



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, August 6, 2026

11:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

Reports:

1. Division of Community Development [ID-8538](#)
Monthly Report
August 2026

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

2. Planning Division [ID-8544](#)

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

Discussion:

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. Authorize modification of an agreement with Alta Planning and Design, Inc. [ID-8545](#)
to include an additional \$98,950 to advance engineering and design activities
related to meeting additional requirements of NYS DOT related to the
Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville, NY

Adjourn



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Division of Community resources Monthly Report

August 2026

Office for the Aging (OFA)

Director's Report, June 2026

- 28 home visits by case management staff for assessments, reassessments, and application assistance.
- 26 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.
- Visited Bethel Senior Housing with Human Rights Director to address concerns brought by constituents. All concerns were addressed and dialogue will continue.
- Attended Children and Adult care coordination planning meeting at Garnet Catskills conducted by Community Services.
- Presented lunch and learn session at Garnet Middletown to Case Managers and Discharge coordination staff regarding OFA resources.
- Attended HIPAA Administrative Oversight committee (Quarterly).
- Conducted interviews for Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) Case Management Specialist and Nutrition Site Aide positions, 2 new employees starting July 13th- Kaitlyn Aschoff, EISEP and Erika Malmgreen, Nutrition Site Aide
- Worked with Full Charge Bookkeeper and Youth Bureau Manager to complete 2027 Budgets for OFA and Youth Services.
- **For July – Thank you to Purchasing, Compliance, and County Attorney's office that identified an issue with one of our EISEP contracts and a huge thank you for our EISEP Case Management staff for helping navigate transition of 6 vulnerable clients to another contract agency immediately to avoid prolonged absence of care.



Sullivan Volunteers

- Four new volunteers enrolled
- Attended online training seminars through Idealist
- Planning for the 2026 Volunteer Fair
- Planning for the 2026 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- Volunteers provided 58 rides for medical appointments.
- 1,511 hours volunteered in June with a value of \$ 58,143 according to IndependentSector.org

Nutrition Program

- Farmer's Market Coupons to be distributed the first week of July- a much reduced allocation of 600 booklets compared to 1,200 last year.
Prioritization of reaching low income/high risk clients.

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Home-Delivered	2,783	129	\$1,221.00
Congregate Site	507	75	\$760.00
Total	3,290	204	\$1,981.00

Transportation Services

- 129 medical trips via Sullivan County Transportation (SCT).
- 177 shopping trips (SCT).
- 58 volunteer medical transports.
- 5 OFA staff medical transports.
- 33 rides to congregate meal sites.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

- 33 individuals assisted with their automatic enrollment into HEAP through SNAP eligibility.

Legal Assistance

June billing pending at time of this report.



Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)

Evidence-based Health Promotion:

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE):

A 6-week WISE series is underway with 8 seniors at the Town of Highland senior center this summer.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

The Tai Chi refresher classes are being held weekly on Tuesdays from, 11-12 June 30th through Aug. 4th.

We will plan another series in the Fall with dates to be announced.

Bone Builders Fall Series

A new Bone Builders series is planned for Thursdays from Sept. 17th to Nov. 19th 2026 at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan in Liberty.

Registration is required at www.sullivanccc.org/events or by clicking on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>

Bone Builders at the Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville Community room continues weekly on Thursdays from 11-12 pm from Sept. 10 through Nov. 19.

Registration for this location will be through the Western Sullivan Public Library's Jeffersonville Branch. Flyers and details will be available soon.

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Café: now the 2nd Monday each month

Note: starting in July, the Caregiver Café support group will be on the 2nd Monday of each month from 10-11.

Dates: July 13, Aug 10 and Sept. 14, Oct 19* (note change due to holiday on Oct. 12), Nov. 9, Dec. 14.

Virtual support group: 3rd Wednesday each month:

July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16 from 6-7pm

Parkinson's Support Group

Dates are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 pm at CCE Sullivan. Please call ahead if you plan to attend (845-292-6180 x 122)

of Information & Assistance calls:

June – 19

Workshops:

June 9 & June 16: Building Brain Healthy Habits, CCE Sullivan

June 3 – Building Brain Healthy Habits, Loch Sheldrake Seniors

July 28 – Building Brain Healthy Habits, CCE Sullivan 3-4pm.

Three ways to Register for support groups or workshops:

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



NY Connects

- 203 individuals served in June.
- 5 outreach events in June: 90 individuals reached with resources.



HIICAP (HEALTH INSURANCE & INFORMATION COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

37 Individuals received counseling



PERS (PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM)

19 clients currently enrolled through CSE, EISEP, and Title III-E funding.

EISEP – Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program

<u>Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Active Cases	30
Closed Cases	0
Waitlist	16
Hours Authorized June	1145
Hours Provided June	867



Sullivan County Youth Bureau

- Attended the United Sullivan partner check-in.
- Participated in the monthly New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Bureau call.
- Presented at Sullivan West Elementary School Career Day.
- Youth Bureau social media generated 2,100 views and 29 interactions, compared with 1,427 views and 23 interactions in June 2025.
- Presented an overview of Youth Bureau services to the Monticello Rotary.
- Reviewed OCFS claiming process and deadline changes. Youth Sports and Education funding is \$321 less than the 2026 allocation; Youth Development Program and Youth Team Sports allocations remain pending.
- Participated in the bi-monthly meeting with the Office for the Aging Director and Youth Bureau Assistant.
- Met with the Youth Bureau Advisory Board Chair and held the quarterly board meeting.
- Met with the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus lobbyist to discuss the State budget's impact on local youth bureaus.
- Visited the Mamakating Environmental Education Center (MEEC) to explore future collaboration.
- Attended budget and equitable supervision training.
- Met with the County Attorney's Office to review new contract requirements.
- Completed the Youth Bureau budget with assistance from Office for the Aging leadership and fiscal staff.

**Sullivan County Office for the Aging | 100 North Street, Monticello,
NY 12701 | (845) 807-0241 |
www.sullivanny.gov/departments/aging**

**Serving older adults and caregivers with dignity, independence,
and community connection.**

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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	556 (22 days)	12,242	415
2nd Quarter Totals		34,882	1,144
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.



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DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT

July 2026

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- I. Planning
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- III. Parks, Recreation & Beautification
- 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
7/2/26	7/21/26	Resnick Industrial Park	Adoption / Amendment of Zoning Map	FAL26-11	Ward
7/9/26	8/11/26	Valleing (Sefarady Colony)	Site Plan Review	THO26-14	Ward
7/9/26	7/20/26	Temp. Moratorium on “Package Plants”	Other	THO26-15	Ward
7/13/26	7/24/26	Beaverkill Mtn. Corp.	Area Variance	ROC26-02	B. McPhillips
7/13/26	8/3/26	Lipsker Duchman Diamond Inc.	Special Use Permit	LIB26-13	B. McPhillips
7/22/26	8/13/26	RA42 Enterprises	Area Variance	BET26-06	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) came to Sullivan County 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 was available to the 25 participants in attendance. 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. The first datasets are now available on the Planning website arranged by topic area and will be updated as needed based on availability of data. The remaining datasets will become available as they are completed.

Land Use, Strategic and Comprehensive Planning

- **Comprehensive Planning**
 - Planning has submitted 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 continues to collect data and information to incorporate into their analysis of existing conditions. Additionally, LaBella will be touring the County in August and the monthly update meeting will be held in person. 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.
 - NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is reviewing the second submission of the plan, which incorporates responses to feedback received from the State during the first round of review. Following their review and approval, 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. It is anticipated that plan adoption will begin in September 2026.

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- Sullivan Paving has substantially completed the Neversink Crossing, and the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance is working with the Town to have a ribbon cutting to thank all the supporters of the project, including the Sullivan County Legislature. This will be held after the Town of Fallsburg finishes some grading and drainage work on the section of trail between the crossing and the tunnel. The tentative date is September 17th at 4PM.
- 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.

- 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. A resolution is presented today to authorize funding to support expanding design and engineering activities related to the requirements of the New York State Department of Transportation. 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 County is assisting the Town of Liberty and the Open Space Institute on a grant application to acquire a section of trail Right of Way. The acquisition with further the trail build out between the Village of Liberty and the hamlet of Parksville, and support work in both the Town of Rockland and the Town of Liberty.
- 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 for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program.
- 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 Fallsburg Tunnel entrance. The tunnel itself will remain closed, but work was completed on the adjacent trail.



Sunday, August 9, 2026

10 AM - 12 PM | Stop by anytime!

Dogpatch Town Park
Corner of Dogpatch Road and Old Country Road
in South Fallsburg

Bring your family and your leashed dog to explore the O&W Rail Trail and visit the historic Fallsburg Tunnel!

This segment of the trail is 1.1 miles from the dog park to the railroad tunnel each way. Because the trail "bypasses" the tunnel by going up and around Tunnel Hill, it is not flat like the rest of the O&W Rail Trail. Be prepared to tackle some hills and moderately steep grades, and you will be rewarded with water, snacks and a selfie at the newly renovated tunnel entrance.

This free event is brought to you by:



For more details and event updates, visit [Facebook.com/SullivanOandW](https://www.facebook.com/SullivanOandW).

Community Development & Revitalization

- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Master Plan**
 - The Plan is in the final stages of editing and is on track to be completed by the end of the 3rd quarter of 2026. The Plan includes 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.
 - Preliminary design development on capital projects that were identified during the course of the planning process is also being finalized.

- **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**

- 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.
- Coordinated with the Town of Forestburgh and Town of Thompson to begin process of reviewing the recently filed Town Line Solar application and initiated process to draw down intervenor funds for local review efforts.
- Planning has worked with Human Resources to develop a staffing plan that achieves the following goals:
 - Address gaps in capacity and avoid situations of staff working "out of title" while maintaining services
 - Keep County costs flat or achieve a reduction in spending
 - Maintain efforts for succession planning

A resolution will be presented to the Human Resources Committee for the necessary authorizations to implement this plan.
- Attended meeting of the Real Property Advisory Board

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

- An application from RWE Solar Developments has been filed with the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Permitting. The project is known as Town Line Solar, a utility scale solar development in the Towns of Forestburgh and Thompson.
 - o Department of Public Service Matter Master #24-03035
 - o Sullivan County has executed a Memorandum of Agreement with the municipalities
 - o An application for intervenor funds has been drafted
 - o A contract has been awarded to Sterling Engineering Associates to provide professional services related to an independent review of the project.
 - o An engagement letter with Harris Beach Murtha has been signed.
 - o 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, with a target submission date for bronze recertification of December 31, 2026.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

- The Delaware Company hosted the annual Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink on July 18, 2026 accompanied by events and historical displays throughout the entire weekend as part of the celebration of America's Semiquincentennial. It was a terrific event with a great turn out of spectators throughout the day.
- Fisher Associates are continuing to work on the design for the D&H Canal Trail Improvement Project.
- The Annual Countywide Litter Pluck began on April 1 and ends October 31.
- Lake Superior Beach had its busiest day since 2010 with just shy of 1,100 people coming to picnic at the park on Saturday, July 4th. Throughout the holiday weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 2,003 people visited the park during beach operating hours.
- Lake Superior was closed for swimming July 12th through July 17th due to an algae bloom.
- The department's 2027 budget request has been submitted.
- The department has been receiving a lot of Group Picnic Permit applications for the County Parks.
- Park maintenance staff have been keeping the grounds in tip top shape for the summer, installed split rail fencing at Fort Delaware and prepared the grounds for the Minisink Commemoration event.

IV. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION (DGA)

- **Sweeping Changes to Federal Grant Regulations Forthcoming**
 - The Department of Grants Administration (DGA) has reviewed the forthcoming revisions to Federal Uniform Guidance, expected to be in effect as of October 1st. Though not yet finalized, the new “Uniform Regulations” contain sweeping changes, including increased oversight of Federal awards, expanded authority to terminate grants which no longer effectuate administrative priorities or agency goals, pre-award vetting and risk analysis which includes a review of “historical questionable practices,” and integration of new Executive Orders, restricting funds for what is perceived as unlawful Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.
 - DGA has advised that it is imperative all County stakeholders be aware of the proposed changes and impacts on policy, procedure, and funding. Staff will continue to monitor the landscape, engage stakeholders in dialogue, raise concerns, and assist in the provision of advisories, workshops, or trainings as advised by management.
 - NACo has provided a webinar and a chart of major revisions accessible on their website: <https://www.naco.org/event/understanding-proposed-rewrite-2-cfr-what-omb-uniform-guidance-proposed-rule-means-local>
 - Proposed Uniform Regulations: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/05/29/2026-10817/regulation-for-federal-financial-assistance>
- **Support to Outside Entities**
 - DGA received eight (8) Funding Resource Requests (FFRs) since the end of June. Requests were for home repairs, municipal assistance, capital equipment, and non-profit assistance.
- **Support to County Staff: January Highlights**
 - **Community Resources**
 - DGA assisted in an extensive review and execution of the NYS Office For the Aging - NY Connects grant. Through stakeholder collaboration the grant application was able to be executed and submitted in a timely manner. DGA waits confirmation of award from NYS OFA to ensure this critical funding is received by Sullivan County Office for the Aging.
 - **Health and Human Services**
 - The initial claim for the Family Visitation Space Upgrade was accepted by DASNY’s Grant’s Administration unit thanks to collaboration from various County Departments. This claim represents the ongoing commitment to furnishing the Family Services with an upgrade that will benefit the families of Sullivan County.
 - DGA assisted with development and submission of the Tuberculosis Elimination Alliance (TEA) Mini-Grant application in the amount of \$15,000. The grant will help fund outreach and education on the risks of Tuberculosis within the County which remains a priority for our Public Health Department. DGA now awaits confirmation of award and any subsequent contract from TEA.

- o DGA staff continues to collaborate with Public Health in an effort to inform staff of grants best practices and protocols. DGA staff regularly shares funding opportunities, monitors grant-related processes, assists in the facilitation of contract execution, offers to provide ongoing training, and provides guidance as necessary.
- **Public Works**
 - o 2025 Hazardous Household Waste program – DGA assisted in facilitating the full execution of the 2025 Hazardous Household Waste contract. The contract represents a reimbursement of \$24,898.09 for hazardous waste collection events that occurred in 2024.
- **Planning**
 - o The 2026 US Department of Transportation (DOT) BUILD application was declined. This is a highly competitive program; staff will participate in a debriefing once it becomes available.
 - o DGA staff continues to 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 prior to the application submission deadline date of July 31st.
- **Parks**
 - o NYS 250th Commemoration Commission Semi-Quincentennial Allocation \$15,000. – The disbursement of the initial \$13,500 was received by the County and promptly passed to the County's designee, The Delaware Company. The Delaware Company has proceeded to procure a statue of a Revolutionary Era minuteman to be installed at Minisink Battleground Park in the near future. The remaining \$1,500 funds will be routed to the County upon successful project completion / closeout and subsequently provided to the Delaware Company. Project continues to progress with NYS Education Department staff, County Government Parks and Office of Management (OMB) staff and Delaware Company.
 - o NYS DEC Snowmobile Grant in Aid – A voucher for the remaining 30% payment of the 2025-2026 Snowmobile Grant in Aid program was submitted on July 9th. The County awaits the final disbursement while preparing for Phase 2 of the 2026-2027 Snowmobile Grant in Aid program.
- **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 Dormitory Authority of the State of NY (DASNY) - Jeffersonville Tower Project - pending finalization and submission of State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) environmental packet from vendor and to be provided to DASNY with

the utility easement and cost estimate documentation for furthering financial review and subsequent Grant Disbursement Agreement process. The tower is a critical component of the MIP broadband project.

- o Sullivan County was awarded \$1,109,208.00 for the NYS funded 2025-2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications grant.
- o Sullivan County is the recipient of \$306,892.00 in NYS funding for the 2025-2026 Public Safety Answering Points grant.
- o DGA is collaborating with the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire seeking capital funding from the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) - State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) to fund a capital project for the replacement and modernization of critical rescue and protective equipment, in addition to special operations team equipment. Staff are in the process of preparing a preliminary application for submission onto staff from the New York State Ways and Means Committee, and Office of Counsel to the Majority who will conduct an initial review to determine eligibility. Post determination, the application will be formally submitted to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for a more intensive review process. The proposed funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 was facilitated by Assemblywoman Paula Kay.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- Cornell Cooperative Extension June 2026 Agriculture report attached

JUNE 2026 AG REPORT

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 148 Soil/Hay Tests: 12 Farm Visits: 3

Technical Assistance was provided on land access, fertilizer/lime calculations and decisions, cover crops, vegetable disease and pests, heat stress, succession planting, bolting, ag assessment, ag districts, Catskills Kitchen (insurance, business structures, permitting & licensing), beginning farmer inquiries, soil testing, native plants, invasive pests, tree decline, weed control, pond weed control, planting schedule, orchard care, permaculture **46 total Hours of Technical Assistance.**

PAST WORKSHOPS

Livestock and Pet Disaster Preparedness Webinar (June 11):

16 registrants. Participants learned how to build a farm & household emergency plan, livestock evacuation considerations, pet disaster kits and identification strategies, and communication plans and resource mapping

Livestock First Aid Workshop (June 3): 21 attendees. Participants learned basic triage and vital signs, treating wounds, bleeding, and shock and building a livestock first aid kit.

Farm and Livestock Emergency Response Webinar (June 18): 24 registrants. Participants learned initial scene assessment and safety, coordinating with emergency responders, managing loose or injured livestock, and farm arm-specific scenarios (fire, weather, accidents).

Livestock Behavior and Handling Demonstration at Stone Wall Farms (June 26): Participants learned flight zones, pressure points, herd dynamics, recognizing stress signals in livestock, low-stress handling techniques for safer movement, and how poor handling contributes to emergencies.

Zoning Tools to Support Agri-Tourism (June 17): 25 participants learned about how land-use policies can support farms and agri-tourism, and practical strategies for creating more farm-friendly communities.

Connecting Farmers & Landowners: Pathways to Land Access (June 24): 18 participants learned about practical tools on farmland leasing, purchasing and land access opportunities.

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

- **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
- **Agri-Tourism Farm Tour #1** – August 3, 2026 | Buck Brook Alpacas
- **Agri-Tourism Farm Tour #2** – August 24, 2026 | Mother Earth Farmstead

FARMLAND PRESERVATION:

Number of Municipal 239 Review's: 2

Farmland Preservation: June brought significant progress for farmland preservation in Sullivan County with the help of the Orange County Land Trust. Legislation to add the county to the Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act passed both the Senate and Assembly and now awaits action by the Governor. If approved (or left unsigned through the end of the year), towns will be able to establish preservation funds. A major success was securing a \$637,875 NYS Farmland Protection Implementation Grant to protect the 150-acre Diehl Farm in the Town of Delaware through a conservation easement

2026 Ag District 30 Day Window: The public hearing is scheduled for August 6th. From there, the legislature votes on whether or not to include the additional 40 acres into Ag District #4.

From Summer to Fall... Fresh Produce for All!



Stop when you see the Mobile Market Van to shop for farm fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy and eggs!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Village of Woodridge Municipal Lot

Green Ave. & Dairyland Rd. • Woodridge, NY

July 1st – August 26th

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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Fallsburg Town Hall

19 Railroad Plaza • South Fallsburg, NY

July 1st – October 28th

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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Loch Sheldrake Public Parking Lot

Corner of Hasbrouck Rd. & Route 52
Loch Sheldrake, NY

July 1st – October 28th

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM



Shop for locally grown fruits, vegetables, and more while enjoying special events, cooking demos, and family-friendly fun!

EVERY THURSDAY

June 25th – September 24th

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

10 Jefferson St., Monticello, NY

Behind the Ted Stroebele
Recreation Center



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**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County**

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Fresh Connect Checks • Fresh Rx Coupons • Sullivan Fresh Bucks
Senior & Farmers Market Nutrition Coupons (FMNP)



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HARVEST OF THE MONTH: BERRIES



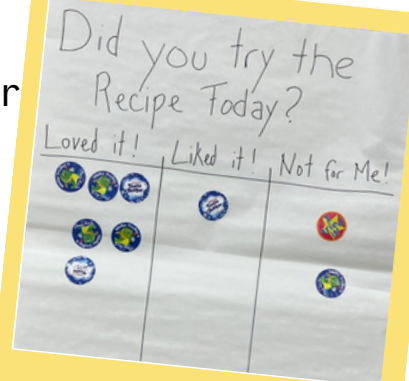
HIGHLIGHTS



- Taste test at Sullivan BOCES
- Sullivan County Farmers Markets open; Kids Club dates in Monticello
- Farm to School Day at Rockland Elementary

CAFETERIA

Sullivan BOCES students had the chance to meet a farmer and try a new recipe this month. The recipe in question? An adaptation of this [arugula lemon pesto pasta salad](#), made with local ingredients including spinach, basil and chives from Somewhere in Time Farm and Tonjes Dairy Farm's punnily named "Farmesan." (Can you guess the texture/type of this cheese? Answer below.)



Taste Test Results

COMMUNITY

It's Farmers Market season!

Farmers Markets are open now! [Click here](#) to view dates and locations. Mark your calendar for Kids Club Days on July 16th and August 27th at the Sullivan Fresh Monticello Market. On Kids Club Days, our youngest shoppers will have the opportunity to earn market currency while learning about agriculture and participating in activities and games designed just for them.



Brenda from Bobolink Farm with Alan Carroll at Sullivan BOCES



JUNE

Newsletter

THE COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

Rockland Elementary School hosted the district's first-ever Farm to School Day on June 5th. The event, likened to an in-school field trip, brought interactive learning stations to students, featuring an awesome array of farms and school/community organizations including Sullivan County Soil & Water, Gael Roots Community Farm, Spring Brook Farm, Rockland FCCLA, Rockland FFA, Sullivan 180, Trout Town Farms, Buck Brook Alpacas and Cornell Cooperative Extension. A huge thank you goes out to all of these organizations and individuals and Rockland Elementary for making the day fun and engaging for students in grades Pre-K-6. [Click here](#) to view a photo album from the event.



Buck Brook Alpacas at Farm to School Day

OPPORTUNITIES & UPCOMING EVENTS



- Meet Chef Ann at a [special community event](#) on August 20th
- Sign up for a course this summer starting as soon as TODAY:
 - [Climate Solutions: Permaculture Fundamentals for Educators](#)
 - [Teaching and Learning in the School Garden: Theory Into Practice](#)
 - [Planning a Successful School & Community Garden Program](#)
- Check out this free [webinar series](#) from [kidsgardening.org](#)

Answer for above: if you guessed parmesan, you got it!

SULLIVAN 180

Save the Date for an Evening with
Chef Ann Cooper
"The Renegade Lunch Lady"

August 20, 2026 • 5:30-7 PM
Michael Ritchie Big Barn at
The Center For Discovery
54 Discovery Ridge Road
Hurleyville, NY 12747

Join us for an engaging session with Chef Ann as she shares the possibilities for scratch cooking in our schools; and the impact it has on our children.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-8545

Agenda Date: 8/6/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize modification of an agreement with Alta Planning and Design, Inc. to include an additional \$98,950 to advance engineering and design activities related to meeting additional requirements of NYS DOT related to the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville, NY

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$98,950

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

If 'Yes,' specify appropriation code(s): A-8020-90-40-4006

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

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO 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 connecting Parksville (Town of Liberty) to Livingston Manor (Town of Rockland); and

WHEREAS, resolution 93-23 authorized and funded an additional \$25,000 for the purpose of including design and engineering activities related to the development of a bridge on this section of trail, with the purpose of the bridge being to improve safety for trail users; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to include an additional amount not to exceed \$98,950 for the purpose of expanding design and engineering activities related to the requirements of the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, funds are currently available in the 2026 Operating Budget 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 \$98,950 to advance engineering and design activities related to meeting additional requirements of NYS DOT related to 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.