half of March.
- Fisher Associates have completed an inventory and analysis of the D&H Canal Trail Improvement project and are currently working on developing a plan for the trail rehabilitation.
- We have finalized the NYSWIMS grant. The County and five local municipalities that participated in the grant received approximately \$3,500 to help offset the costs of operating their public swim areas for 2024-2025.
- Beginning in March, the Parks and Recreation Department is offering four Lifeguard Certification courses, four Lifeguard Recertification courses, and four CPR Recertification courses. The courses will take place at the Fallsburg Central School swimming pool.
- Currently advertising for the seasonal positions at D&H Canal Interpretive Center, Lake Superior State Park and ground maintenance.
- The Frederick Cook Society presented a free Sunday Concert at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 1:00 pm.
- Park maintenance staff are servicing the landscape equipment in preparation of the upcoming season.
- Programming is being set up for the 2026 summer season at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center. Programming will consist of local school visits, walks along the canal, and presentations about the history of the canal and surrounding areas.

### IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION (DGA)

- **Building Capacity for Grant Funding**
  - Collaboration with Compliance Office - Department of Grants Administration (DGA) staff have maintained communication with the County's Compliance Office and are on standby to collaborate related to grant compliance policy, procedure and best practice.
  - Grant Application Resource Development - As time and workload permits, DGA staff continues to build out grant narrative boilerplates and current data sets as a resource for future grant applications. This resource includes information germane to various areas, including health, education, transportation, and economic statistics.
  - Grant Fiscal Management Tool Release - DGA staff provided a Grant Fiscal Management Tracker template to County staff who participated in the Grant Management 101 training modules. This tool was originally developed by Erin O'Brien,

Public Safety Division, and received high marks during a recent fiscal monitoring assessment. This tool serves as an effective tool for any staff involved in tracking grant expenditures.

- Strengthening Internal Control Protocols - DGA staff is working with County Management and ITS staff in revamping the Grant Concept Approval Form and its processing from manual to electronic fill in and submission. In addition, DGA staff is working with the County Legislature Clerk and County Management to revamp the Grant and Allocation (requiring execution) Resolution Templates and Coversheet for future use when submitting for approval prior to their respective Legislative Committee meeting.
- **Support to Outside Entities**
  - DGA received six (6) community inquiries since the end of January related to small business start-up, first-time homebuyer assistance, capital funding for municipal and not-for-profit organizations, small business expansion, and home repair.
  - *A Grant Project Planning Workshop* was offered to the community on Tuesday, February 24th, from 9-10 am and 6:30-7:30 pm (snow date of February 25th). The workshop was for municipal leadership, not-for-profits, and small business entities. Initial feedback on the workshop has been very positive.
- **Support to County Staff: January Highlights**
  - **County Manager**
    - DGA staff is on standby to assist with the 2026 New York State Empire State Development County Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP) for a project involving housing development infrastructure.
  - **Community Resources**
    - DGA staff is providing technical assistance for the 2026 New York State Office for the Aging Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) allocation application process.
  - **Health and Human Services**
    - DGA staff is collaborating with Community Services to match funding resources for their respective projects and provides ongoing technical support to Public Health staff. DGA staff is also providing technical assistance as needed related to the Department of Family Services Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) Family Visitation Space Upgrade Project.
  - **Public Works**
    - DPW staff is providing support assistance as needed for the 2026 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Household and Hazardous Waste Program grant application.
  - **Planning**
    - DGA staff provided ongoing assistance to Parks and Recreation staff related to the NY SWIMS (Statewide Investment in More Swimming) and NY PLAYS (Places for Activity and Youth Socialization) Programs, and is providing support to Planning staff in preparing the 2026 US DOT BUILD (Better Utilizing

Investments to Leverage Development) Grant application. Staff is also on standby to assist with the 2025 National Fish and Wildlife Federation Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund application, if necessary.

- DGA staff provided a revised Water Infrastructure Funding Resources Guide to planning staff for their Municipal Packing Plants training on January 27th.
- **ITS**
  - DGA staff participates in regular weekly Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) / Broadband project meetings and assists in the monitoring of the project.
- **Public Safety**
  - Sullivan County was listed among awardees for the Combined 2024-2025 NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Statewide Interoperable Communications (Targeted Grant Program) and awaits official award notification for a \$2,000,000 award.
  - DGA staff is closely monitoring activity related to the DASNY Jeffersonville Tower Project and are hopeful the project will enter the review phase by mid to late spring.
- **Board of Elections**
  - The County was awarded \$7,855.46 for the NYS Board of Elections Election Grant program, and received an extension through March 2026 for the NYS Board of Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant program.
- **County Clerk**
  - DGA is on standby to assist the County Clerk's Office with the 2026-2027 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund grant application, due in early April.
- **District Attorney**
  - DGA has provided ongoing grant-related training and guidance to DA staff, and is on standby to assist with the submission of the 2025 NYS Office of Victims Services Victims of Crime Act Victims Assistance Program grant application.

## V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- Cornell Cooperative Extension January 2026 Agriculture report attached

### PAST WORKSHOPS

**Lunch and Learn Webinar: Adapting to Changing Growing Seasons** - January 5th. 20 registered. Brett Budde from Majestic Farm led a presentation on different ways you can adapt to variable growing season challenges like adjusting planting and harvest days, growing zones, managing risks in late spring and early frost dates and crops that work well with changing growing conditions.

**Lunch and Learn Webinar: Invasive Species and Plants** - January 20th. 23 people registered. CCE Sullivan educator Katie Gasior and Kathryn Brignac (CCE Ulster) led presentations on how you can plan for impacts of invasive plants and insects in your garden or on farm. They covered what invasive plants and insects to keep an eye out for and how to identify them, ways to mitigate farm impacts, best integrative pest management strategies and preventative measures.

**Lunch and Learn Webinar: Ag Energy Efficiencies** - January 26th. 13 people registered. Gabriel Gurley with Ag Energy NY led a class on agricultural sector specific upgrades and technologies available to farmers, energy auditing and on farm energy use, as well as available grant funding for farm sector specific improvements and resources available to folks through the Ag Energy NY program.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

**Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 91      Soil/Hay Tests: 2      Farm Visits: 3**  
Technical Assistance was provided on land access, ag districts, farmland preservation, Catskills Kitchen (insurance, business structures, permitting & licensing), beginning farmer, soil tests, soil health, interpreting results, pH correction, Cover crops: species selection, nutrient management planning, Enterprise budgeting & cost of production, funding opportunities, native gardens, invasive species. **16 total Hours of Technical Assistance.**

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- **Agri-Tourism Webinar Series**
  - 2/18: Know the Law: On Farm Risk Management & NYS Legal Requirements
  - 2/24: Biosecurity for Farm Experiences
  - 3/4: Creating Accessible Farm Experiences
  - 3/18: Designing the Farm Experience: Tours, Storytelling & Visitor Engagement
  - 3/25: Marketing Your Farm Experience
- **Livestock Weather Stress: Hot or Cold Webinar** - February 12th: Learn how livestock respond to extreme temperatures, and what YOU can do to protect their health and productivity
- **Understanding Cover Crops** - February 26th: This workshop will equip farmers with a clear understanding of how cover crops improve soil health, nutrient cycling and on-farm resilience through ecological and biological processes.

### Farm to School Project:

CCE Sullivan received funding from the NYS Harvest NY Program to provide farm to school education to elementary students throughout Sullivan County schools, working closely with our partners, farmers, and food service directors. The grant delivers programs connecting cafeterias, classrooms, and local farms. The team works with school districts on NY Thursdays meals featuring local ingredients, Big Apple Crunch participation, agriculture and nutrition lessons, taste tests and cooking workshops. CCE staff produce a monthly Farm to School newsletter to provide updates to the community and schools, and resources to teachers (see attached).



# DECEMBER- JANUARY Newsletter

## JANUARY'S HARVEST OF THE MONTH: LEAFY GREENS



### HIGHLIGHTS



- NY Thursday in Sullivan West, plus free graphics available for menus
- Farm to School Summit in February, opportunity to join 4-H
- Sullivan BOCES enjoyed a taste of leafy greens in the classroom

### CAFETERIA

Local cafeterias are taking part in NY Thursday. Shout out to Sullivan West, whose staff served NY potatoes to students in December. Yum!

Would you like to add to your cafeteria's aesthetic with Harvest of the Month images? Posters and logos are available for you to view and use on menus, school websites, or social media posts. [Click here](#) to view.

### COMMUNITY

*For adults: The Farm to School Summit*  
*For kids and families: 4-H*

The 2026 Farm to School Summit is taking place next month in Saratoga Springs. This is a great opportunity for educators, food service staff, food producers and anyone interested in learning more about farm to school initiatives; and to connect with a wider community at the state level. Scholarships are available. [Act now! The registration deadline is February 1st.](#)

### IN THE CLASSROOM

Sullivan BOCES welcomed CCE for a hands-on leafy greens lesson on January 15th. Upper elementary students first viewed a slideshow showcasing 16 types of greens, then had the chance to record the characteristics of five types of greens that grow in NY for themselves. Students measured the length and made notes on color, texture, smell, and taste. Some even turned over a new leaf and discovered they enjoyed the taste!



# DECEMBER- JANUARY Newsletter

## OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- February's Harvest of the Month: Animal Protein (chicken, beef, pork, etc.)
- Farm to School Summit at the Saratoga Hilton: February 23rd-25th
- Want to book a session for your classroom? [Email Joy](#) (or hit reply).
- [Learn more about positive youth development through 4-H](#), and check out some awesome agriculture-themed video.

### Ag Videos for the Classroom:

[Majestic Farm](#)  
(Sullivan County - 3 min)

[Why Can Cows Eat Grass?](#)  
(29 min)

[The Amazing Pig!](#)  
(Utah - 5 min)

[Wool Ewe Keep Me Warm?](#)  
(27 min)



### WHY ENROLL IN 4-H? KIDS GROW HERE.



### SO...WHAT EXACTLY IS 4-H?

4-H is America's largest youth organization with a chapter here in Sullivan County! 4-H helps kids grow into their best selves through projects centered on the 4 pillars of 4-H (see below). From working with animals to creating fiber arts, practicing archery to bringing robots to life... THIS is 4-H!



HEAD

#### STEM

These exciting projects get youth engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Expressive Arts.



HEART

#### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Youth become leaders and learn about civic affairs, decision-making, and how to develop confidence in connecting to others.



HANDS

#### AGRICULTURE & FOOD

Animal Science, Gardening & Horticulture, and Food & Nutrition are long-standing areas of 4-H youth project work.



HEALTH

#### HEALTHY LIVING

It's all about promoting healthy habits to empower physical and social emotional health and to reduce at-risk behaviors.

### 4-H SOUNDS AWESOME...HOW DO I ENROLL?

Enrollment is ongoing, so young people can join anytime. Contact us today to get started!



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# Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

## March 2026

### Office for the Aging (OFA) Director's Report January 2026

- 10 home visits for assessments, reassessments, and application assistance.
- 29 applications for SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare Savings, and Temporary Assistance.
- Participated in several New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) training webinars and program update calls.
- Conducted several interviews for 2 open Nutrition Site Aide Positions, all OFA positions currently filled.
- Met several times with Director of Transportation and Coordinator of Nutrition to map out updated nutrition routes for maximum efficiency.
- Attended Alzheimer's Orange Sullivan Program Advisory Council
- Attended Community Services Community Services Board (CSB) Sub-Planning committee meeting
- Claims submitted to NYSOFA are being reimbursed currently.



### **Sullivan Volunteers**

- One new volunteer enrolled.
- 2026 Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are being processed.
- Coordinator attended Leadership training
- Volunteers provided 43 rides for medical appointments.
- 899 hours volunteered in December with a value of \$34,594 according to IndependentSector.org.

### **🍽️ Nutrition Program**

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Home-Delivered	2,315	128	\$1,346.00
Congregate Site	397	72	\$395.25
Total	2,712	200	\$1,741.25

### **🚗 Transportation Services**

- 100 medical trips (SCT).
- 144 shopping trips (SCT).
- 43 volunteer medical transports.

- 1 medical transport by OFA staff.
- 32 rides to congregate meal sites.

## **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

25 applications received and processed in January. 273 applications have been processed so far this HEAP season

## **Legal Assistance**

10 households assisted through Rural Law Center of NY.



## **Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)**

### **Evidence-based Health Promotion:**

#### **The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE):**

We will be holding another 6-week WISE series at Golden Park Apts. in Liberty beginning in February and in the Town of Highland Senior Center at a date to be announced in the spring.

#### **Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention**

The February 24 – April 17 weekly series is full with 18 seniors registered. We will take names for the wait list for future classes.

#### **Bone Builders Fall Series**

We are currently taking registrations! We have an additional volunteer who will be facilitating classes! Joy Mendelsohn will facilitate Bone Builders March 10 to May 21, weekly on Thursday 11-12 at the Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville Community Room.

Linda Siegel will facilitate Bone Builders March 26 to May 7, weekly on Thursdays, 11-12 at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Liberty.

Registration is required and space is limited.

#### **Caregiver Support Groups offered-(2)**

January 2, February 2 – Caregiver Café

January 21, February 18 – Virtual Support Groups

Parkinson's Support Group is on a winter break and will resume in April 2026.

#### **Number of Information & Assistance calls:**

December – 27

January - 25

**Workshops/Community Outreach:** none scheduled for January

#### **Caregiver Support Group Schedules- 2026**

- Caregiver Café (in person) - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month 10-11am at CCE Sullivan
- Virtual Caregiver Support Group- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month, 6-7pm via zoom.
- Parkinson’s Support group- breaks until spring. Call with questions.



**NY Connects**

208 individuals served in January

**📍 HIICAP (Health Insurance & Information Counseling Assistance Program)**

50 Individuals received counseling

**📞 PERS (Personal Emergency Response System)**

19 clients currently enrolled through CSE, EISEP, and Title IIIIE funding.

**🏠 EISEP (Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program)**

<u>Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Active Cases (as of 1/31/26)	29
Closed Cases	0
Waitlist	23
Hours Authorized (January)	982.2
Hours Provided (January)	713.75



**Sullivan County Youth Bureau**

- Participated in United Sullivan partner check-ins
  - Attended Human Rights Roundtable
  - Youth Bureau Facebook posts lead to 544 views and 9 interactions in January 2026.
  - Participated in MLK Jr. Day planning meeting.
  - Attended Facilitator training for MLK Jr. Day.
- Met with Dr. John 'Push' Gaines and attended his presentations at Liberty and Monticello Middle Schools. Dr. Gaines is a former at-risk youth turned inspirational speaker.

- Attended MLK Jr. Day of Service Youth Summit. The Youth Bureau was able to fund the keynote speaker, Dr. John “Push” Gaines through State dollars. He presented to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Monticello and Liberty Middle Schools on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. He was then the keynote at the MLK Jr. Summit held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Sullivan. This day brought all districts’ 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders together. The themes of the day were perseverance, hope, character, confidence with all of those things leading to love. Students participated in discussions based upon 13 pictures that related to one of Dr. King’s quotes. The students then had to pick one quote to represent their group to present to Dr. Gaines. Dr. Gaines’ messages and life history resonated with the students. Students received sweatshirts, a book about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and some new skills to help them deal with difficult times.
- Attended the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association subcommittee on marketing.

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

- ✓ Through our partnership with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, we average 20 food pantries who attend our monthly food distributions at the Transportation building.
- ✓ There are three (3) food distribution days per month.
- ✓ Support HV Food Bank monthly mobile pantry efforts in town of Freemont.
- ✓ Outreach is ongoing to determine needs of pantries.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ The CAC has seen an increase in requests for food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.

### **Sullivan County Transportation**

Effective February 23, 2026, the Transportation Department drivers will no longer deliver meals to homebound seniors. They will continue to pick up the food at the jail and deliver to the congregate sites. They will also continue to transport seniors to the congregate meal sites.

This change will allow drivers to provide more medical rides to seniors.

## Sullivan County Transportation Department:

<b>Month 2026</b>	<b>Veterans Medical Centers</b>	<b>Veterans In-County Medical</b>	<b>Senior Medicals</b>	<b>Shopping Buses</b>	<b>Seniors to Congregate Sites</b>	<b>Meals Delivered</b>
January	33	26	95	144	28	561
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Totals</b>						

## Move Sullivan Public Transit:

<b>Move Sullivan 2026</b>	<b>Average Daily Ridership</b>	<b>Monthly Ridership</b>	<b>Monthly Paratransit</b>
January	579 (19 days)	9,266	284
February			
March			
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Sullivan County  
Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

**File #:** ID-8183

**Agenda Date:** 3/5/2026

**Agenda #:** 1.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

To authorize the preparation of a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant to complete a Mongaup Watershed Management Plan

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$800,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): \$400,000 Grant (federal); \$400,000 local (to be provided in the form of projects undertaken within the project area after January 1, 2025

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT TO COMPLETE A MONGAUP WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) administers funding for watershed studies and restoration activities to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, flood resiliency and recreation in the Delaware River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mongaup Watershed is a sub-watershed to the Delaware River; and

**WHEREAS**, NFWF's goals to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, flood resiliency and outdoor nature-based recreation are closely aligned with those of Sullivan County; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County in conjunction with Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR), Trout Unlimited (TU), and the Land Use Law Center at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University (Pace) have identified the need for planning and drainage improvements in the Mongaup Watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, such activities are eligible for funding under the NFWF program, with a maximum award of \$400,000 subject to a 50% project match; and

**WHEREAS**, currently funded projects may qualify to serve as the required match; and

**WHEREAS**, if successful, the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development will coordinate the development of the proposed Mongaup Watershed Management Plan and watershed education, said Plan and education to be prepared by Friends of the Upper Delaware, Trout Unlimited, and Pace.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and/or their authorized representative (as required by the

funding source) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit an application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the preparation of a Mongaup Watershed Management Plan and the implementation of select drainage improvements recommended in the Plan for funding of up to \$400,000, with a match of up to \$400,000 to be provided through eligible matching funds being invested in the Mongaup watershed by the County and project partners; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the NFWF funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.



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Agenda Date: 3/5/2026

Agenda #: 2.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

To authorize a contract modification with Metropolitan Urban Design for implementation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$50,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s):** A8020-90-47-4763 (2026 Operating Budget)

**If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE MODIFICATION OF A CONTRACT WITH METROPOLITAN URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP (MUDW)**

**WHEREAS,** Sullivan County (“County”) awarded a contract to Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop (MUDW) to develop a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (“Plan”) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, as per a proposal submitted in response to solicitation R-24-34; and

**WHEREAS,** the Plan, which focuses on connecting our town and village centers for residents through alternative transport by identifying safe and convenient connections that reduce vehicle trips to common destinations for work, school, shopping and essential services within the County’s population centers, is nearing completion; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposal submitted by MUDW included an additional optional scope for implementation consisting of preliminary design development of five (5) specific capital projects throughout the County, including existing conditions analysis, concept designs, and cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of this additional scope is \$50,000, or \$10,000 per project, and this funding was included in the 2026 Operating Budget for the Department of Planning; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Sullivan County Legislature to move forward with the additional scope as the development of the preliminary design packages will provide the basis for the County and its municipalities to seek outside funding for implementation of the action items identified in the Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes the County Manager to execute a modification to an agreement with Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop to develop five (5) specific capital projects throughout the County, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.