



# Sullivan County

## Planning and Community Resources Committee

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

### Meeting Agenda - Final

Chairman Matt McPhillips  
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Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:30 AM

Government Center

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

#### Comments:

#### Reports:

1. Division of Planning [ID-6406](#)  
**Attachments:** [April 2024](#)  
[March 24 AG report](#)
2. Division of Community Resources [ID-6411](#)  
**Attachments:** [2024 Economic Dev May Report](#)

#### Discussion:

#### Public Comment

#### Resolutions:

1. To apply for and accept the 2024-2025 New York Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program and enter into a contract with the Sullivan County Trail Association. [ID-6365](#)
2. To authorize a contract modification agreement with Rural Law Center to provide legal services for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. [ID-6405](#)  
**Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul

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3. To support the preparation and submission of an application to the Round 8 Restore NY program, by the County Division of Planning, Community Development & Environmental Management to request funding for the rehabilitation of buildings in Monticello's Broadway Corridor. [ID-6407](#)
  4. To authorize the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and/or their authorized representative to execute any and all necessary documents to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for an ATIIP Program planning grant of up to \$1,680,000 with a required match of \$420,000 to fund necessary design and engineering of the trail road crossings [ID-6408](#)
  5. To authorize the execution of a modification agreement with Alta Planning and Design, Inc. to include an additional \$75,000 to advance engineering and design activities on the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville, NY [ID-6409](#)
  6. To approve the proposed exempt actions so that the Department of Planning shall eliminate the need for review and comment on such local actions and to authorize the County Manager to execute all necessary municipal corporation agreements. [ID-6410](#)
- Attachments:** [GML239 Municipal Exemptions Schedule A](#)
7. To authorize the execution of a Federal Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Area Program Agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation. [ID-6413](#)

**Adjourn**



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## Legislative Memorandum

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# DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## ACTIVITY REPORT

April 2024

### 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

GML-239 Referrals, March 2024 – April 2024					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
3/27/24	4/10/24	Winterton Condominium Site Plan Amendment	Site Plan Review	BLO24-01	Salomone
3/27/24	4/10/24	Emerald Development	Area Variance	BLO24-02	Salomone
3/28/24	4/26/24	Camp Yeshiva Serdahal f/k/a Lefkowitz Bungalows	Site Plan Review	THO24-07	Ward
3/28/24	4/26/24	BBIS Auto	Subdivision Review	THO24-08	Ward
4/2/24	4/24/24	Dollar General	Site Plan Review	COC24-01	M. McPhillips
4/2/24	4/15/24	Town of Liberty Zoning Amendment	Adoption / Amendment of Zoning Map	LIB24-04	B. McPhillips
4/5/24	5/3/24	Wurtsboro Mountain LLC	Subdivision Review	MAM24-01	Rajsz
4/8/24	4/15/24	Monticello Lofts	Site Plan Review	MON24-01	Ward
4/10/24	4/30/24	Yager – Minor Subdivision	Subdivision Review	NEV24-01	B. McPhillips

4/10/24	4/30/24	Terwilleger	Special Use Permit	NEV24-02	B. McPhillips
4/10/24	4/30/24	Nosso Posto	Special Use Permit	NEV24-03	B. McPhillips
4/11/24	5/8/24	Bais Yaakov High School Dormitory	Site Plan Review	FAL24-05	Ward
4/12/24	5/8/24	Steak & Sizzle	Site Plan Review	FAL24-06	Ward
4/12/24	5/9/24	Solar Power Networks LLC & Edward Pattison	Site Plan Review	FAL24-07	Ward
4/17/24	5/17/24	Village Square	Site Plan Review	MON24-02	Ward
4/22/24	5/9/24	Brickstone – Service Shop & Warehouse	Site Plan Review	FAL24-11	Ward
4/22/24	5/13/24	Studio 55, LLC	Site Plan Review	HIG24-01	M. McPhillips
4/22/24	5/13/24	Unit 30 Extension – Riversite	Area Variance	FAL24-08	Ward
4/22/24	5/13/24	Unit 56 Extension – Irvington Estates	Area Variance	FAL24-09	Ward
4/22/24	5/7/24	Gas Station (formerly Jeff Bank)	Special Use Permit	FAL24-10	Ward

- A resolution is on the agenda today to extend existing agreements with Sullivan County's municipalities which allow for certain projects to be exempted from the GML239 review process.

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

- **Neversink Watershed Management Plan**
  - The plan has been drafted and is in the final review stages. There will be one more public meeting prior to final edits. We anticipate the plan will be closed out by the end of the third quarter of 2024.
- **Countywide Resiliency Plan:**
  - The plan is in the final stages of review and finalization. All reporting is current, with a final report and claim due to the NYS Department of State no later than May 27, 2024.
- **Water Resources and Infrastructure**
  - An RFP was issued for a County-wide assessment of potable and waste water infrastructure, with responses received on April 5, 2024.

- A resolution to award a contract will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting. This assessment will collect data on existing conditions and make recommendations for areas for infrastructure expansion based on current and anticipated growth.

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

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
  - The Neversink Crossing project design is in the final stages of review by NYSDOT and we anticipate the final design report will be filed by June. The current schedule anticipates a bid will be issued in the Fall of 2024. County staff will be meeting with Town of Fallsburg leadership to discuss the approaching construction phase of the project, as well as to address any concerns.
  - Staff continue to participate in monthly meetings of the O&W Rail Trail Alliance as well as regular meetings with the engineering firm and partner municipalities.
  - A resolution is presented today for consideration, to allocate an additional \$75,000 to the County's contract with Alta for the design and engineering required in Parksville, specifically for the segment of trail which runs along Fox Mountain Road. The additional scope of work includes planning for a bridge to eliminate an on-road connection which has raised safety concerns; addressing additional review and coordination for federal funding received; work resulting from additional oversight from the NYSDOT; and advertising/letting bid documents.
  - Dates have been set for 2024 events:
    - National Trails Day (Sat 6/1/24)
    - BOW-WO&W (Thurs 8/1/24)
    - HO&WL (Fri 10/25/24)

### **Community Development & Revitalization**

- **CDBG Housing**
  - Manufactured Home Replacement
    - Fully subscribed, 4 applications with signed formal funding awards totaling \$625,000
    - Work on these projects has been completed
  - Home Repair
    - 4 -Home repair projects complete
    - 2 -in contract
    - 4- bidding and waiting for contractor selection
    - 3- pending formal commitment paperwork execution
    - 2- waiting for initial scopes/cost estimates
    - 1 -out for initial inspection
    - Of the \$706,250 in direct assistance and project delivery funds available under the home repair budget line; we have committed \$434,060.12

- The end of the term for this grant is May 31, 2024 to allow time to finish construction on the recently identified projects.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan**
  - We continue to wait for the contract from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Once this contract is executed Planning can move forward with a solicitation to procure a consultant to assist with and write the plan.
  - Planning staff have identified various stakeholders to serve on the Advisory Committee, as well as those which we believe are important to engage via interviews and focus groups, to assist with the development of the plan and provide feedback throughout the process.
  - An informational meeting and workshop will be held on May 29th at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center in Liberty for Steering committee members. This will be an orientation session, with a presentation by Ian Thomas of America Walks.
  - The plan will focus on connecting residents and visitors in and around community centers (villages, hamlets) with safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

## **Economic Development**

- **Emerald Corporate Center Economic Development Corporation (ECCEDC)**
  - We continue to work with the Town of Thompson to transfer Emerald Springs Water Company (ESWC) and all assets to the Town of Thompson, based on discussions with counsel having experience with the process.
  - We are currently waiting for a draft Memorandum of Agreement which will lay out the process and relationship between Emerald Corporate Center, Emerald Springs Water Company and the Town during this process.
  - The audit of the 2023 financial statements is in draft form and will be finalized shortly.
- **Restore NY**
  - A resolution is being presented today to support and authorize an application to NYS Empire State Development for \$216,000 in funding from Round 8 of the Restore NY Program. The funding would support rehabilitation of buildings in Monticello - one building on East Broadway as an events center and one on Broadway to establish an East Asian market.

### **Administration**

- We are actively recruiting potential candidates for vacant positions including a Planner and Director in the Department of Planning.
- Assistance provided to ITS and the County Manager's Office to coordinate efforts related to submission of a Municipal Infrastructure Grant for broadband deployment.
- Staff participated in SUNY Sullivan's Earth Day event on Tuesday, April 23. Information was distributed to college and high school students about the work done by offices in the Division of Planning, including information on the types of careers that are related to the work we do.
- A tour of the O&W Rail Trail was conducted for the Sullivan County Legislature.

## **II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)**

- OSE continues to act as lead for the Resiliency Plan project. Staff are completing administrative reporting, assisting with quarterly request for reimbursement for the Countywide Resiliency Plan, and collecting documentation required by NYS Department of State to enable us to close out the grant this spring.
- OSE staff are setting up administrative and reporting tasks for the SC Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, completing paperwork needed to execute the contract with NYS DEC. Our The Planning team has begun to brainstorm potential members of the project Advisory Committee and develop a recruitment process.
- OSE staff have continued to review monthly utility statements, and to work with NYSEG and DPW staff to resolve ongoing issues with meter readings and monthly billings. OSE is working on data reporting and identifying key observations and trends to include in the 2023 Benchmarking Report, which will be posted in the Fall of 2024.
- OSE staff continue to monitor energy production at the County's solar sites and Lake Goodyear small hydro facility, document energy cost savings and GHG reduction, and analyze all of the County's electricity and fuel bills. In 2023, seventy seven percent of the grid delivered electricity in 2023 came from renewable energy sources.

### III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

#### General:

- The annual Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck program is underway. The program began April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The department and core group members have been meeting with Weston & Sampson, who is providing professional consulting services, to develop the Parks and Recreation master plan.
- The contract amendment with Fisher Associates for the design/engineering/permitting of the Callicoon Park has been completed.
- Fisher Associates are finishing up the Storm Water Management Plan for the trail system at Lake Superior.
- The department has filled the seasonal park positions.
- The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first crossing of the Roebling Aqueducts over the Lackawaxen and Delaware River was held at the Delaware Aqueduct at the Inn at Lackawaxen on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

#### Recreation:

- Interviews are complete and staff have been hired for Lake Superior State Park and the D&H Canal Interpretive Center.
- Updated our Parks & Recreation Brochure.
- Continued updating the Parks & Recreation page on the County website.
- Attended the SUNY Sullivan Career Fair.
- Attended the SUNY Sullivan Earth Day program.
- Was interviewed by WJFF to talk about the Litter Pluck.
- Hosted the Liberty and Monticello campus staff litter plucks.
- Working on the logistics to offer Lifeguard and Lifeguard Recertification courses for our staff and to the public.
- Working on logistics for offering Arts & Craft programs at Lake Superior this summer.
- Working on reaching out to local school/community groups about scheduling a tour at the D&H Interpretive Center throughout May & June and developed flyers.
- Working on reaching out to local libraries to co-host programs at our parks.
- Getting ready for Lake Superior to open for the 2024 season.

#### Park Maintenance:

- Completing Spring Clean-ups at all of the parks/facilities
- Interviewing potential Clean Team applicants
- Continued replacing deteriorated splittail along the D&H Canal trail.

## IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- Activity/Technical Assistance
  - Since March 21, we have received seven (7) funding resource requests. While the DGA web resource links have been helpful, staff is finding that requests for support still require a particular level of attention. DGA's priority is to serve the Divisions and Departments of Sullivan County Government and partnering agencies, but when time allows, endeavors to refer individuals to appropriate resources.
- In-County Grant Readiness
  - We are anticipating the opening of the CFA and other funding opportunities the County may pursue, while availing assistance in the ongoing administration of existing funding resources. We are also endeavoring to stay on course with our internal strategic objectives related to grant best practices training in order to increase the County's capacity to seek, manage and obtain grant funding.
  - Assistance has been provided to departments requiring support with the grant process, including ITS, the County Attorney's Office, Community Services, Public Health, Planning, Public Safety, Health and Human Services, and Public Works. Of note:
    - DGA in collaboration with representatives from the County Manager's Office, ITS, Planning, Community Resources, Public Safety, and Archtop Fiber LLC, applied for the 2024 NY ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program grant in the amount of approximately \$30 million. This was a two-week labor-intensive initiative that involved teamwork of several individuals.
    - An application was filed for funding for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Administrative Activities
  - Statewide Financial System Transition: DGA continues to collaborate with the Treasurer's Office related to protocols for adding users in the SFS platform. DGA staff added as Delegated Administrators, authorized to add users as needed. We are not at this time automatically enrolling users. As responses are received, new users are being added, login information and SFS manuals are being provided, and our Planning Intern is maintaining a spreadsheet of current users.
  - Two Grant Trainings were held with staff from the Planning Division and Public Health. Topics covered included an overview of grants processes, compliance-related matters, regulations, and grants best practices and project planning. Additional trainings will be scheduled in the coming months.

**V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION**

- CCE March 2024 Ag report attached

## MARCH 2024 AG REPORT

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

**Farm Visits: 5   Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 138   Soil Tests: 8**

Business Planning, Tax Forms, Ag Assessments, Beginner Farmer, NRCS programs, Markets, FSA Farm ID numbers, Establishing a business in NYS, Sullivan County Revolving Loan Fund, Ag Districts, Farm Tax Info

**Catskills Kitchen:** 4 renters using the commercial kitchen. Technical assistance was provided to 13 inquiries on licensing, permitting, testing, labeling, packaging and food business start up for businesses start ups such as value added production for mushrooms, shiso tea, apple cider vinegar, honey flavors, spiced cider along with prepared foods, baked goods and herbal soaps.

**Horticulture:** Technical Assistance was provided to 40 contacts on seed starting, composting and invasive species, soil testing and native plants.



### PAST WORKSHOPS

**Marketing Your Farm Series: Tips & Tricks of Marketing Tools (3/13/24)** – Lindsey Wilcox from Centermost Marketing presented on different marketing tools & techniques farmers could use to market their farm business.

**Agricultural Funding Webinar Series: Local Funding (3/14/24)** – The Agricultural Funding Webinar Series, Melinda Meddaugh, Jennifer Flad, Duane Stanton presented on local and private funding opportunities. The webinar was recorded and will be added to our You Tube channel.

**Starting at Square One Veteran Farmers Cohort – January - April 2024** – Each session Taylor from CCE, along with Cornell Small Farms educators, present on a variety of starting your farm topics and have 30–45-minute discussions with the cohort. 33 registered, 10 attendees

**Farm Beginnings: How to Start Your Own Farm (3/21/24)** – Melinda Meddaugh & Michelle Proscia presented some of the key steps when starting your own farm business and explained some important items to consider & know when building a farm business. Erika Malmgreen, owner and operator of Winterton Farms, shared her experience starting her own farm and shared information about her farm business. 30 registered, 30 attendees.

**Marketing Your Farm Series: Where to Start (3/27/24)** – Erik Hassert from Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Center presented on the bigger picture items to consider when creating a marketing plan for your farm business.

**Farmer Mixer at Seminary Hill (3/28/24)** – 24 people attended the farmer network event for aspiring, beginner, and seasoned farmers.

**Seed sowing and Planning a Successful Garden (3/7/24)** in person workshop with Livingston Manor Library on gardening in Sullivan County. CCE educators discussed tips on gardening and garden troubleshooting, seed starting, planting timelines, and natives. 20 attendees

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS for April/May

- **Marketing Your Farm Series**, Class #3 Get the Scoop on Marketing with Kendra from The Herbal Scoop (04/10/24)
- **Farmer Mixer** at Somewhere In Time Farm (4/30/24)
- **Business Planning Series**, Class #1: Create Your Business Plan (04/08/24) and Class #2: Create Your Financial Workbook
- **Caring for Trees & Orchard:** A Series, Class #1 Farm Tour of Majestic Farm rescheduled to April 18th, Class #2 Farm Tour at Wild Russet Farm April 11th, Class #3 Bench Grafting Workshop April 25th
- **Land Leasing Legal Considerations** (5/1/24)
- **Farm Insurance 101** (5/2/24)

### LAND ACCESS, AG ZONING, FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECTS

- **Land Access:** Staff are working to develop land access workshops for 2024. These workshops include a Realtor Workshops where they will receive CLE credits, which we anticipate hosting in June, a land leasing series for farmers and landowners and succession/estate planning workshops in the fall.
- **Municipal Training:** CCE, Planning and the County Ag Board are working to develop workshops on agriculture for municipal officials. Workshops will focus on conservation easements, agri-tourism and a farm tour for municipal officials. We anticipate the Ag Focused training for municipal officials to launch this fall.
- **SC Ag Board:** The Sullivan County Ag Board met on March 20th to discuss upcoming workshops on topics related to land access, ag districts and municipal trainings. For May, the Ag Board will be reviewing Ag District applications.
- **Ag Zoning:** Staff provide technical assistance to municipalities on ag zoning and other land use topics. Staff provided technical assistance to 4 people on this topic.
- **Agricultural Districts:** The 30 Day window for enrollment into Ag District #1 and Ag District #4 is from April 1-April 30th. The application period has been promoted on social media, website and press release. A detailed web page has been created on the CCE Sullivan website to provide resources to both landowners and municipalities. The board will present their recommendations after they meet in May to the County Legislature in June, with a proposed public hearing in July and a vote to include the additional parcels in August. For more information on the County Ag District program visit: [www.sullivanccce.org/agriculture/farmland-protection-ag-districts-vs-assessments](http://www.sullivanccce.org/agriculture/farmland-protection-ag-districts-vs-assessments). Staff provided technical assistance to 6 people on ag districts.

### SULLIVAN FRESH PROGRAM:

- Staff continue to support almost 600 people per week through the Sullivan Fresh Community Cupboard. As part of the program, we have secured funding to purchase fresh products for the program from local farms. We have also started to partner with the Callicoon Farmers Market to secure end of market donations from farms, that in turn get delivered to people through our program. Heller's Farm donates produce each week, while Sprouting Dreams Farm helps to deliver it to our facility each week.
- Staff are also in the process of organize the Mobile Market program and Monticello Farmers Market, working to recruit additional farmers to the market.



# AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

## SPRING 2024



### OUR TEAM & PROGRAMS

Our Ag & Food Systems team has grown, enabling us to provide more programs, events, and support for our community! To learn more about our programs visit our website!



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### Agricultural Production



Field Crops



Vegetables



Livestock



Fruit



Pest Management



Disease Management



Soil Tests for Farms



Farm Visits

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Beginner Farmer Program

Assisting beginner farmers through workshops, farm visits, farmer to farmer mentoring, and more!

## Regional Navigator and Farmland Protection

- Farmland Protection
- Land Access
- Ag Districts & Ag Zoning
- Climate Resiliency

## Horticulture Program

- Invasive Species
- Native Plants
- Soil Tests for Home Gardens
- Garden Trouble Shooting
- Tree Care Resources



## Local Food Systems

- Sullivan Fresh
- Farmers Markets
- Farm to School
- Direct to Consumer
- Trainings and Connections for Farmers

## Catskills Farm Food Safety Training



Protect your farm & your customers!  
Learn how to become compliant with the new FDA Produce Safety Rules.

## Farm & Food Business Program

- Catskills Kitchen - Food Business Incubator Program
- Business & Marketing
- Wholesale Market Readiness
- Technical Assistance & Workshops



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# **Division of Community Resources Monthly Report**

## **Workforce Development**

### **May 2024**

#### **Workforce Development**

- ✓ The State budget passed providing \$55 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). This \$7.9 million increase is to support the increase in minimum wage and \$5 million towards increasing available slots. These funds are provided by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). They are passed through to the local Social Services office who then enters into an Agreement with the local workforce offices across the State.

The SYEP provides six weeks of paid work experience to economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14 and 20 years old. The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has already begun the planning for the 2024 program. Applications for youth were available as of April 14<sup>th</sup>. The program will run from July 8 through August 16. There are resolutions under the Human Resources Committee to set pay rates for Crew Leaders and youth participants.

- ✓ The NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is providing local areas who have met and will continue to meet expenditure levels with additional funding. The CWD will be receiving and additional \$100,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funding to be used for training and supportive services.
- ✓ The County Legislature allocated funds to the CWD to support the cost of short-term training in high demand occupations.

This has allowed for the Automotive Trade class. This program started April 9<sup>th</sup> with all 15 seats filled. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 pm for 8-9 weeks. This is training offering various AES certifications upon completion and participants will be connected to Sullivan County businesses with a job.

There is also an executed contract with HC Staffing, LLC and a Facilities Use Agreement with BOCES. Minor with the universal background screening company for healthcare, known as Simplr, are being sorted. Once resolved a start

date will be set to start off with (HHA) Home Health Aide and then rotate to (CNA) Clinal Nursing Assistant.

- ✓ The CWD sent an email blast to County departments and vendors offering a presentation/review of services of the CWD and other departments under the Division of Community Resources. This is being conducted for outreach purposes to bring awareness of what services are available with new and changing staff. To date 17 presentations have been completed and several more are scheduled. These outreach efforts have led to increased knowledge in the community about what services are offered as well as the building of new relationships.
- ✓ NYSDOL applied for \$10 million in Round 3 of the Federal National Dislocated Worker Emergency grant to address the Opioid crisis. The CWD signed on to participate if NYS is awarded. This will provide funding for training and employment for individuals directly or indirectly impacted by the Opioid crisis. Additional information was requested by USDOL which was provided.
- ✓ The in-house hiring events are underway for 2024. There were three (3) events in March and four (4) in April. The hiring events for May are being scheduled.
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 2:00 pm will have Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Adapt of the Hudson Valley, and Catskill Veterinary Services
- ✓ Career Center data updates:

Social media March 2024:

- 966 followers; Reach of 17,125 people with 939 Facebook page views. This is a 30% increase in people and a 55% increase in page views from February 2024.

Center Services:

- The CWD provided services to 11 business customers and listed 143 jobs.
- The CWD assisted 560 participants that came into the Career Center.
- Welfare to Work caseload profile March 2024:  
Total Caseload - 275

TANF – caseload 112  
Medical issues – 8%  
Disabled – 23%

Pregnant/Newborn – 3%  
Needed in Home – 5%  
No Child Care – 13%  
Criminal Justice involved – 24%  
Cases closed – 22

Safety Net – caseload – 163  
Medical issues – 17%  
Disabled – 38%  
Needed in Home – 3%  
Criminal Justice involved – 61%  
Cases closed – 21

### **Labor Market Data for February 2024 compared to March 2023**

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 4.8% (1,400) and an increase of 6.1% (1,400) in total private sector jobs.

*Please note:* The net month (February 2024 - March 2024) showed an increase of 1.0% (300) nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.2% (330) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Private Educational and Health Services at 10.5% (800)
  - Professional and Business Services at 15.0% (300)
  - Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)
  - Mining, Logging & Construction at 7.1% (100)
  - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)
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For Sullivan County the sectors that showed no job growth were:

- Leisure & Hospitality
  - Trade, Transportation & Utilities
  - Information
  - Other Services
  - Government
- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.5% (141,800) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.3% (106,300) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.4% (98,500)
- Government at 2.5% (35,500)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.0% (34,600)
- Financial Activities at 0.7% (5,100)
- Other Services at 1.1% (4,100)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.3% (3,500)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -5.5% (-16,200)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.9% (-13,100)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.7% (-6,500)
- Manufacturing at -0.9% (-3,700)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 6.1 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+2.7%) followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+2.3%), followed by and Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+0.5%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.2% (11,000) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.0% (8,100) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.5% (9,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.3% (3,700)
- Government at 1.9% (2,900)
- Financial Activities at 2.4% (1,100)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.0% (-600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.3% (-2,300)
- Manufacturing at -2.1% (-900)
- Professional and Business Services at -2.0% (-2,400)
- Information at -2.1% (-300)

The region saw no growth in Other Services.

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 4.0% for March 2024 up from 3.4% in March 2023.

March 2024 had 38,100 people in the labor force (36,500 employed & 1,500 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 0.8% (300) and the number of unemployed increased by 15.4% (200) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 1.9% (700).

The total labor force remained flat from February 2024 to March 2024. The number of employed workers increased by 0.3% (100) and the number of unemployed workers decreased by -11.8% (-200).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for March 2024 was 3.7%, an increase from 3.0% in March 2023.

- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.2% in March 2024 compared to 4.1% in March 2023.
- ✓ The March 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.2% for Tompkins County to a high of 7.3% for Hamilton County. Sullivan County with a 4.0% rate ranked 16th in the State along with New York, Ontario, Queens, Richmond and Schenectady Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for March 2024:
  - # 2 Rockland County at 3.4%
  - # 4 Putnam County at 3.5%
  - # 6 Dutchess County at 3.6%
  - # 9 Westchester County at 3.7%
  - #11 Orange County at 3.9%
  - #11 Ulster County at 3.9%
  - #16 Sullivan County at 4.0%

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-6365

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

To apply for and accept the 2024-2025 New York Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program and enter into a contract with the Sullivan County Trail Association.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$4,500

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** A-7110-39-40-4001

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A NEW YORK OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY TRAIL ASSOCIATION (“SCTA”) AND THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN (“COUNTY”)**

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and / or their authorized representative (*as required by the funding source*) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the 2024-2025 New York Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program application for funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager,

and / or Chairman of the County Legislature (*as required by the funding source*) to accept the award, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Agreement between Sullivan County Trail Association and the “County of Sullivan” for the period commencing April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and

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

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-6405

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 2.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH RURAL LAW CENTER TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING.**

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$10,000.00

Federal Funds: \$9,000 Title IIIB (Additional CARES SSC6 funding)

County Funds: \$1,000.00

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution 367-23, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging entered into contract with Rural Law Center of New York for the provision of mandated legal services for seniors in Sullivan County, and

WHEREAS, the initial contact period ends September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the amount for the initial contract period is not to exceed \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, Rural Law Center of New York has provided services to over 25 individuals as of March 31, 2024 and the initial amount of \$10,000 is almost depleted, and

WHEREAS, without increasing the amount of the contract, no further legal services can be provided to referred Seniors until after September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, there is residual stimulus funding available that Sullivan County Office for the Aging can allocate for these services to avoid a lapse in services, and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to execute a modification of the contract with Rural Law Center of New York for provision of mandated legal services for senior citizens as required by the New York State Office for the Aging, to increase the current contract period not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the period of 10/1/2023-9/30/2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of such agreement be approved by the Sullivan County Department of Law.

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-6407

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 3.

**Narrative of Resolution:**

The County seeks to submit a Restore NY Round 8 application for funding to provide \$216,000 for renovation and rehabilitation of two commercial properties in Monticello, NY. The application would be submitted on behalf of the property owner with no County cost with the exception of a \$500 application fee.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$500

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** A-8020-90-47-4763

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY MATTHEW MCPHILLIPS, DISTRICT 1 LEGISLATOR, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR THE RESTORE NEW YORK ROUND 8 GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Empire State Development has issued a Request for Funding Proposals for Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative that will provide financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sullivan (“County”) seeks to promote community and economic development, historic preservation, vacancy reduction, Main Street revitalization, small business development, and neighborhood stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, in cooperation with the Town of Thompson and the Village of Monticello developed the Grow the Gateways (GTG) Plan that identified the Broadway Corridor as the area’s primary commercial and tourist gateway, and consequently a priority for redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the GTG Plan presents a vision to revitalize Broadway as a center of commerce and tourism by improving and making better use of its physical infrastructure, creating incentives for new investment, encouraging the restoration of the streetscape to its historical character, and improving the pedestrian experience with attractive shops, storefronts, and civic institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Jafri and Sons Variety LLC owns significant buildings on Broadway in Monticello whose redevelopment would serve as anchors for the area’s revitalization, and which would greatly benefit from the financial assistance provided by the Restore NY program; and

**WHEREAS**, Jafri and Sons Variety LLC has committed to rehabilitating its Broadway properties and reducing vacant store fronts; and

**WHEREAS**, the program requires an application fee of \$500 for the County, based on Village wherein the project is located; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is eligible to apply for Restore NY Round 7 funding to support the redevelopment of vacant, abandoned and blighted structures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sullivan County Legislature supports the preparation and

submission of an application to the Round 8 Restore NY program, by the County Division of Planning, Community Development & Environmental Management, to request funding for the rehabilitation of buildings in Monticello's Broadway Corridor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature and/or their authorized representative (as required by the funding source) to execute any and all necessary documents to submit the Restore NY Round 8 Grant application for funding and to accept the grant, if awarded and to execute any and all necessary documents in order to administer the grant and disburse funds to the project developer(s), in such forms as the County Attorney shall approve; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes payment of the \$500 application fee required by the funding program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed financing is appropriate for the rehabilitation project and poses no burden on the County other than the above-mentioned application fee and resources required to administer the grant, if awarded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature finds that the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature finds the proposed project in Monticello will develop and enhance infrastructure and other facilities in the downtown corridor in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities throughout the corridor and beyond; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the 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-6408

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 4.

### **Narrative of Resolution:**

The Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management is committed to funding the design and engineering of capital projects along the O&W Rail Trail. The Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, (ATIIP) through the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration provides funding to support these activities. This resolution authorizes submission of an application as well as execution of documents necessary to accept the award if the application is successful. The application would request \$1,680,000 to fund necessary design and engineering of the trail road crossings, with a \$420,000 match required.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$420,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** No

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** to be addressed in the 2025 operating budget

### **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FY2024 ATIIP GRANT PROGRAM TO ADVANCE BUILDOUT OF THE SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Funding Opportunity (*NOFO*) for \$44.55 Million has been issued to solicit applications for projects to be funded under the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program, (*ATIIP*) through the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, ATIIP is one of the few DOT discretionary programs for which regional and local governments can directly compete for multimodal transportation funding, supporting projects such as rail trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Division of Planning, Community Development & Environmental Management is pursuing implementation of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility study which details plans for connecting the existing, locally-oriented sections of developed rail trail in Sullivan County into a regionally-scaled facility, eventually linking 11 hamlet and village centers on the main line, and a spur that would connect the trail with the Metro-North commuter rail line in Port Jervis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Planning and Community Development, working in conjunction with trail municipalities and organization partners, has identified an immediate need for FY2024 ATIIP grant funding to support and build the inter-municipal trail connections through the design and engineering of trail road intersections.

**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 U.S. Department of Transportation for an ATIIP Program

planning grant of up to \$1,680,000 with a required match of \$420,000 to fund necessary design and engineering of the trail road crossings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute any and all necessary documents to accept the grant award, should one be secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

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

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

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**File #:** ID-6409

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 5.

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

The County is in receipt of a scope and associated cost estimate for additional design and engineering services for the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville (Town of Liberty). The cost estimate for additional services to be performed is \$75,000. Funds are available in the County's O&W Rail Trail Fund Balance.

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$75,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** O&W Rail Trail Fund balance

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, resolution 208-23 authorized and funded an additional \$235,000 to advance engineering and design for additional segments of the trail, including a section of the trail in Parksville within the Town of Liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to include an additional amount not to exceed \$75,000 to cover expenses associated with several project changes, including additional work related to increased oversight from various state and federal agencies, survey work, design consolidation, addition of a pedestrian bridge connection, addition of advertising, bid and award activities, and additional permitting requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are currently available in the County's O&W Rail Trail fund balance to cover these additional costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute a modification agreement with Alta Planning and Design Inc. to include an additional \$75,000 to advance engineering and design activities on the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville, NY; and

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

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

**File #:** ID-6410

**Agenda Date:** 5/2/2024

**Agenda #:** 6.

### **Narrative of Resolution:**

The Sullivan County Department of Planning currently has agreements in place with the 21 municipalities of the County which allow for certain actions deemed to have no countywide or inter-community impacts to be exempt from review by the Planning Department under General Municipal Law Sections 239l, m & n. These agreements are set to expire and new agreements must be put into place. There is no cost associated with the actions of this resolution.

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

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

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

### **Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

### **RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN REFERRALS MANDATED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 239**

**WHEREAS**, General Municipal Law Sections 239-l, m, and n (“GML 239”) require that certain planning and zoning actions be referred to the Sullivan County Department of Planning (“County Planning”) before any action is taken by the municipality having jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS**, GML 239 further requires County Planning to assess all such implications as to whether the requested action would have “countywide” or “inter-community” impact and to comment on same; and

**WHEREAS**, the current referral process results in the ongoing processing and review of applications from Sullivan County’s 21 municipalities, a portion of which have neither countywide or inter-community impact; and

**WHEREAS**, General Municipal Law Section 239-m-3-c authorizes Sullivan County to enter into agreements with local municipalities in order to exempt actions deemed to be of strictly local concern from mandatory referral; and

**WHEREAS**, other counties in New York State have found such exemption agreements to benefit them and their constituent municipalities by streamlining the development review process, and by enabling more efficient and productive use of staff time; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to improve governmental efficiency Sullivan County hereby proposes to eliminate the necessity of County Planning review and comment on select local actions; and

**WHEREAS**, Attachment A is for use between the referring body or other duly authorized body of a town or village and County Planning, which outlines certain proposed actions as being of local concern and therefore may be exempt from GML 239 and the referral process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Sullivan County Legislature to approve such municipal corporation agreements and to authorize the County Manager to execute said agreements.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby approve the proposed exempt actions so that the Department of Planning shall eliminate the need for review and comment on such local actions; and

**BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED**, that the Sullivan County Manager authorizes the County Manager to execute the necessary municipal corporation agreements in a from as approved by the County Attorney.

**Schedule A**  
**Local Actions Exempt from the GML-239 County Referral Process**

Town/Village Board Actions	Planning Board Applications	Zoning Board of Appeals Applications
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewals or extensions of site plan approvals or permit approvals where neither the project nor the applicable zoning has changed since the previous approvals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area variances for lot size or lot width, if the required lot line setbacks can still be maintained</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site plan review or special permits required for the:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ installation of any improvements pursuant to compliance with the American Disabilities Act;</li> <li>○ establishment of residential use on the second floor of a structure whose ground floor is occupied by a business or commercial use;</li> <li>○ establishment of a permitted home occupation within an existing residence or accessory structure;</li> <li>○ erection of a permitted accessory structure or use within the required side or rear yards of an existing single-family residence</li> <li>○ a single-family residence, including garages, pools, or other accessory structures unless a requested setback variance is adjacent to a State or County-owned parcel (i.e. public facility, park, etc.), exclusive of State or County highways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area variances required for the:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ installation of any improvements pursuant to compliance with the American Disabilities Act;</li> <li>○ establishment of residential use on the second floor of a structure whose ground floor is occupied by a business or commercial use;</li> <li>○ establishment of a permitted home occupation within an existing residence or accessory structure;</li> <li>○ erection of a permitted accessory structure or use within the required side or rear yards of an existing single-family residence;</li> <li>○ a single-family residence, including setbacks for garages, pools, or other accessory structures unless a requested setback variance is adjacent to a State or County-owned parcel (i.e. public facility, park, etc.), exclusive of State or County highways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-lot subdivisions or lot line adjustments that will not create a landlocked or inaccessible parcel due to environmental constraints, and where safe access to each parcel, with DPW or DOT-approved site distance has been demonstrated</li> </ul>	
<b>*Exemptions shall not apply to projects which are triggered by proximity to a State designated Agriculture District.</b>		

# Sullivan County

## Legislative Memorandum

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**File #:** ID-6413

**Agenda Date:**

**Agenda #:** 7.

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL SECTION 5311 FORMULA GRANT FOR RURAL AREA PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT)

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

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$351,641 - 50% match requirement

**Are funds already budgeted?** Yes

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** N/A

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A FEDERAL SECTION 5311 FORMULA GRANT FOR RURAL AREA PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT)

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Transportation submitted a request for funds offered through NYSDOT, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49, United States Code, to provide public transportation service for the County of Sullivan for the 2022 & 2023 fiscal years and has committed the local share, and

WHEREAS, the County of Sullivan and the State of New York have entered into a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the project(s) and reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State shares, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Transportation is eligible for funding through such grant, and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for the \$188,263 plus and additional \$163,378.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 agreement to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Federal Section 5311 Formula grant for Rural Area Program funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.