



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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

11:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Planning Division [ID-8470](#)

Attachments: [June 2026](#)
[May 26 AG report](#)

2. Division of Community Resources [ID-8479](#)
Monthly Report
July 2026

Attachments: [2026 P and CR July Report](#)

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. Authorize an application for funding to write a County Comprehensive Plan [ID-8463](#)

2. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF
CERTAIN 2025 YOUTH BUREAU CONTRACTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2026 [ID-8469](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

Adjourn



Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

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DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT

June 2026

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- I. Planning
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- IV. Grants
- 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
5/26/26	6/25/26	390 State Route 52	Site Plan Review	FAL26-07	Perrello
6/1/26	7/1/26	The Empress	Site Plan Review	FAL26-08	Perrello
6/3/26	7/3/26	CR Laird Rd., LLC	Subdivision Review	BET26-03	M. McPhillips
6/5/26	6/30/26	LL #3 of 2026 – Right to Farm	Other	FAL26-09	Ward
6/8/26	7/2/26	White Lake Mansion	Site Plan Review	BET26-04	M. McPhillips
6/11/26	7/6/26	OTD Properties 1, LLC	Special Use Permit	LIB26-12	B. McPhillips
6/12/26	7/10/26	LL #1 of 2026 Moratorium on Data Center Facilities	Adoption / Amendment	HIG26-01	M. McPhillips
6/12/26	7/10/26	LL #2 of 2026 Moratorium on Package Plants	Adoption / Amendment	HIG26-02	M. McPhillisp
6/17/26	7/17/26	The Empress	Change of Zoning	FAL26-10	Perrello
6/25/26	7/24/26	Town of Bethel Comprehensive Plan	Adoption / Amendment of Comprehensive Plan	BET26-05	M. McPhillips

- 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. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will be coming to Sullivan County in the Hearing room on July 28th at 5 pm to give an overview of solar and Battery Energy Storage Systems (aka BESS) model ordinances as well as the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES) permitting process. 3.5 credit hours of municipal training will be available. The Division of Planning is also looking into potential credits for municipal engineers for this training. Additionally, staff continue to maintain a list of training resources on the county website.
- Planning is updating the County Databook, which compiles US Census and other data for the county. It will be available on the Planning website arranged by topic area and updated as needed based on availability of data.

Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning

- **Comprehensive Planning**
 - Planning will file an application with the NYS Department of State via the Consolidated Funding Application process to support the Comprehensive Plan initiative. A 15% match will be required which Planning intends to provide as in-kind services. A resolution is on the agenda to authorize submission of the grant.
- **Water Resources and Infrastructure**
 - Monthly meetings with the consultant, LaBella, have begun for the study of the hydrogeology of in relation to subsurface conditions throughout the County to assess the County's water resources. LaBella is currently collecting data and information to incorporate into their analysis of existing conditions. The process is anticipated to take a year to complete.
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan**
 - Sullivan County's updated plan is now posted to MitigateNY 2.0, New York State's updated web-based hazard mitigation planning platform and database. A link to the plan and survey for public feedback, are available on our website, in the *Plans and Studies* section.
 - The public review period remained open until Friday, June 5th. NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is reviewing the plan to ensure that all requirements were met, and following their review, the plan will then be reviewed by FEMA.
 - Municipalities may adopt the plan once the State review is completed. All municipalities must adopt the plan.

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- Sullivan Paving has made progress on the Neversink Crossing, and the prefabricated bridge was delivered and placed on the abutments, and the concrete decking was installed. The County has been working with the project partners to draw down the funds, and successfully received the first draw down of the federal funds through New York State Department of Transportation. Two of the grants have been closed. The project is expected to be complete this summer.



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- 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 has helped coordinate other environmental requirements necessitated by the involvement of New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Office of Parks and Historic Preservation, and federal funds.
- 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.

- Staff continue to work with the Open Space Institute to help municipalities acquire rights of way to the trail. Planning will assist the Town of Liberty with a grant application to acquire a parcel near the Village.
- 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 next event planned is the BowWO&W on Sunday, August 9th. It will start in Dog Patch Park in Fallsburg. Participants will be encouraged to walk down to the Fallsburgh Tunnel entrance. The tunnel itself will remain closed, but work was completed on the adjacent trail.



RUGER, LAST YEAR'S WINNING
BOWWO&W

Community Development & Revitalization

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan**
 - Work continues on the draft Master Plan, as well as draft roadway and sidewalk inventory to guide infrastructure planning and analysis of county infrastructure to identify areas for additional sidewalks, bike lanes or other improvements and amenities such as crosswalks. The plan is expected to be completed by the end of Quarter 3.
 - The consultant continues preliminary design development on capital projects that were identified during the course of the planning process. Community stakeholders continue to be engaged during this process.
- **Housing**
 - Planning staff attended a roundtable discussion organized by Assemblywoman Paula Kay to discuss housing opportunities with large employers, housing developers, and municipal representatives.
 - Met with members of the Town of Tusten housing committee to discuss available programs and organizations to address housing affordability in rural communities.
- **Administrative**
 - Attended monthly meeting of Sullivan County Land Bank
 - 2027 Operating Budget Request submitted for all 4 departments within the Division of Planning
 - Continued administration activities associated with the Municipal Infrastructure Program for deployment of broadband infrastructure, including weekly reporting to New York State ConnectALL office, internal staff meeting, weekly meeting with the County's partner Archtop Fiber, monthly pole attachment meeting with stakeholders from across the State, and webinars on reporting requirements.

- Attended the Spring/Summer meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

- An application from RWE Solar Developments has been delayed but still expected to be filed with the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Permitting, with a new target date of July 17, 2026. The project is known as Town Line Solar, a utility scale solar development in the Towns of Forestburgh and Thompson.
 - Department of Public Service Matter Master #24-03035
 - Sullivan County has executed a Memorandum of Agreement with the municipalities, and staff have been in communication with Town officials as well as the County Attorney's Office to discuss next steps in accessing intervenor funds for legal representation during the application process.
 - A contract has been awarded to Sterling Engineering Associates to provide professional services related to an independent review of the project.
 - An engagement letter with Harris Beach Murtha has been signed.
 - These efforts will be funded by intervenor funds made available by the developer as part of the standard State review process.
- OSE staff 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.
- Information continues to be gathered for the County's recertification in the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- The Delaware Company will host the annual Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink on July 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Minisink Battleground Park. The commemoration will be accompanied by events and historical displays throughout the weekend as part of the celebration of America's Semiquincentennial.
- Fisher Associates is currently working on the design and wetland delineation for the D&H Canal Trail Improvement Project.
- The Annual Countywide Litter Pluck began on April 1 and ends October 31. All disposal coupons and informational packets have been distributed to participating locations throughout the county.
- Lake Superior Beach and Boat Rentals is currently open on weekends and will begin daily operations on June 27. Season passes are available for purchase at the lake and through the Parks and Recreation Office.
- Two educational walks were recently held at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center:
 - On May 24, Kerron Barnes led a two-mile historical walk focusing on the history of the D&H Canal and the O&W Trail.
 - On June 14, Dr. Walter Jahn led a nature walk highlighting the bird species that inhabit the canal corridor.
- The Delaware Company has opened Fort Delaware for the season and is currently hosting Student Days for local schools. Approximately 1,000 students are expected to participate in this year's program.
- Staff has filed the department's 2027 budget request.
- The department is taking applications for Group Picnic Permits for all of the County Parks.

IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION (DGA)

- **Keeping Federal Grant Funding & Grants Best Practices**
 - Keeping Our Finger on the Pulse: Key Stakeholders attend meeting to discuss impacts of activity in Federal funding landscape: On Wednesday, June 10, representatives from the County Manager's Office, Audit, Treasurer's Office, Management & Budget, Purchasing, Compliance, County Attorney's Office, and Planning met to obtain an orientation to impacts of activity in the Federal funding landscape. The following topics were discussed:
 - Notable Activity in the Federal Funding Landscape (US Attorney General Memorandum from July 29, 2025, Executive Orders, impacts conveyed in the news, etc.)
 - Impact on the Federal Funding Process (Federal Law & Grant Funding, insights from industry professionals, potential impact on County grant processes)
 - Discussion Points & Action Items (how contract processes, applications and associated documents are being impacted)
 - Grants Best Practices to Mitigate Risk
 - Proposed revisions to the SAM.gov certifications
 - Proposed revision to Uniform Guidance
 - Additional meetings will be scheduled for further discussion.
 - Grants Best Practices to Mitigate Risk: DGA staff have evaluated strengths and vulnerabilities related to internal grant operations and have prepared a list of recommended actions they feel are necessary to better position the County to obtain and retain grant funding, which will be shared with Management this month.
 - Capacity, Compliance, and Risk Assessment: The DGA Grant Capacity Survey was routed to Divisions/Departments/ Elected Officials to assess their current grant-related capacity in order to provide the appropriate level of support. Results of responses received to date are included with this report.
- **Support to Outside Entities**
 - DGA received six Funding Resource Requests (FFRs) since the end of May. Requests were for home repair, not-for-profit programming, and small business support.
 - A second Grant Project Planning training has been scheduled for September 22, 2026 with both morning and evening sessions available.
 - 2026 New York State Consolidated Funding Application information was released. The Department of Grants Administration CFA Supplement guide for municipalities, not-for-profits and local businesses has been published on the County website, social media, and distributed to the community via the Planning Division Newsletter. A copy of the 2026 CFA Supplement is included with this report.
- **Support to County Staff: January Highlights**
 - **Community Resources**
 - DGA staff is working closely with Community Resources staff to assess a variety of open grant opportunities.
 - **Health and Human Services**
 - DGA staff collaborated with Health and Human Services, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) staff to submit the first claim in the amount of \$11,697.66 to Dormitory Authority of the State of NY (DASNY) for the Travis

Family Building Family Visitation Space capital upgrade. A meeting will also be scheduled to assess DFS needs and capacity.

- o DGA staff assisted with process required to accept additional funds offered by Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program for periods 2 and 3 of the grant resulting in an additional award of approximately \$67,000. DGA remains on standby to assist the Public Health Department (PHD) as needed and to provide grant training to project managers, fiscal staff, and administrative support staff upon request.
- **Human Resources**
 - o DGA staff assisted Division of Human Resources in preparing and submitting a 2026-2027 NYS Hazard Abatement Board/NYS Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Education Training Grant Program application in support of enhanced workplace safety training.
- **Public Works**
 - o The County was awarded \$28,601 under the 2025 NYS DEC Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) grant program, which offset 50% of incurred costs for hosting two Hazardous Household Waste events in 2024. DGA is assisting with providing supplemental documentation and facilitating execution of contract.
- **Planning**
 - o DGA staff will provide support to Planning Department staff in the preparation of a 2025-2026 NYS Department of State (DOS) Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program application for funding to support the County Comprehensive Plan update. The application will be submitted via the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) system.
- **Parks**
 - o Sullivan County has received \$13,500 of funds from the \$15,000 award disbursement from the NYS 250th Commemoration Commission grant. DGA staff is collaborating with OMB staff to route total awarded funds to the Delaware Company to procure a statue of a Minuteman to be placed at Minisink Battleground Park. The statue will be dedicated in honor of the Semi-Quincentennial. The remaining \$1,500 funds will be routed to the County upon successful project completion / closeout. Project continues to progress with NYS Education Department staff, County Government staff and Delaware Company.
- **ITS**
 - o DGA staff participates in regular weekly Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) / Broadband project meetings and assists in the monitoring of the project.
- **Public Safety**
 - o DGA staff continues to closely monitor activity related to the Dormitory Authority of the State of NY (DASNY) - Jeffersonville Tower Project to be constructed with the DASNY funding. The County anticipates having all the

required information needed by DASNY staff to further their review and approval process in the near future. The tower is a critical component of the MIP broadband project.

- o The 2025-2026 New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services - Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) application; the Combined SFY 2025 & SFY 2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based application; and the FY 2025 SAFER application were successfully submitted.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- Cornell Cooperative Extension May 2026 Agriculture report attached
- The Orange County Land Trust has been notified that the Diehl Farm was awarded a state Purchase of Development Rights grant for the most recent round of funding.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 146 Soil/Hay Tests: 16 Farm Visits: 3

Technical Assistance was provided on land access, ag districts, farmland preservation, Catskills Kitchen (insurance, business structures, permitting & licensing), beginning farmer inquiries, soil testing, fertilizer/lime calculations, grants, whole farm planning, business management, emergency farm plans, vineyards/grape, native plants, invasive pests, tree decline, weed control, pond weed control, planting schedule, orchard care, weed control, Japanese barberry. **47 total Hours of Technical Assistance.**

PAST WORKSHOPS



High Tunnel Farm Tour at Sprouting

Dreams Farm (May 12): 20 Participants toured Sprouting Dreams Farm to learn how high tunnels are used in practice. Owner Eugene Thalmann shared insights on successes, challenges, and risk management, while stops covered construction, ventilation, irrigation, crop choices, and seasonal planning, followed by a Q&A on farmer strategies.

4-H Club Gardening Workshop - May 26: 12 youth participated in an engaging gardening workshop where members learned about plants and the essential conditions they need to grow. Participants had hands-on experience sowing seeds, planting seedlings, and water-

ing the garden. They also explored how plants develop and discussed where our food comes from through interactive questions and activities.

Livingston Manor Library – Invasive Species of the Catskill Region Workshop (May 14) 15 participants attended a presentation focused on invasive species impacting the ecology of the Catskill region. The workshop covered both aquatic and terrestrial species, providing guidance on how to identify them and strategies for effective management and control.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- **Livestock First Aid** – June 3, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 PM
- **Raising Pigs on Small Acreage (Veteran Farmers)** – June 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
- **Farm & Livestock Emergency Response (Webinar)** – June 11, 2026 | 6:00–7:30 PM Training on emergency response, responder coordination, and managing farm-specific incidents.
- **Connecting Farmers & Landowners: Pathways to Land Access** – June 24, 2026 | 5:30–8PM
- **Livestock Behavior & Handling Demonstration** – June 26, 2026 | 6:00 - 7:30PM
- **Emergency & Fire Preparedness for Farms (Webinar)** – July 8, 2026 | 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Building a Farm Emergency Response Plan** – July 14, 2026 | CCE Sullivan

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS HERE: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | Events](#)

FARMLAND PRESERVATION:

Number of Municipal 239 Review's: 3

Ag Assessment Technical Assistance: 6

Ag District Technical Assistance: 9

2026 Ag District 30 Day Window: CCE staff and the County Ag Board reviewed the Ag Districts applications and conducted site visits. A report has been created for the legislature with their recommendations. A public hearing is proposed for July.

County-Wide Farmland Preservation Project (and Report from OCLT): Legislation to include Sullivan County in the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act (HVCPA) has passed both houses, and we are currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Outreach also continued with local partners, including planning a May webinar with Catskill Mountainkeeper to support implementation. OCLT also established the Hudson Delaware Land Conservancy, forming a governing board and holding its first meeting to support long-term farmland preservation efforts.

CATSKILLS KITCHEN:

During this reporting period, technical assistance was provided for 7 inquiries related to use of the Catskills Kitchen. Support included guidance on product development (such as salsa, cookies, and teas), as well as navigating licensing, permitting, labeling, and FDA requirements.

The kitchen currently has 12 approved users producing a variety of products, including kettle corn, pizza, coffee, packaged and herbal teas, BBQ sauce, pesto, and spice rubs. The facility also supports catering operations and serves as a commissary kitchen for hot dog and coffee carts.



UPCOMING MUNICIPAL TRAINING: Farm-Friendly Communities: Zoning Tools to Support Agritourism – June 17, 2026 | 5:30 - 7:30PM

Farm Friendly Communities:
**ZONING TOOLS TO SUPPORT
AGRI-TOURISM**

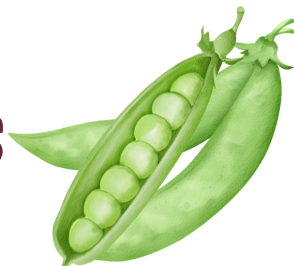


This event is designed to empower municipal officials with the tools needed to enhance agri-tourism in their community through farm-friendly land use and zoning practices.

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County



HARVEST OF THE MONTH: SPRING GREENS & SNAP PEAS



HIGHLIGHTS



- Local produce to be used for June 17th taste test at Sullivan BOCES
- Benefits of school gardens
- CCE Sullivan & Sullivan 180 join forces to facilitate garden visits with Kindergarten and 3rd graders at Liberty Elementary School

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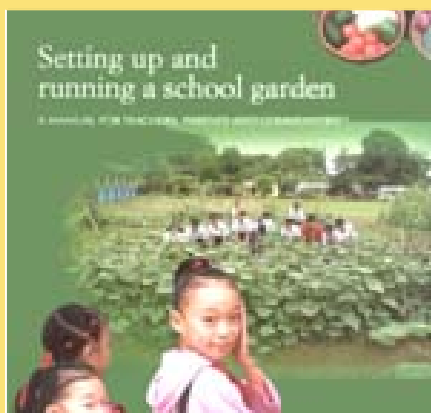
Harvest of the Month Recipes to Try:

[Veggie-Rich Ramen Noodle Bowl](#)

[Berry Chicken Salad](#)

CCE Sullivan is teaming up with Sullivan BOCES for a local food taste test this June - stay tuned to find out how it goes!

June's newsletter will be the last edition for the 2025-2026 school year.



*A wealth of resources are
linked at right!*

COMMUNITY

*School gardens can grow food,
flowers, and friendship*

School gardens can serve as learning labs, production gardens to help supply school cafeterias, and/or informal settings for folks young and old to exchange ideas and practice accountability while getting to know their neighbors.

Are you interested in starting or growing a school garden project? Check out this comprehensive guide to [Setting up and Running a School Garden](#) from the Food and Agriculture Organization.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Joy visited Kindergarten & 3rd graders in their classrooms in early May to share virtual garden tours, and hands-on planting and tasting experiences at Liberty Elementary School. Later in the month, Eva Bednar from Sullivan 180, Alan Carroll and Katie Gasior joined in to facilitate activities in the garden lessons with both grades. Students loved being in the garden and digging in the dirt!

As summer approaches...

Are there books or other resources that you would like to have in your classroom to use with students year after year to help build agriculture and gardening into your lesson plans? I recommend [Ag Classroom Store](#) and [Kids Gardening Store](#) for all your ag-related curriculum planning needs.

CCE Sullivan is looking for ways to support sustainable connections to agriculture in Sullivan County schools and may be able to help provide materials. Please reach out to me if you'd like to learn more about how CCE can support your in-classroom goals.



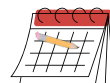
Kindergarteners try a taste of leafy greens!



Alan and Eva introduce basic gardening principles to 3rd graders



UPCOMING EVENTS



All of June: Berries are the Harvest of the Month!



June 5th: Farm to School Day at Rockland Elementary

August 19th: 3rd Annual Sullivan County Food Service Staff Conference

August 20th: Chef Ann Community Event

Questions? Email Joy at jl362@cornell.edu



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Division of Community Resources Monthly Report July 2026

Office for the Aging (OFA) Director's Report, May 2026

- 27 home visits by case management staff for assessments, reassessments, and application assistance.
- 27 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.
- Attended Tusten Social Senior Fair and SUNY Sullivan Kite Fest and provided information to attendees about OFA services and supports.
- Provided in-service for local Social Security Administration employees.
- Launched access to VIVO, an online exercise class sponsored by NYSOFA.
- Facilitate and hosted an online webinar provided by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to provide information about scams and frauds that target older adults.
- Attended Older New Yorker's Day in Albany-hosted by NYSOFA to honor exceptional volunteers from around NY State and brought Virdanna Lawrence and Clarence Rundle, our local honorees.
- Conducted interviews for Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) Case Management Specialist and Nutrition Site Aide positions.
- Participated in planning meeting for Food Security Coalition, attended and helped facilitate Food Pantry Gathering.



Sullivan Volunteers

- Four new volunteers enrolled
- Assisted High School students with volunteer opportunities for their community service graduation requirement
- Attended online training seminars through Idealist
- Completed County Leadership Training
- Planning for the 2026 Volunteer Fair
- Planning for the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- Volunteers provided 44 rides for medical appointments.
- 1,457 hours volunteered in May with a value of \$ 56,065 according to IndependentSector.org



Nutrition Program

- Nutrition Staff completed the NYSOFA Nutrition Food Safety Course and received certification.

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Home-Delivered	2,464	132	\$986.00
Congregate Site	510	78	\$603.00
Total	2,974	210	\$1589.00

Transportation Services

- 129 medical trips (SCT).
- 175 shopping trips (SCT).
- 44 Sullivan Volunteer medical transports.
- 35 rides to congregate meal sites. (SCT)

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Nothing to report for May.

Legal Assistance

7 households assisted through Rural Law Center of NY.



Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)

Upcoming Event:

“KNOW YOUR NUMBERS” Screening will be held Tuesday, July 21 from 10-12pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan. A chance for residents to get their total cholesterol, LDL & HDL, triglycerides glucose, and blood pressure taken.

Registration suggested but not required. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>

This is a free event hosted by CCE Sullivan’s Caregiver Resource Center, in collaboration with Garnet Health, the Office for the Aging, and the Alzheimer’s Association.

Evidence-based Health Promotion:

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE):

A 6-week WISE series is scheduled in June for seniors in the Town of Highland.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention -

The Tai Chi Stage 2 series completed on May 5th.

A beginners Tai Chi series started on April 27 and will go through June 18.

A once/week summer series will be held June 30 – Aug. 4th. (Class is full)

Another will be scheduled for Fall.

Two Bone Builders Spring Series completed

Bone Builders was completed on May 7 at CCE Sullivan in Liberty with 12 seniors completing the series.

Bone Builders at the Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville was completed on May 21st with 8 seniors completing the series.

We plan to offer another series this Fall in September.

Announcements will be made and flyers sent for registration as well as on CCE's events page: www.sullivanccce.org/events.

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Café: Changing to 2nd Monday each month 10-11am in July

Held May 4 and June 1st from 10-11am at CCE Sullivan's board room

Upcoming dates: July 13, Aug 10

Virtual support group: 3rd Wednesday each month 6-7pm:

Held May 27

Upcoming dates: June 17, July 15th

Parkinson's Support Group the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4-5:00 pm at CCE Sullivan.

Held: April 1, May 6, June 3.

Upcoming dates: July 1, Aug. 5

of Information & Assistance calls:

May- 21

April - 34

Workshops & Presentations:

Building Brain Healthy Habits

CCE Sullivan on June 9 & June 16:

Loch Sheldrake Seniors June 3rd

Monticello Seniors June 25th

Three ways to Register for support groups or other events:

- **Call (845) 292-6180 ext. 122**
- **Email: sullivanccrc@cornell.edu**
- **Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>**



NY Connects

- 200 individuals served in May.
- 3 outreach events in May:

5/2/2026 Kite Festival at SUNY Sullivan

5/6/2026 Loch Sheldrake Senior Group



HIICAP (HEALTH INSURANCE & INFORMATION COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

57 Individuals received counseling



PERS (PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM)

20 clients currently enrolled through Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), EISEP, and Title III-E funding.



EISEP – Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

Status

Number

Active Cases

30

Closed Cases

0

Waitlist

16- added 3,

Closed 1 (1 moved with family w/
alternative care)

Hours Authorized May

1,185

Hours Provided May

836.75



Sullivan County Youth Bureau

- Attended the Youth Bureau monthly call with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).
- Continued Youth Bureau outreach through Facebook and Instagram. Posts generated 3,208 views and 29 interactions. In comparison, May 2025 posts generated 2,790 views and 25 interactions.
- Attended the Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association Marketing Subcommittee meeting. The committee continues to work on branding and messaging.
- Presented to Liberty Rotary on the role and work of the Youth Bureau.
- Participated in a New York State OCFS call regarding changes to the claiming deadline and claims submission process.

- Created contracts, Schedules of Service, award letters, contract approval letters, and the resolution for Legislative approval of Youth Bureau funding.
- Created policies and procedures related to Youth Bureau operations and processes.
- Attended newly instituted bi-monthly meetings with the Office for the Aging Director and Youth Bureau Assistant.
- Attended monthly Zoom call with the Chair of the Youth Bureau Advisory Board.

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Sullivan County Transportation

Sullivan County Transportation Department Ridership:

Month 2026	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In- County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses	Seniors to Congregate Sites	Meals Delivered
January	33	26	95	144	28	561
February	32	17	102	119	34	392
March	41	31	132	167	41	52
April	42	30	145	169	44	26
May	41	22	129	175	39	21
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Totals						

Move Sullivan Public Transit Ridership:

Move Sullivan 2026	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	488 (19 days)	9,266	284
February	469 (19 days)	8,917	298
March	541 (22 days)	11,893	385
1st Quarter Totals		30,076	967
April	517 (22 days)	11,374	356
May	563 (20 days)	11,266	373
June			
2nd Quarter Totals			
July			
August			
September			
3rd Quarter Totals			
October			
November			
December			
4th Quarter Totals			
Annual Totals			

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ Through our partnership with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, we average 20 food pantries who attend our thrice monthly food distributions at the Transportation building.
- ✓ Support HV Food Bank monthly mobile pantry efforts in town of Freemont.
- ✓ 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

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8463

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize an application for funding to write a County Comprehensive Plan

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$300,000

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): TBD

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds: \$255,000 being sought and \$45,000 local match to be provided in the form of in-kind services.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO WRITE A COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State ("*NYS DOS*") solicits applications through the 2026 New York State Consolidated Funding Application ("*CFA*") under the Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Community Planning Program ("*Smart Growth Program*") from eligible towns, villages, cities, counties, regional planning entities, and not-for-profit organizations to advance the preparation and adoption of different plans and zoning changes; and

WHEREAS, the Smart Growth Program encourages municipalities to prepare and locally adopt comprehensive plans that integrate smart growth principles pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-D; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive plans are recommended to be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County ("*County*") currently does not have an up-to-date Comprehensive Plan, with the most recent plan being completed in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management ("*Planning*") staff are currently engaged in multiple planning initiatives which will contribute to the development of a County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 NYS DOS Smart Growth Programs is a reimbursement-based program to which Planning intends to apply for the funding of a Comprehensive Plan with a total project cost of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York will match up to 85% of the project cost with a County match of a minimum of 15%; and

WHEREAS, the required minimum match of a minimum of 15% will be met with in-kind contributions.

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 apply to the New York State Department of State Smart Growth Program for the preparation of

a Countywide Comprehensive Plan for funding of up to \$255,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, and/or Chairman of the County Legislature to accept the award, and execute any and all documents required to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the NYS DOS Smart Growth program funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8469

Agenda Date: 7/9/2026

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN 2025 YOUTH BUREAU CONTRACTS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution:

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s):

If 'No,' specify proposed source of funds:

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan, through the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, contracts with various agencies and community organizations to provide services and programming for youth throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 268-25, adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature on June 19, 2025, authorized the allocation of 2025 County funds to various youth programs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 285-25, adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature on July 24, 2025, authorized a modification of Resolution No. 268-25 to reallocate certain Youth Bureau funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 389-25, adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature on September 18, 2025, authorized the allocation of 2025-2026 New York State Office of Children and Family Services funding and County funds to various youth programs; and

WHEREAS, certain contracts authorized under the above-referenced resolutions remain unpaid, in whole or in part; and

WHEREAS, due to year-end accruals not being completed to carry certain 2025 funds forward into 2026, it is necessary to extend all relevant unpaid contracts authorized under the above-referenced resolutions through December 31, 2026, to allow for the proper processing of claims and payment for eligible program expenses; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not authorize any additional funding beyond the amounts previously approved by the Sullivan County Legislature under Resolution Nos. 268-25, 285-25, and 389-25, but solely authorizes the extension of the applicable contract terms for unpaid or partially unpaid contracts; and

WHEREAS, all payments shall remain subject to the availability of funds, proper documentation, applicable

County policies and procedures, contract requirements, and approval by the Sullivan County Department of Law and the Sullivan County Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the extension of all relevant unpaid or partially unpaid Youth Bureau contracts previously authorized under Resolution Nos. 268-25, 285-25, and 389-25 through December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of this extension is to allow for the proper processing and payment of eligible claims associated with previously authorized 2025 and/or 2025-2026 Youth Bureau funding where year-end accruals were not completed to extend 2025 funds into 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no additional County funding is authorized by this resolution, and payments shall not exceed the amounts previously approved by the Sullivan County Legislature for each respective agency, organization, or program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary contract amendments, extensions, agreements, and related documentation necessary to effectuate this resolution, in such form as approved by the Sullivan County Department of Law.