



Sullivan County

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Planning, Real Property and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Agenda - Final

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

Thursday, October 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Comments:

1. Borscht Belt Historic Market Project -Marissa Scheinfeld via Zoom

Reports:

1. Division of Community Resources Monthly Report [ID-4956](#)

Attachments: [2022 PCD DCR October Report](#)

2. Division of Planning [ID-4962](#)

Attachments: [September 2022](#)

[SC Available Housing Grants](#)

[NYSAC Whitepaper - Clean Air Clean Water and Green Jobs Bond Act](#)

[Aug 22 AG report](#)

3. County Treasurer

4. Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for August 2022 [ID-4964](#)

Attachments: [Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for 8.2022](#)

5. Visitors Association - Roberta Byron Lockwood [ID-4969](#)

Attachments: [October2022.docx](#)

6. IDA - Jen Flad

7. Partnership for Economic Development - Marc Baez

8. Chamber of Commerce - Jaime Schmeiser

Public Comment

Resolutions:

1. Resolution introduced by the Planning Committee to support the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 [ID-4957](#)
Attachments: [NYSAC Whitepaper - Clean Air, Clean Water, and Green Jobs Bond Act](#)
2. Resolution to authorize the application for the FY23 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program [ID-4963](#)
3. TO CORRECT THE 2020 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR TAX MAP #26.-1-18.1 [ID-4965](#)
4. TO CORRECT THE 2021 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR TAX MAP #26.-1-18.1 [ID-4966](#)
5. TO CORRECT THE 2022 TAX ROLL OF THE TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR TAX MAP #26.-1-18.1 [ID-4967](#)
6. TO AMEND RESOLUTION 441-21 TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO ACCEPT MULTIYEAR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,083.00 COVERING THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025. [ID-4972](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

Adjourn



Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

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Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

October 2022

Workforce Development

- ✓ *According to the press release:* “Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has entered into a \$10 million partnership with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals to expand opportunities for professional credentialing for direct support professionals in the developmental disabilities field throughout New York State. The three-year agreement will help professionalize the direct support professional workforce and address worker shortages. OPWDD's partnership with the [National Alliance](#) will provide access to three levels of direct support professionals credentialing and its frontline supervisor certification through participation in its E-Badge Academy. The project is supported by federal funds OPWDD is receiving through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The National Alliance credential is competency-based and modeled on the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services' Direct Service Workforce Core Competencies and the National Alliance Code of Ethics.”
- ✓ Work Readiness Training, LLC was awarded a contract to provide leadership development services to WIOA eligible juniors and seniors at Fallsburg High School starting in September. The program will provide 6 to 8 experiential learning leadership activities incorporating non-profit and business opportunities for civic engagement, service learning and work readiness programs. Students will present at the end of the school year to the Fallsburg School Board of Education and the Workforce Development Board. A total of 30 youth are slated to be served. The program is underway.
- ✓ The Director of CWD is now on a monthly Training & Development Committee which consists of many local businesses, agencies and the Chamber of Commerce. Virtual and in-person trainings are being put together by these groups for areas needed such as soft skills training, public speaking, etc. CWD is working with other members of this committee to put an event together for February on how to create an inclusive and diverse work environment.

✓

- ✓ Performance negotiations with NYS Department of Labor are underway for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for program years 2022 and 2023.
- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) is under a second audit by the NYS Department of Labor (DOL) for WIOA PY21 funding. Due to Covid, the NYS Dept. of Labor is behind in their audits and is now looking to catch up on departmental audits from Financial Management, Procurement, Property Management and Monitoring. Audits are now being completed through zoom meetings with all documentation being transmitted electronically through secure sites.
- ✓ The Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (DR-NDWG) which the CWD applied for and received \$259,990 to put “Clerk” positions in place for Covid related back log is continuing with great success. There are 13 rotating positions within the CWD budget and have continued to supply participating county departments with Clerk’s to assist with their departmental Covid related needs. The departments participating are CWD, Social Services, Public Health, Human Resources and Veterans. The program was extended to March of 2023. To date, 20 people have participated in the program. There are 7 people currently enrolled as Clerks, 10 have found employment outside the program, 3 were not successful and were referred for other services.

Labor Market Data for August 2022 compared to August 2021

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase 12.2% (3,400) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase 12.1% (2,800) in total private sector jobs.

Sullivan County had the fastest growth year over year in the Hudson Valley region for private sector job gains (12.1%).

Sullivan County had the second highest nonfarm growth rate among small counties in the NYS at 12.2%

Please note: The net month (July ’22 – August ’22) showed flat growth for nonfarm jobs and a loss of -0.4% (-100) private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the largest job gains were:
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 48.9% (2,300)
 - Government at 12.8% (600)
 - Other Services at 16.7% (200)

- Information at 100% (100)
- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction at 7.7% (100)
- Manufacturing at 5.9% (100)
- Business and Professional Services at 5.9% (100)

Education & Health Services showed a loss of -1.4% (-100) jobs. Trade, Transportation and Utilities along with Financial Activities showed no job growth in August 2022 over August 2021.

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 4.9% (441,500) in total nonfarm jobs and 5.4% (411,800) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Professional & Business Services at 7.8% (99,900)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 11.7% (94,500)
- Education and Health Services at 4.7% (92,900)
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 3.5% (49,800)

- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 3.5% (31,700) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 4.5% (34,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Professional and Business Services at 9.4% (10,600)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 9.9% (9,900)
- Education and Health Services at 3.0% (6,000)
- Other Services at 8.9% (3,500)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Government at -2.0% (-2,800)
- Financial Activities at -3.3% (-1,500)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.3% for August 2022 down from 4.6% in August 2021.

August 2022 had 39,900 people in the labor force (38,600 employed & 1,300 unemployed). This reflects an overall increase of 2,900 people in the labor force compared to August 2021.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for August 2022 is 3.5% compared to 4.6% in August 2021.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.9% in August 2022 compared to 6.7% in August 2021.
- ✓ The August 2022 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.6% for Hamilton County to a high of 9.5% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.3% rate

ranked 16th in the State along with Chenango, Dutchess, Livingston, Madison, Nassau, Rensselaer and Schuyler counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for August 2022:
 - #11 Rockland County at 3.2%
 - #11 Putnam County at 3.2%
 - #16 Sullivan County at 3.3%
 - #16 Dutchess County at 3.3%
 - #27 Ulster County at 3.5%
 - #29 Westchester County at 3.6%
 - #29 Orange County at 3.6%

Transportation

- ✓ Two additional routes were added to Move Sullivan effective September 1st. Some changes are being made to routes to better serve communities. Those changes are effective September 27th.

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ The CAC has been coordinating the countywide mask and test kit distribution.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking for vaccines and/or information.
- ✓ The CAC remains active providing food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.
- ✓ The Thursday Food Bank deliveries to the pantries are now twice a month. Salvation Army box deliveries continue unchanged.

Office for the Aging - Monthly Report: August 2022

Highlights:

- ✓ Continue to assist with CAC efforts distributing masks and test kits, answering phones, providing referrals and information and vaccination access.
- ✓ Participating in case review with EMDT & APS regarding mutual clients.
- ✓ OFA newsletter. "The Monthly Hoot" has been successfully received so far, distribution includes libraries, town halls, OFA clients via meal delivery, supermarkets, restaurants, other county buildings and direct mail.
- ✓ Participation as board member at large of Association on Aging in NY.
- ✓ Continue to participate in Sullivan County Food Security Roundtable efforts.
- ✓ Along with Division, participated in various community outreach events.
- ✓ Farmer's Market Coupons- we have depleted original allocation of 680 booklets and received a second allocation of 100 booklets.
- ✓ Transition of meal contract to Jail to be effective October 3rd
- ✓ Processed close to 100 HEAP applications to date

- ✓ Required annual Public Hearing is scheduled for November 1, 2022 in conjunction with screening of *All the Lonely People* documentary film about social isolation. This will take place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. Partnership with film producers, NYSOFA, and support from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Public Notices have been placed in Democrat, River Reporter and our newsletter and press release forthcoming.
- ✓ Received a very large shipment of animatronic pets from NYSOFA, prior two shipments depleted and individuals are benefitting greatly from the companionship these provide.
- ✓ Received 3 Elli-Q devices from NYSOFA- tablet/robot like devices designed specifically to interact with older adults in a way to benefit their wellbeing and connectiveness.

EISEP (Expanded In-home Services for Elderly Program)

EISEP AUGUST 2022	Total
CASE FILES already open for full EISEP-type services including PCA	29
Plus, new CASE FILES opened in August	0
CASE FILES closed EFFECTIVE August	0
CASE FILES total open as of 8/31/2022	29 EISEP [+ 3 non-EISEP]
CASE FILES open still without aides as of 8/31/2022 [does not include “bridge” clients]	17
CASE FILES reassessed in August	2
WAITLIST currently active as of 8/31/2022	17

- ✓ Still facing aide shortages, have received all fully executed contract modifications to facilitate incentive of higher hourly rate for aides – this will hopefully incentivize aides to cover Sullivan County home care cases.

Legal Services

- ✓ There were no referrals to legal services this month. An RFP for a new Legal Services provider due to retirement of current provider was issued and we received no initial responses by the due date. Updated RFP with slightly increased cap has been issued, still awaiting responses.

HIICAP

- ✓ client interactions – 25
- ✓ No specific HIICAP events have taken place in August. Any information or resources that are HIICAP related have been disbursed through other events.
- ✓ HIICAP has started to prepare for the Annual Election to start on October 15th, 2022.

NYConnects

- ✓ Client interactions -39
- ✓ Outreach at libraries concluding with great feedback. This and other opportunities for community outreach events ongoing.

Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

- ✓ 29 clients receive PERS medical monitoring through the OFA.

Nutrition Program

- ✓ Nutrition department continues to help unload Food Bank delivery twice monthly for ECAC, and delivers care packages when needed.
- ✓ 12 new clients were assessed for HDM; 9 clients were eligible and added to the roster.
- ✓ Children from Camp Tel Yehudah made small hand decorated gift bags and donated them to our HDM recipients.
- ✓ Totals for August 2022
Homebound meals: 2162 units for 95 clients
Congregate meals: 1573 units for 77 clients
Total meals: 3735 units for 172 clients
- ✓ Homebound deposits: \$1,703.00
Congregate deposits: \$144.00
Total deposits: \$1,847.00

Transportation

- ✓ SCT Medical Trips-87
- ✓ RSVP-43 trips
- ✓ Shopping Bus trips--80

RSVP

- ✓ Planning the Annual Recognition Event held on September 12th at the Villa Roma.
- ✓ Recruitment Efforts: recruited 1 new volunteer for Hospice; 4 new volunteers at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance; 1 new volunteer in our RSVP Needlework for Veterans Program, 1 new volunteer has taken on assignments at the Federation for the Homeless and Garnet Health; and 1 new volunteer is looking for assignments at Radio Catskill and Literacy of America.
- ✓ Community outreach: Met with the Forestburgh Seniors who have joined our network to distribute information to our seniors.
- ✓ Continue with "Community Spotlight" showcasing the work our RSVP AmeriCorps Volunteers are performing throughout our community.
- ✓ Donated blankets to the Veterans Service Agency to be distributed to area Veterans. Donated 2 cases of Hygiene items to the IOU Main Street Thrift Store for distribution to area residents in need.
- ✓ Attended AmeriCorps Seniors Office Hours and held RSVP Advisory Council meeting.
- ✓ As part of our Recognition Event we wanted our volunteers to share with us why they became a volunteer. Below please find a sampling of some of the quotes received. Next month you can find our Recognition Event program online where you can find more photos and quotes of our volunteers.

"My husband Tom and I have lived in Sullivan County since graduating from college and coming to work for the Monticello Central School District. Teaching and raising our daughter made for a pretty full schedule and we were not able to volunteer much. Now in retirement we have the time to give back to our community. Food is so important in our own lives so what better giveback than

delivering home delivered meals 2x a week. We enjoy checking in with our customers and they make us smile each week!”

Tom and Jeanne Druse

“I’m a volunteer driver for the RSVP Medical Transportation Program. My mission is to bring home bound seniors to their doctor’s appointments or procedures. For me, it’s a give back and personal reward that I can only begin to describe. They are all different. Since I’m bringing them to see a doctor, they are generally very nervous. I try to make them feel comfortable with music and light conversation and have them talk about the nicer things that they have experienced. I also let them know that I won’t be leaving them there at the doctors, and will sit and wait with them in the waiting room until the visit is over. As far as reward - One 98-year-old, very frail, 4 foot nothing women, at the end of our trip, would always give me a big hug, a peck on the cheek and a thank you. Rewards don’t get much better than this.”

Joseph Stifano

“I choose to volunteer to give something back to my community and build on existing experiences.”

Merri White

“I was brought up that way if you were brought up in the community that you give back to the community where you live. You make it a better place than you found It.”

Martha Johnson

“I’m a positive person who believes you get out of life what you are prepared to put into it. My greatest strength is my passion to continue learning and growing. At RSVP I was looking for opportunities to connect with the community. I wanted to challenge myself to try something different while at the same time putting to good use the social and professional skills I developed over the years. The projects I have been tasked with at the Sullivan County Historical Society & Museum and Time and the Valleys Museum allow me to utilize my organizational skills and creative spirit. I enjoy the camaraderie with the people I interact with. It’s a definite win-win situation for me!”

Elsie Kopcha

Youth Bureau

1. Leading member of the “Systems of Care for Youth” study in cooperation with DSS and Community Services.
2. Weekly Youth Bureau Bulletins emailed.
3. Consistent posting on Youth Bureau Instagram page.
4. Participated in Mixer hosted by Sullivan Renaissance to highlight the summer interns and allow them a forum to talk with adults and practice the skills they have learned.
5. Attended NYS Office for Children and Family Services training to learn more about Raising the Lower Age of Juvenile Delinquency and STSJP.
6. Attended Understanding Wellness - Growing Resilience Summer Series through Cornell University.

7. Eight claims were submitted to NYS OCFS for reimbursement.
8. Met with Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce to finalize meeting with area businesses.
9. Attended Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce monthly mixer.
10. Met with SC CFWD regarding collaboration of services.
11. Attended Cornell University Food and Movement Matter in our Schools training.
12. Attended Cornell University Student Wellness Policies: How They Impact the Classroom.
13. Met with SC youth and brainstormed what internship looked like to them.
14. Site visit – Town of Thompson
15. Attended ANYSYB Municipal YBs membership discussion.
16. Attended Mental Health Association in New York State webinar “Youth Mental Health Support and Training”.
17. Committee meeting and member of the HVYBA Bylaws Committee.
18. Attended Evergreen planning event as committee member
19. Met with Monticello Central School and Monticello St. John Street School regarding partnership for internship opportunity and programing.
20. Attended multiple RSVP advisory meeting.
21. Attended the SALT lunchroom.
22. Worked with summer intern in the Communications Department regarding YB web page re-vamping.
23. Attended SC Wellness Committee Health Fair.

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DIVISION OF PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & Environmental Management

ACTIVITY Report September 2022

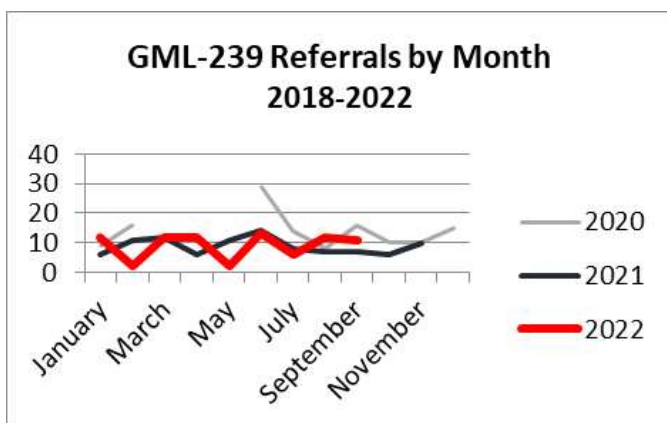
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I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

- GML-239 Referrals
 - 11 referrals received, with actions in 8 municipalities; quantity remains consistent with recent years, after the implementation of exemptions
 - Significant projects include the proposed campground at Bethel Woods and an electrical supply warehouse in Thompson





GML-239 Referrals, September 2022

Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
9/16/2022	10/3/2022	Bethel Woods Center Arts - Campground	Site Plan Review	BET22-06	Robert Doherty
8/26/2022	9/12/2022	Rock Paper Plate LLC	Special Use Permit	LIB22-10	Michael Brooks
9/7/2022	9/15/2022	Local Law amending Zoning Code, Town of Rockland	Other	ROC22-03	Michael Brooks
8/26/2022		MEP Wholesalers		THO22-09	Alan Sorensen
8/22/2022	9/23/2022	Hector Subdivision Review	Subdivision Review	TUS22-07	Robert Doherty
8/22/2022	9/23/2022	Narrowsburg Veterans	Special Use Permit	TUS22-06	Robert Doherty
9/9/2022		North Road Rezoning	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Map	BLO22-03	Nicholas Salomone
8/31/2022	9/14/2022	Aero Star Petroleum	Area Variance	FAL22-16	Joseph Perrello
9/12/2022	10/12/2022	Cabana Sands	Site Plan Review	FAL22-17	Joseph Perrello
9/20/2022	10/12/2022	Skopps Cottages	Area Variance	FAL22-18	Joseph Perrello
9/13/2022	9/27/2022	Alberta & Reginald Hillriegel Minor Subdivision	Subdivision Review	FRE22-01	George Conklin III

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

- **Countywide Resiliency Plan:**

- Advisory Committee assembled; 1st meeting September 29th
 - Consultant work product drafts received:
 - Plan Goals
 - Outreach strategy
 - Summary of existing County studies with relevant material to be carried

forward, and build on, in the new plan

- *Housing Plan:*
 - Draft presented to the Legislature and public at the Health and Family Services meeting on September 8
 - Final draft to be presented to the Legislature for adoption
 - Staff identifying funding opportunities to implement key recommendations

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Neversink Crossing
 - Final permits submitted to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers
 - Initial Project Proposal (IPP) package submitted to NYS DOT for the Congressional member item federal grant
 - Draft design report expected by end of month; review with SCDPW scheduled
 - Ongoing coordination with Coordinated project requirements with consultants, Town, State & Federal funding sources
 - Project expected to be bid in June 2023
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Parksville North
 - Conducted site visit with Sullivan Renaissance and Town of Liberty; assisting Town with Golden Feather application
 - Trail buildout and improvements: Other
 - Site visit and discussion with consultants regarding on-road connections
 - Outreach and events committee
 - Halloween-themed trail events being planned
- **New County Park Project (Callicoon)**
 - Interim park closed sign installed; DPW security fence installation anticipated by November
 - News release announcing park and naming contest being prepared for November, for issue upon fence completion
 - Parks working with DPW to assess remnants of electrical system and develop a plan to address safety and potential utilization
 - RFP for Design and Engineering assistance for SC Parks issued 9/30; Callicoon park
 - Quotes to be solicited for supplemental archeological survey in October
 - Ongoing work to secure and process grant paperwork (NFWF, DASNY)
- **Highland Access Improvements**
 - Bid process completed and contract authorized; work expected to commence early/mid -October
 - Ongoing coordination with project partners regarding in-kind contributions

Community Development & Revitalization

- **2022 Plans & Progress Program**

- Movement from processing award agreements to reimbursements. Improvements to the Assembly building in Monticello completed and voucher package received.
- **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**
 - Awarded \$200,000 from new NYS funding program to support land bank operations and predevelopment activity
 - Broadway Theater Feasibility Study draft completed; News release issued to announce the study and solicit input
 - Fielding inquiries for 91 Chestnut Street; Issuing RFP
 - Preparing application for additional round of EPA Brownfield Assessment grant
 - Use of County funding for demolitions postponed with deferment of County auction
 - Draft 2023 budget reviewed with Board
- **CDBG Housing**
 - Outreach to grant subrecipients for housing assistance launched. See attached flyer.
- **Other**
 - Deputy Commissioner attended Rural Housing Coalition of New York conference on September 27th and 28th.
 - Responding to NYS Main Street grant sub-recipient's inquiry regarding maintain grant requirements through a property transfer.

Economic Development

- **Emerald Corporate Center**
 - Conducted Board meeting and subsequent site visit with Board to Emerald Springs Water Company.
 - Reviewed draft agreement with Hamaspik for emergency water supply with County Attorney. Will engage attorney to negotiate the agreement.
- **CDGB grants**
 - Ongoing work to process existing grants
- **Revolving Loan Fund**
 - Account review to write off three loans where collection efforts have failed.
 - All active loans current.
 - Several pending loans on hold due to lack of recipient readiness. No new activity.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

Projects

- **Countywide Resiliency Plan**
 - As noted above, the kick-off meeting for the Resiliency Plan was held on September 29. Stakeholders from across the County (municipal, not-for-profit, utilities) were invited to participate.

- Facilities Master Plan
 - Department interviews for the Facilities Master Plan have been completed. A draft plan is anticipated mid-October.
- SUNY Sullivan Energy Project
 - Construction phase of the SUNY Sullivan energy project remains on track for completion by 12/31/2022, with the exception of window replacements (likely to take place in the late Spring of 2023). There is no change to the final cost of the project to the County.

Public, Agency, and NYS Engagement

- Division Deputy Commissioner Heather Brown appointed Chair of the NYSAC Standing Committee on Climate Action. Participated in the committee as well as Resolutions Committee at the 2022 NYSAC Fall Conference.
- In partnership with SC Executive Director of Human Rights, initiated outreach to communities that are expected to be designated as “Disadvantaged Communities” by the NYS Climate Action Council. State Legislation requires that 35% of the “benefit” of implementing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act be directed to DACs. It is important to engage DACs to ensure that projects implemented in their communities are appropriate and welcome.
- NYSEG and RG&E have initiated a Climate Resiliency Study. Attended the virtual kick-off and have requested to be included in the working group of community stakeholders.
- Participated and presented at a plenary session for NYSACHO’s Climate and Health Adaptation Workshop Series. The presentation focused on the opportunities to address public health challenges simultaneously with climate/environmental challenges. For instance, promotion of building standards and retrofits to improve energy efficiency, control moisture intrusion and mold, eliminate toxic building materials, improve ventilation, and temperature/humidity control will inevitably improve the health outcomes for the occupants while also reducing the environmental impact/carbon footprint of the building.

Administrative

- Agreement executed with Amplifund for Grants Management software. Group of County staff assembled to guide the process of implementing the program across County departments.

Other

- There is a referendum on the ballot this Fall for the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. NYSAC has prepared an explanation of the legislation/bond which contains information about how funds could be spent if approved by voters, and is encouraging counties to support the measure with a resolution. The NYSAC overview is attached to this report and a supportive resolution is on the Committee agenda for consideration by the SC Legislature.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

Park Planning and Management

- As noted above:
 - An RFP is being issued to engage a design and engineering firm to assist the Parks Department on retainer. Potential projects to include design and engineering of improvements to the new park in Callicoon, repairs needed at the Stone Arch Bridge park, and as well as projects at the D&H Canal park.
 - Working with Planning staff on advancing implementation of Callicoon park development and grant management.
- The park staff have been working on the hiking trail at Lake Superior, removing brush at the Callicoon Park and completing beautification projects throughout the remainder of the parks.
- The NYSDEC installed the Northern Snakehead barrier in the D&H Canal in Wurtsboro. The purpose of the barrier is to try and prevent the spread of the Northern Snakeheads from the Bashakill marshes to the Hudson River.

Parks & Rec Events

- The Poetry and Art workshops launched by Sullivan County's new poet laureate Sharon Kennedy-Nolle and former poet laureate Eric Baylin will continue with an event at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center on October 1, 2022. Using nature as inspiration for painting, drawing, and verse-making, the workshops bring art and poetry into creative conversation. The event is free, pre-registration is required by emailing sullivancountypoetlaureate@gmail.com <<mailto:sullivancountypoetlaureate@gmail.com>>.
- The Parks Department has teamed up with the Mamakating Library and the Bashakill Association to host a guided walk along the D&H Canal on October 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Kerron Barnes will lead the hike discussing the dynamics of the canal. Participants will meet at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center. Pre-register at www.mamakatinglibrary.org <<http://www.mamakatinglibrary.org>> or call 845-888-8004.
- The Sullivan County Historical Society is sponsoring a display and presentation celebrating the 75th anniversary of WVOS. The event will be held on September 29th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Historical Society is also presenting a lecture on the book "To the Mountains by Rail" during Hurleyville' Scarecrow Festival October 9th at noon.

Beautification

- The Fall Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck is underway. Participants wishing to participate can receive their Free disposal coupons at the Town and Village Halls and local participating organizations throughout Sullivan County. The event will run through October 31.

IV. GRANTS

County Grants

- As noted above, agreement has been executed for grants management software vendor and we are taking steps towards implementation of the system.
- Budget Office

- FEMA Public Assistance / COVID-19 Emergency Protective Measures Project 2 submission has been finalized and will be reviewed by NYS DHSES staff prior to submitting via FEMA Portal for consideration of reimbursement for eligible expenses. We will be taking action in developing our Project 3 information and application for submission. We will seek reimbursement for COVID19 emergency protective measures taken by the County Govt. during the period of 1/1/2022 thru 12/31/2022.
- Public Safety
 - Continued working with Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and E911 staff as appropriate to transition grant program administration to respective areas. Worked w/ Public Safety OEM staff to submit on time the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant program application submission. We are in the process of working w/ staff in development of a large reimbursement claim for submission, and providing guidance in drafting the 3rd Q Progress Reports due to NYS DHSES prior to end of October 2022.
- Parks
 - Phase II / FY22-23 NYS Snowmobile Trail Grant in Aid Program application proposal completed and submitted.
 - Dormitory Authority State of NY (DASNY) reimbursement received for the Callicoon Park land acquisition
- Public Works
 - Worked w/ Deputy Commissioner to review their solid waste grant programs and discuss next steps going forward. Initiated action in the development and future submission of the FY22 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) program, which reimburses the County 50% for cost related to the County Recycling Coordinator and recycling /education services provided. Anticipate submitting by end of October 2022.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- CCE August Ag and Food systems report below



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ACTIVITY REPORT September 2022

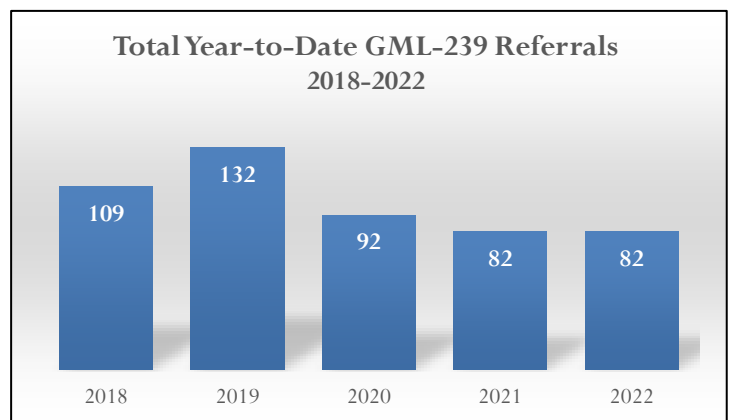
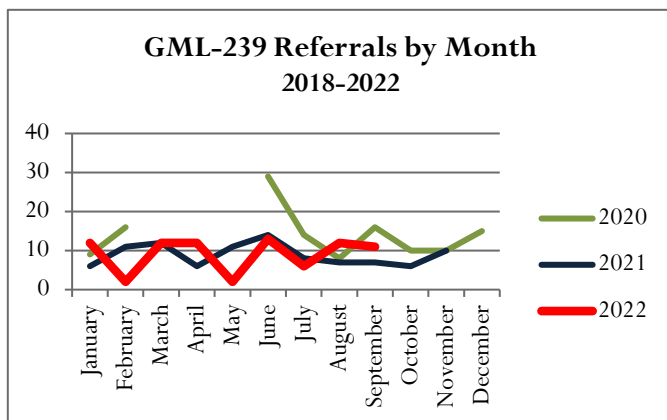
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I. PLANNING ACTIVITY

Land Use Planning & Technical Assistance:

- **GML-239 Referrals**
 - 11 referrals received, with actions in 8 municipalities; quantity remains consistent with recent years, after the implementation of exemptions
 - Significant projects include the proposed campground at Bethel Woods and an electrical supply warehouse in Thompson



GML-239 Referrals, September 2022					
Date Received	Date Requested	Project Name	Action Type	Referral ID #	Legislator
9/16/2022	10/3/2022	Bethel Woods Center for Arts - Campground	Site Plan Review	BET22-06	Robert Doherty
8/26/2022	9/12/2022	Rock Paper Plate LLC	Special Use Permit	LIB22-10	Michael Brooks
9/7/2022	9/15/2022	Local Law amending Zoning Code, Town of Rockland	Other	ROC22-03	Michael Brooks
8/26/2022		MEP Wholesalers		THO22-09	Alan Sorensen
8/22/2022	9/23/2022	Hector Subdivision Review	Subdivision Review	TUS22-07	Robert Doherty
8/22/2022	9/23/2022	Narrowsburg Veterinary	Special Use Permit	TUS22-06	Robert Doherty
9/9/2022		North Road Rezoning	Adoption/Amendment of Zoning Map	BLO22-03	Nicholas Salomone
8/31/2022	9/14/2022	Aero Star Petroleum	Area Variance	FAL22-16	Joseph Perrello
9/12/2022	10/12/2022	Cabana Sands	Site Plan Review	FAL22-17	Joseph Perrello
9/20/2022	10/12/2022	Skopps Cottages	Area Variance	FAL22-18	Joseph Perrello
9/13/2022	9/27/2022	Alberta & Reginald Hillriegal Minor Subdivision	Subdivision Review	FRE22-01	George Conklin III

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

- *Countywide Resiliency Plan:*

- Advisory Committee assembled; 1st meeting September 29th
 - Consultant work product drafts received:
 - Plan Goals
 - Outreach strategy
 - Summary of existing County studies with relevant material to be carried forward, and build on, in the new plan

- *Housing Plan:*

- Draft presented to the Legislature and public at the Health and Family Services meeting on September 8
 - Final draft to be presented to the Legislature for adoption
 - Staff identifying funding opportunities to implement key recommendations

Recreation, Quality of Life & Tourism-based Economic Development

- **Sullivan O&W Rail Trail**

- Trail buildout and improvements: Neversink Crossing
 - Final permits submitted to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers
 - Initial Project Proposal (IPP) package submitted to NYS DOT for the Congressional member item federal grant
 - Draft design report expected by end of month; review with SCDPW scheduled
 - Ongoing coordination with Coordinated project requirements with consultants, Town, State & Federal funding sources

- Project expected to be bid in June 2023
- Trail buildout and improvements: Parksville North
 - Conducted site visit with Sullivan Renaissance and Town of Liberty; assisting Town with Golden Feather application
- Trail buildout and improvements: Other
 - Site visit and discussion with consultants regarding on-road connections
- Outreach and events committee
 - Halloween-themed trail events being planned
- **New County Park Project (Callicoon)**
 - Interim park closed sign installed; DPW security fence installation anticipated by November
 - News release announcing park and naming contest being prepared for November, for issue upon fence completion
 - Parks working with DPW to assess remnants of electrical system and develop a plan to address safety and potential utilization
 - RFP for Design and Engineering assistance for SC Parks issued 9/30; Callicoon park
 - Quotes to be solicited for supplemental archeological survey in October
 - Ongoing work to secure and process grant paperwork (NFWF, DASNY)
- **Highland Access Improvements**
 - Bid process completed and contract authorized; work expected to commence early/mid-October
 - Ongoing coordination with project partners regarding in-kind contributions

Community Development & Revitalization

- **2022 Plans & Progress Program**
 - Movement from processing award agreements to reimbursements. Improvements to the Assembly building in Monticello completed and voucher package received.
- **Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation (SCLBC)**
 - Awarded \$200,000 from new NYS funding program to support land bank operations and predevelopment activity
 - Broadway Theater Feasibility Study draft completed; News release issued to announce the study and solicit input
 - Fielding inquiries for 91 Chestnut Street; Issuing RFP
 - Preparing application for additional round of EPA Brownfield Assessment grant
 - Use of County funding for demolitions postponed with deferment of County auction
 - Draft 2023 budget reviewed with Board
- **CDBG Housing**
 - Outreach to grant subrecipients for housing assistance launched. See attached flyer.

- **Other**
 - Deputy Commissioner attended Rural Housing Coalition of New York conference on September 27th and 28th.
 - Responding to NYS Main Street grant sub-recipient's inquiry regarding maintain grant requirements through a property transfer.

Economic Development

- **Emerald Corporate Center**
 - Conducted Board meeting and subsequent site visit with Board to Emerald Springs Water Company.
 - Reviewed draft agreement with Hamaspik for emergency water supply with County Attorney. Will engage attorney to negotiate the agreement.
- **CDGB grants**
 - Ongoing work to process existing grants
- **Revolving Loan Fund**
 - Account review to write off three loans where collection efforts have failed.
 - All active loans current.
 - Several pending loans on hold due to lack of recipient readiness. No new activity.

II. OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (OSE)

Projects

- **Countywide Resiliency Plan**
 - As noted above, the kick-off meeting for the Resiliency Plan was held on September 29. Stakeholders from across the County (municipal, not-for-profit, utilities) were invited to participate.
- **Facilities Master Plan**
 - Department interviews for the Facilities Master Plan have been completed. A draft plan is anticipated mid-October.
- **SUNY Sullivan Energy Project**
 - Construction phase of the SUNY Sullivan energy project remains on track for completion by 12/31/2022, with the exception of window replacements (likely to take place in the late Spring of 2023). There is no change to the final cost of the project to the County.

Public, Agency, and NYS Engagement

- Division Deputy Commissioner Heather Brown appointed Chair of the NYSAC Standing Committee on Climate Action. Participated in the committee as well as Resolutions Committee at the 2022 NYSAC Fall Conference.
- In partnership with SC Executive Director of Human Rights, initiated outreach to communities that are expected to be designated as “Disadvantaged Communities” by the NYS Climate Action Council. State Legislation requires that 35% of the “benefit” of implementing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act be directed to DACs. It is important to engage DACs to ensure that projects implemented in their communities are appropriate and welcome.
- NYSEG and RG&E have initiated a Climate Resiliency Study. Attended the virtual kick-off and have requested to be included in the working group of community stakeholders.
- Participated and presented at a plenary session for NYSACHO’s Climate and Health Adaptation Workshop Series. The presentation focused on the opportunities to address public health challenges simultaneously with climate/environmental challenges. For instance, promotion of building standards and retrofits to improve energy efficiency, control moisture intrusion and mold, eliminate toxic building materials, improve ventilation, and temperature/humidity control will inevitably improve the health outcomes for the occupants while also reducing the environmental impact/carbon footprint of the building.

Administrative

- Agreement executed with Amplifund for Grants Management software. Group of County staff assembled to guide the process of implementing the program across County departments.

Other

- There is a referendum on the ballot this Fall for the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. NYSAC has prepared an explanation of the legislation/bond which contains information about how funds could be spent if approved by voters, and is encouraging counties to support the measure with a resolution. The NYSAC overview is attached to this report and a supportive resolution is on the Committee agenda for consideration by the SC Legislature.

III. PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION

Park Planning and Management

- As noted above:
 - An RFP is being issued to engage a design and engineering firm to assist the Parks Department on retainer. Potential projects to include design and engineering of improvements to the new park in Callicoon, repairs needed at the Stone Arch Bridge park, and as well as projects at the D&H Canal park.

- Working with Planning staff on advancing implementation of Callicoon park development and grant management.
- The park staff have been working on the hiking trail at Lake Superior, removing brush at the Callicoon Park and completing beautification projects throughout the remainder of the parks.
- The NYSDEC installed the Northern Snakehead barrier in the D&H Canal in Wurtsboro. The purpose of the barrier is to try and prevent the spread of the Northern Snakeheads from the Bashakill marshes to the Hudson River.

Parks & Rec Events

- The Poetry and Art workshops launched by Sullivan County's new poet laureate Sharon Kennedy-Nolle and former poet laureate Eric Baylin will continue with an event at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center on October 1, 2022. Using nature as inspiration for painting, drawing, and verse-making, the workshops bring art and poetry into creative conversation. The event is free, pre-registration is required by emailing sullivancountypoetlaureate@gmail.com.
- The Parks Department has teamed up with the Mamakating Library and the Bashakill Association to host a guided walk along the D&H Canal on October 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Kerron Barnes will lead the hike discussing the dynamics of the canal. Participants will meet at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center. Pre-register at www.mamakatinglibrary.org or call 845-888-8004.
- The Sullivan County Historical Society is sponsoring a display and presentation celebrating the 75th anniversary of WVOS. The event will be held on September 29th from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The Historical Society is also presenting a lecture on the book "To the Mountains by Rail" during Hurleyville' Scarecrow Festival October 9th at noon.

Beautification

- The Fall Roadside and Trail Litter Pluck is underway. Participants wishing to participate can receive their Free disposal coupons at the Town and Village Halls and local participating organizations throughout Sullivan County. The event will run through October 31.

IV. GRANTS

County Grants

- As noted above, agreement has been executed for grants management software vendor and we are taking steps towards implementation of the system.

- Budget Office
 - FEMA Public Assistance / COVID-19 Emergency Protective Measures Project 2 submission has been finalized and will be reviewed by NYS DHSES staff prior to submitting via FEMA Portal for consideration of reimbursement for eligible expenses. We will be taking action in developing our Project 3 information and application for submission. We will seek reimbursement for COVID19 emergency protective measures taken by the County Govt. during the period of 1/1/2022 thru 12/31/2022.
- Public Safety
 - Continued working with Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and E911 staff as appropriate to transition grant program administration to respective areas. Worked w/ Public Safety OEM staff to submit on time the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant program application submission. We are in the process of working w/ staff in development of a large reimbursement claim for submission, and providing guidance in drafting the 3rd Q Progress Reports due to NYS DHSES prior to end of October 2022.
- Parks
 - Phase II / FY22-23 NYS Snowmobile Trail Grant in Aid Program application proposal completed and submitted.
 - Dormitory Authority State of NY (DASNY) reimbursement received for the Callicoon Park land acquisition
- Public Works
 - Worked w/ Deputy Commissioner to review their solid waste grant programs and discuss next steps going forward. Initiated action in the development and future submission of the FY22 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) program, which reimburses the County 50% for cost related to the County Recycling Coordinator and recycling /education services provided. Anticipate submitting by end of October 2022.

V. AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION

- CCE August Ag and Food systems report below



HOUSING GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY



FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER GRANTS

Up to \$45,000 is available for income eligible households for down payment, closing costs and post closing rehab.



HOUSING REHAB GRANTS

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Terms and conditions apply



MOBILE HOME REPLACEMENT GRANTS

Grants now available for income eligible property owners to replace manufactured homes.

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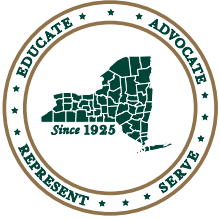
ONE PERSON	\$42,950
TWO PERSON	\$49,100
THREE PERSON	\$55,250
FOUR PERSON	\$61,350
FIVE PERSON	\$66,300
SIX PERSON	\$71,200
SEVEN PERSON	\$76,100

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The Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

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Introduction

Since the early 20th century, New York State has used bond acts to invest billions of dollars in environmental projects and programs, such as establishing state parks, protecting waterbodies, and improving the quality of our air.

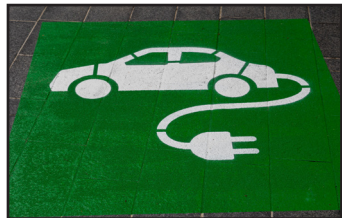
This November, New Yorkers will have the opportunity to decide whether to approve the state’s first environmental bond act in nearly three decades. If approved by voters, the \$4.2 billion Clean Air, Clean Water, and Green Jobs Bond Act would allow for multi-year investments in climate and environmental projects like climate change mitigation, flood risk reduction, open space land conservation, water quality improvement, and building resilient infrastructure.

This report explains how the Bond Act would support healthy communities, a strong economy, and local recreation so counties can encourage their residents to vote “yes” on this ballot measure in November.

Background

Originally proposed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2020 as the \$3 billion “Restore Mother Nature Bond Act,” the Bond Act was first passed as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 State Budget and slated to be on the ballot in November 2020. However, it was pulled from the ballot by the Division of Budget due to concerns about the state’s finances during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the FY 2023 State Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul and the Legislature agreed to increase funding for the Bond Act to \$4.2 billion and change the name to the “Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act.” If approved by voters in November 2022, the Bond Act will provide at least \$1.1 billion to restore habitats and reduce flood risk, at least \$650 million to improve water quality and the resiliency of infrastructure, up to \$650 million to protect open space and invest in recreational infrastructure, and up to \$1.5 billion to mitigate climate change. Funding can also be used to complete other projects that preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of the state’s environment.



Funding Allocations

Monies from the Bond Act are divided into four accounts: (1) climate change mitigation; (2) restoration and flood risk reduction; (3) water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure; and (4) open space land conservation and recreation. Local governments, including counties, will be able to apply for and receive funding to complete projects in each of these categories.

The following tables provide a breakdown of how funding within each account is allocated. Full spending details are available in Part NN of the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation budget bill (S.8008-C/A.9008-C).

Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Bond Act

Funding Allocationsⁱ

Total Funding (\$4.2 billion)*

Climate change mitigation	\$1.5 billion
Restoration and flood risk reduction	\$1.1 billion
Open space land conservation and recreation	\$650 million
Water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure	\$650 million
Unallocated	\$300 million

*At least 35% of the total funding must be spent in disadvantaged communities, with a goal of reaching 40%.

Climate Change Mitigation (\$1.5 billion)

Green building projects, projects to increase energy efficiency or renewable energy on state-owned properties, SUNY/CUNY facilities, community colleges and public schools	Not less than \$400 million
Climate adaptation and mitigation projects	Not less than \$100 million
Zero emission school buses and supporting infrastructure	Not less than \$500 million
Air and water pollution elimination in environmental justice (EJ) communities	Not less than \$200 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban heat reduction through green roofs, open space, community gardens, cool pavement, community cooling centers, and reflective roofs. Urban forestry projects, such as forest and habitat restoration, purchase and planting of street trees. Using natural and working lands to store or reduce carbon or methane pollution from agricultural lands. Reducing or eliminating air or water pollution in EJ communities. 	Up to \$300 million

Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction (\$1.1 billion)

Coastal rehabilitation and shoreline restoration projects	Not less than \$100 million
Projects to reduce inland flooding and revitalize waterfronts	Not less than \$100 million
Voluntary buyout and restoration projects	Not more than \$250 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland, stream, forest, and wildlife habitat restoration Protecting people, roads and buildings from flooding by acquiring, moving, lifting, or raising flood prone properties, structures and infrastructure. Relocating, repairing, or raising flood-prone roadways; updating dams, bridges, and culverts. 	Up to \$650 million

Water Quality Improvement and Resilient Infrastructure (\$650 million)

Wastewater infrastructure repairs and upgrades	Not less than \$200 million
Municipal stormwater projects	Not less than \$250 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing runoff from farms, improving soil health, and restoring buffers between farms and streams. Reducing harmful algal blooms and nutrient pollution in water. Extending or establishing sewer lines to replace failing septic systems. Reducing water pollution by eliminating point or nonpoint source discharges. Reducing lead exposure by replacing lead service lines. 	Up to \$200 million

Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation (\$650 million)

Open space land conservation	Not less than \$300 million
Farmland preservation	Not less than \$150 million
Fish hatchery creation and upgrades	Not more than \$75 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land and farmland conservation with willing landowners/sellers (including in programs listed above). Fee or easement purchases by the state, a municipality, or a not-for-profit organization. Planning, design, and construction of projects to develop and improve parks, campgrounds, nature centers, fish 	Up to \$125 million

ⁱ The Nature Conservancy, April 2022

Other Provisions

Disadvantaged Communities

Low-income families and communities of color suffer disproportionately from air pollution, exposure to toxins, and a lack of green space. To address these inequalities, the Bond Act requires at least 35 percent of the total funding to be spent in disadvantaged communities, with a goal of reaching 40 percent.

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 75-0111, a nine-member Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG), in consultation with state agencies, is charged with establishing criteria to identify disadvantaged communities (DACs) based on geographic, public health, environmental hazard, and socioeconomic criteria. These criteria will also be used for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (“Climate Act”), as the Climate Act requires that DACs receive 40 percent of the overall benefits of state spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs and at least 35 percent of the benefits of these investments.

In December 2021, the CJWG voted to release its draft disadvantaged communities criteria for public comment. The CJWG used 45 indicators to identify 35 percent of census tracts as DACs. The indicators include climate-related risks, such as flooding or extreme heat; health vulnerabilities like asthma and COPD and emergency department visits; and socio-economic factors, including race, ethnicity, and income. As of the writing of this report, the public comment period has ended, but the criteria have not been finalized. A list of the proposed DACs, interactive map, and fact sheets are available at <https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Disadvantaged-Communities-Criteria>.



Labor Standards

Labor groups support the Bond Act because of its strong labor standards, which will help to create and maintain middle-class jobs. A 2022 report from the infrastructure consulting firm AECOM and Rebuild by Design estimates that the Bond Act will support over 84,000 jobs and \$8.7 billion in project spending.

Projects that receive funding from the Bond Act must comply with prevailing wage requirements. State entities and municipalities that receive at least \$25 million for a project are also subject to other provisions of Labor Law § 220 regarding hours, wages, and supplements.

Any state entity or municipality that receives at least \$25 million for a project costing more than \$50 million must require the use of apprenticeship agreements. Municipalities and state entities can also require contractors to execute labor peace agreements.

Finally, the Bond Act requires municipalities, state entities, or third parties acting on their behalf to “Buy American” for structural iron and steel. However, this requirement can be waived if the head of the department, agency, or municipal entity constructing the public work, in their sole discretion, determines it would not be in the public interest, result in unreasonable costs, or that the steel or iron would be unavailable in sufficient quantities or satisfactory quality.

What’s Next

When New Yorkers go to the polls for the 2022 General Election, Proposition 1 will ask them to answer the following question:

To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?

NYSAC supports the Bond Act to increase funding for existing environmental programs and fund new projects that will strengthen our economy, protect clean air and water, advance environmental justice, expand green space, restore habitats, and reduce climate risks. We encourage our members to spread the word that voting “yes” on this ballot measure will support healthy communities, a strong economy, and recreation in all corners of the state. County leaders that are interested in supporting the Bond Act can find a model resolution in Appendix A of this report. Additional information and toolkits can also be found at www.cleanwaterandjobs.org.

PAST WORKSHOPS

Beginner Livestock (8-part) Lunch and Learn Webinar Series, 12-1:30pm, Session 8 (August 4)

Livestock Auctions - participants will learn strategies for buying or selling livestock at an auction. Including body conditioning scores, preparation for sale, and potential advantages and disadvantages.

PAST WORKSHOPS

Cornell Small Farms: BF 130- Intro to Poultry Production: 6-week online course, November 1st-December 6th, 6:00-7:30pm. The course is for aspiring and beginning farmers (individuals with limited or no experience with poultry rearing) seeking to learn about poultry production and the marketing, processing, and sales of poultry and poultry products in New York State. At the completion of this course, you will: Know the basics of poultry production from field to plate, have knowledge of breed selection, production systems, flock management practices, and cost of production, identify rules and regulation for sale of poultry products to various market outlets.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Farm Visits: 4 Technical Assistance/Inquiries: 127

Inquiries and technical assistance consisted of Agritourism, FSMA, Business and Marketing Plans, Sales Channels, Ag Districts, beginning farmer, livestock auctions, poultry production, plant pests, disease, and ID, vegetable production, whole farm planning, farmers markets, Farm to School, hop production, Dry and Cold Storage, Grant and Funding sources, Barn Preservation.

Catskills Kitchen: We currently have 6 food producers renting our commercial kitchen and 1 in the licensing phase. Inquiries consisted of better processing control school, DOH permits, NYS Ag and Markets 20c licensing, packaging, shelf stable sauces and chutneys, starting a food truck, using a commissary, and developing products such as salsa, juice mixers, bruschetta and jams.

PROJECTS

Agricultural Districts Program- The annual agricultural district review has been completed and the report is being prepared to be submitted to NYS Agriculture and Markets. For 2022, over 1,000 acres was added to Agricultural District #4.

Sullivan Catskills Farmers Markets Promotion: For the months of September and October we are launching a campaign to highlight our farmers selling at farmers markets so that people get to know where their food comes from. There is a special section added on the website and there will be social media promotion.



Farm to School: After piloting a Harvest of the Month local procurement program with three school districts last school year, CCESC is moving towards assisting each School District in the ability to purchase a monthly harvest item highlighted from a New York State Farm. Staff are working with existing distribution networks, regional farm producers and the Harvest NY Farm 2 School Coordinator to secure the best quality, consistency, and pricing for Food Service Directors. This September, the Harvest of the month is Tomatoes, which are plentiful in our region this time of year and a flavorful experience for adapting student palates. October will highlight New York State Apples.

Local Food Promotion Grant Project: CCE staff continue to work with the Catskills Food Hub Board on the process of restructuring operations and securing funding to continue their work to provide wholesale distribution and market opportunities for Sullivan County farm and food producers. Staff are also working with partners to develop a Food Insecurity network and working group.

Sullivan Fresh Markets: Markets continue to operate into October. For August, we launched a Power of Produce Program for kids at the market, with support from Sullivan Renaissance. The program developed a scavenger hunt program for kids at the market. If kids participate, they receive Sullivan Fresh Bucks to spend on produce at any Sullivan Fresh market. Other farmers market throughout Sullivan County have been provided with the scavenger hunt cards to develop their own program.





Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

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Real Property Tax Services Monthly Report for August 2022

Real Property:

We continue to provide services internally, to the assessment community and to the public. The department continues to be busy with the uptick in real estate activity.

Deed and subdivision count:

These statistics through the end of **August** 2022:

August deed count: 472

2022 total: 3517

2021 total: 3473

August Subdivision Lots: 192

2022 total: 495

2021 total: 386

Director's activities for the month of August:

- Attended a meeting of the Real Property Advisory Board
- Attended a meeting of the Sullivan County Assessor's Association
- Reviewed and made recommendations on 24 correction of error applications

General office activity for the month of August:

- Reviewed one (1) new condominium projects
- Answered numerous 911 address inquires
- Updated a proposed zoning map for the Town of Forestburgh

E-911:

August new addresses assigned: 37

2022 Total: 307

2021 Total: 938

August new roads created: 1

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

MONTH OF	August	2022		DEEDS		SUBDIVISION LOTS	
SUBDIVISION LOTS	DEEDS	TOWN	MONTH	2021	2022	2021	2022
	44	BETHEL	JANUARY	413	507	11	13
	21	CALLICOON	FEBRUARY	397	401	49	80
	8	COCHECTON	MARCH	459	436	14	24
	10	DELAWARE	APRIL	441	384	13	57
95	87	FALLSBURG	MAY	388	425	66	29
	12	FORESTBURGH	JUNE	477	435	149	39
	6	FREMONT	JULY	461	457	44	61
	20	HIGHLAND	AUGUST	437	472	40	192
4	36	LIBERTY	SEPTEMBER				
	15	LUMBERLAND	OCTOBER				
52	51	MAMAKATING	NOVEMBER				
	10	NEVERSINK	DECEMBER				
	25	ROCKLAND	TOTAL	3473	3517	386	495
41	105	THOMPSON					
	22	TUSTEN					
192	472						
3517 NEW DEEDS RECEIVED IN 2022							
495 NEW SUBDIVISION LOTS FILED IN 2022							

This report reflects the number of deeds received through August 2022.

174 units of the Subdivision lots total for August 2022 were Condos.

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

MONTH OF	August	2022						
NEW E-SITES ADDED	ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS ETC	TOWN		NEW E-SITES ADDED		ADDRESS VERIFICATION & OTHER ISSUES		
			MONTH	2021	2022	2021	2022	
2	0	BETHEL	JANUARY	204	14	6	21	
1	0	CALLICOON	FEBRUARY	18	11	3	7	
1	1	COCKECTON	MARCH	10	141	11	11	
1	0	DELAWARE	APRIL	180	11	14	11	
8	0	FALLSBURG	MAY	211	34	8	8	
0	0	FORESTBURGH	JUNE	151	33	7	23	
0	0	FREMONT	JULY	121	26	9	17	
0	0	HIGHLAND	AUGUST	43	37	13	6	
2	0	LIBERTY	SEPTEMBER					
1	1	LUMBERLAND	OCTOBER					
3	1	MAMAKATING	NOVEMBER					
0	0	NEVERSINK	DECEMBER					
4	0	ROCKLAND						
8	2	THOMPSON						
6	1	TUSTEN						
		OUTSIDE CO.	TOTAL	938	307	71	104	
37	6	307 New E-Sites added in 2022						
		104 Address verification, address changes, and other issues, 2022						

This report reflects the number of new E-Sites created through August 2022

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



Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

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Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 5.

Update for October 2022

Economic Development Committee

The Fall commercials are up and running on OTT, network TV, and social media. You can see the ad on the website at www.sullivancatskills.com The inaugural flight from Australia/New Zealand to JFK happened in September. This will be a non-stop flight bringing visitors to NYS. SCVA meant with the representatives and hosted the I Love NY representative for a FAM. The high-end FAM from Latin America went very well and SCVA is sending packages for them to sell to their clients.

Highlights:

- Working with USA Today to publish additional ads in National Parks and Hunting publications. Planning on additional ads in Today Modern Woman and the LGBTQ in June.
- Our 10 new Doves are finally being molded and should arrive soon.
- Conducting Workshops with Alon Marketing for education and activation in the domestic and international markets for groups and individual travelers.
- Planning a digital passport through Bandwango.
- Continued planning with HV magazine for promotion of Restaurant Week in November with a Press event during the Big Sip at Bethel Woods. There are 17-20 Sullivan Catskills restaurants participating in Restaurant Week.
- Putting final touches on the new romance map of the Sullivan Catskills--coloring process will begin soon.
- Epsilon marketing program is outperforming averages on our targeted marketing efforts with them.
- Working on redeveloping Beyond the Big Apple itinerary initiative for international interest.
- Adding additional experts to assist with the Catskill Film Commission web site.
- SCVA continues preparations to launch the Catskill Cuisine program.
- Created recent blog posts on our website with Hudson Valley Happenings and Eat Your World.
- Working with several communities to team and promote their events.
- Started discussions on the 2023 Travel Guide.
- Preparing for an extensive trade and travel show presence in October.

Meetings

- Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance Meeting
- SCVA Marketing Meeting
- Met with representative of Governor Hochul's staff.

Social Media & E-News

- SCVA hosted several writers and influencers this month with many generated stories and Instagram posts.
- Welcomed 8 Latin International tour operators to showcase our county. Working with a NYC DMC to begin selling travel packages to the Sullivan Catskills as a result.
- Met with Australian and New Zealand tour operators to introduce them to the Sullivan Catskills. They arrived on the Direct New Zealand Flight to JFK. Hosted the ILNY Australian Rep at the Eldred Preserve. The result will be to build packages to sell to the Australian and New Zealand Traveler.
- Continue to utilize videos produced with our members to create short vignettes and Tik Tok placements to use on our social channels. Tik Tok and Instagram reels are seeing a lot of likes and comments.
- SCVA continues to work with our social media group Awestruck and Fisher-Mears Associates to create and implement targeted marketing to the drive traffic within two hundred miles of the Sullivan Catskills. Social media platforms continue to grow.

PR Outreach:

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

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Date period
08/12/2022 - 09/12/2022
Duration: 32 days

facebook



Total Page likes
52,626



New page likes
736



Comments
229



Impressions
471,705



Clicks
17,949



Page clicks
17,949



Page views
2,146



Shares
139



Engaged users
14,358

Instagram



Followers
21,752



New followers
175

Website click funnel



● Impressions 144,068 (0.00%)
● Reach 70,456 (0.00%)
● Engagement Issue
● Website clicks 254 (0.00%)

08/12/2022 - 09/12/2022



Reach
70,456



Impressions
144,068



Engagement rate
7.04%



Profile visits
2,385

Audience gender distribution

Followers / Gender

● Female 9,873 (49.57%)
● Male 5,460 (27.41%)
● Unknown 4,585 (23.02%)



08/12/2022 - 09/12/2022

Clicks by type

Website clicks	254
Email contacts	1
Get directions clicks	64
Phone call clicks	1
Text message clicks	0

Content Performance



Message: Dinner with a view at The Heron. 🌅: @theheronny . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny #sullivancountycatskills #catskill..

Impressions	Engagement
3,609	182



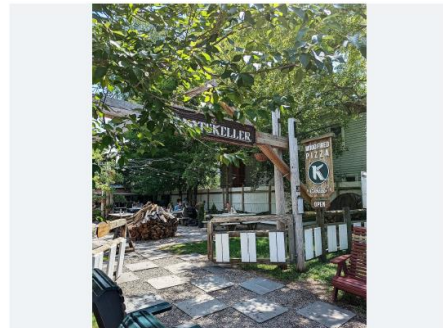
Message: Summer at The Kaatskeller! Open Sunday's 12-7:30pm all summer long. 🍕: @k1food . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
2,306	106



Message: Just "hanging" out at the Mountaindale Yoga Studio. 🧘: @mountaindaleyoga . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
3,485	93



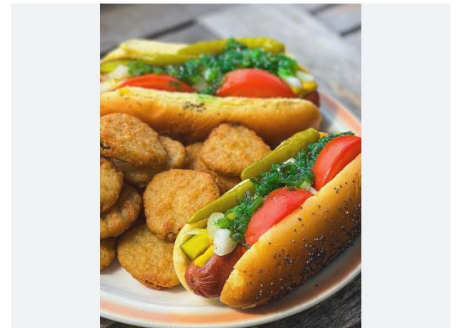
Message: Sunny days in the garden! ☀️: @thekaatskeller . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny #sullivancountycatskills #catskill..

Impressions	Engagement
1,813	84



Message: Dishes are lookin' good at Little North | Kitchen + Market. 🍗: @littlenorthcatskills . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
2,047	84



Message: Have you tried The Junction's Chicago Dogs? 🌭: @thejunctionroscoe . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
2,644	81



Message: TGIF grab your friends and head to Roscoe Beer Company! ☺☺ : @roscoebeercompany . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
1,508	81



Message: Cozy up on Main Street Farm's back patio by the Willowemoc! ☺☺ : @mainstfarm . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
1,614	64



Message: Aerial Yoga is available at Mountindale Yoga & Wellness! ☺☺ : @mountindaleyoga . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
2,164	57



Message: Get harvest-driven cider delivered to your doorstep with a cider subscription from Seminary Hill! ☺☺ : @seminaryhillny

Impressions	Engagement
1,399	55



Message: Try a refreshing Hibiscus G&T at Catskill Provisions Distillery! ☺☺ : @catskillprovisionsny . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
1,410	51



Message: United we stand. . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny #sullivancountycatskills #catskills #catskillmountains #getoutside...

Impressions	Engagement
950	51



Message: The Arnold House outdoor firepit is calling your name! ☺☺ : @thearnoldhouse . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
1,325	50



Message: Just a bunch of party animals at Upward Brewing Co. ☺☺ : @upward.brewing . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny...

Impressions	Engagement
1,045	39



Message: We love this a Lattel☺☺ : @thekitchentablecafe33 . . #mysullivancatskills #sullivancountyny #sullivancountycatskills #catskill...

Impressions	Engagement
2,694	39

Additional Notes Time frame is August 13th – September 13th.

Instagram:

- Engagement: 2,984 (up 9.5% from prior month)
- Reach: 27,195 (up 15.3% from prior month)
- Impressions: 130,075 (up 0.6% from prior month)
- Followers: 322 New Followers (down 67.4% from prior month)

Facebook:

- Engagement: 17,550 (down 19% from prior month)
- Page Visits: 2,146 (down 14.4% from prior month)
- Likes: 741 (up 14.9% from prior month)
- Reach: 157,893 (down 5.1% from prior month)

TikTok:

- Views: 1,207 (up 26.79%)
- Likes: 44 Likes (up 83.33%)
- Shares: 5 Shares (up 66.67%)
- Profile Views: 31 (up 24%)
- Followers: 7 New Followers
 - Following trending sounds and videos in general seem to gain a lot more traction than previous videos.
 - Focus more on trending sounds / videos in the upcoming months.

PAID SOCIAL & DIGITAL / WEBSITE INFO

- Facebook is phasing out the effectiveness of “page like campaigns”, so we would like to move those pages like campaign dollars over into the traffic campaign starting in the new year.
- A general note on referral traffic- our top 3 referral traffic sources are:
 - Visitthecatskills.com
 - Facebook
 - Bethelwoods.com
- 139 website visits came from the linktree which is on our Instagram bio. When we type “see link in bio on posts” that’s where we are driving traffic- this is actually a very high number to see based on the number of steps someone needs to take to get there on Instagram.

Influencer stats

- Rachael Austin
 - SCVA Instagram Impressions increased by 98%, reach increased by 72%, and engagement increased by 122% due to Rachael's content
- Katie Burak
 - Her reel reached 57,000+ accounts, profile visits to the SCVA Instagram page increased by 68%
- Ammoray Morcano
 - Her reel reached 118,000+ accounts, 226 followers gained to the SCVA Instagram account, profile visits increased by 260%
- Vicki Rutwind
 - Her content drove 111 new followers to the SCVA Instagram, 50,000+ accounts reached during Vicki's visit and posting period
- Aimee Kelly
 - Her static post reach over 8,000+ accounts, her content drove over 75+ new followers to the SCVA Instagram page, 65,000 impressions to the SCVA Instagram page during her stay and posting period

This data is 1/1/2022-9/15/2022 vs same time last year in 2021

Organic Facebook:

- New page likes – 6,325 vs 3,183 in 2021 an increase of 98%
- Engaged Users- 118,253 vs 81,377 in 2021 an increase of 45%
- Page Clicks – 136,573 vs.79,492 an increase of 71%
- Impressions – 3,648,728 vs 3,247,818 in 2021 an increase of 12%

Facebook ads:

- Link Clicks – 17,828 vs 3,809 in 2021 an increase of 368% - this is largely due to increasing the budget and moving dollars from BING over to Google & Facebook, as well as focusing on video content for ads
- Click Thru Rate – 1.40% vs 1.09% in 2021 – a 28% increase
- Ad Impressions – 1,274,757 vs 349,998 in 2021- a 264% increase

Instagram:

- Overall engagements (this is a combination of likes, shares, story engagement, post engagement, messages, story interactions, clicking get directions, clicking to the website, etc) – 19,574 account engagements vs 14,987 in 2021
- Total followers – 21,765 vs 19,276 in 2021 – a 10% increase
- Instagram Story Impressions – 53,028 vs 6,452 in 2021 a 700% increase

Google Ads:

- Impressions – 1,856,814 vs 899,583 in 2021 – a 106% increase
- Clicks – 45,851 vs 30,795 in 2021 – a 45% increase
- CPC - .52 vs .54 in 2021

August 2022		
August 1, 2022	Luxe Interiors & Design	Take it Easy
August 3, 2022	Macaroni KID Brooklyn NW	5 kid-friendly destinations and activities in nearby Sullivan
August 3, 2022	Macaroni KID Cleveland East	A Family Fun Destination Within Driving Distance of Clev
August 3, 2022	Macaroni KID North Huntingdon & Uniontown	6 Reasons the Sullivan Catskills Needs to be Your Next
August 3, 2022	Macaroni KID Shelbyville, IN	Sullivan Catskills is the Mini-Vacay We Need — Can't-M
August 3, 2022	Macaroni KID Harrisburg	Five Must Do Activities In Sullivan Catskills
August 3, 2022	Field & Stream	The Best Trout Towns in the U.S.
August 4, 2022	Macaroni KID West Morris	Put a Trip to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Your E
August 4, 2022	Macaroni KID, Clifton-Montclair	6 Reasons to Visit Sullivan Catskills in Rain, Snow or Su
August 4, 2022	Macaroni KID Johnstown - Laurel Highlands - Altoona	Finding Adventure in the Sullivan Catskills
August 4, 2022	Macaroni KID Erie	5 Reasons To Visit The Sullivan Catskills
August 4, 2022	Macaroni KID Pittsburgh City	Taking a Trip Down the Delaware

August 5, 2022	Macaroni KID Bowie, Crofton & Odenton	5 Things You Should Know About Vacationing in the Sullivan Catskills
August 5, 2022	Macaroni KID Gig Harbor	5 Reasons to Book a Vacation to Sullivan Catskills, N.Y.
August 7, 2022	Macaroni KID South Hills	Peace, Love, and Bethel Woods
August 9, 2022	Fodors Travel	Best Spots for a Classic American River Float
August 10, 2022	Thrillist NY	The Best Things to Do in the Hudson Valley and Catskills
August 11, 2022	Macaroni KID Fredericksburg	Family Fun & Adventures Await at Villa Roma Resort & Catskills
August 11, 2022	USA Today: 10 Best	10 of the best wellness resorts in the Northeast
August 15, 2022	Broadway World	IN THE WORKS ~ IN THE WOODS Second Annual New York Catskills September
August 16, 2022	Macaroni KID (National)	What Our Publishers Are Saying About N.Y.'s Sullivan Catskills

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-4957

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 1.

Narrative of Resolution:

This November, New Yorkers will have the opportunity to decide whether to approve the state's first environmental bond act in nearly three decades. If approved by voters, the \$4.2 billion Clean Air, Clean Water, and Green Jobs Bond Act would allow for multi-year investments in climate and environmental projects like flood risk reduction, open space land conservation, water quality improvement, building resilient infrastructure, and climate change mitigation. The NYSAC Board recently passed a similar resolution at their 2022 Fall Conference. NYSAC supports the Bond Act to increase funding for existing environmental programs and fund new projects, and encourages members to spread the word that voting "yes" on this ballot measure will support healthy communities, a strong economy, and recreation in all corners of the state."

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:

WHEREAS, providing clean drinking water and protecting our rivers, bays, lakes, streams, and waterfronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State; and

WHEREAS, modernizing water infrastructure will safeguard clean water, reduce flooding, lessen lead exposure and other public health threats, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers are vulnerable to extreme weather, including deadly heat from rising temperatures and flooding from severe storms that put people, properties, and public assets at risk; and

WHEREAS, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs, and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of outdoor recreation and access to fresh, local food as people flocked to local parks and sought out healthy foods for their families; and

WHEREAS, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our state by protecting wildlife habitats, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Clean Jobs Bond Act ("Bond Act") would authorize New York State to issue \$4.2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the FY 2023 State Budget and will appear on the general election ballot on November 8, 2022 for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act would invest at least \$1.1 billion in restoring habitats and reducing flood risk, at

least \$650 million in improving water quality and the resiliency of infrastructure, up to \$650 million in protecting open space and recreational infrastructure, and up to \$1.5 billion in mitigating climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act includes strong labor provisions and will support more than 84,000 family-sustaining jobs for New Yorkers and \$8.7 billion in project spending; and

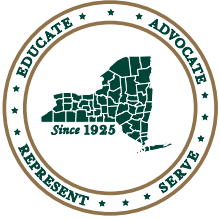
WHEREAS, the Bond Act would enable New York State to address pollution and public health threats in disadvantaged communities by directing at least 35 percent of the total funding to these neighborhoods, with a goal of reaching 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has already made great efforts to combat climate change through its participation in the NYS Climate Smart Communities program, including initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance the transition to renewable energy, and build more resiliency into our natural and built infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act will allow local governments to apply for grants to carry out projects that will serve the unique needs of their communities and support New York State in achieving the Climate Act's goals of reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030 and 85 percent by 2050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 to enable historic investments in protecting the environment, mitigating climate change, and advancing environmental justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Sullivan County shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.



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New Yorkers' Vote for Clean Water & Jobs

The Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

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Introduction

Since the early 20th century, New York State has used bond acts to invest billions of dollars in environmental projects and programs, such as establishing state parks, protecting waterbodies, and improving the quality of our air.

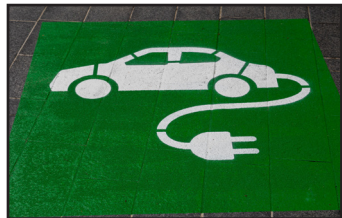
This November, New Yorkers will have the opportunity to decide whether to approve the state’s first environmental bond act in nearly three decades. If approved by voters, the \$4.2 billion Clean Air, Clean Water, and Green Jobs Bond Act would allow for multi-year investments in climate and environmental projects like climate change mitigation, flood risk reduction, open space land conservation, water quality improvement, and building resilient infrastructure.

This report explains how the Bond Act would support healthy communities, a strong economy, and local recreation so counties can encourage their residents to vote “yes” on this ballot measure in November.

Background

Originally proposed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2020 as the \$3 billion “Restore Mother Nature Bond Act,” the Bond Act was first passed as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 State Budget and slated to be on the ballot in November 2020. However, it was pulled from the ballot by the Division of Budget due to concerns about the state’s finances during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the FY 2023 State Budget, Governor Kathy Hochul and the Legislature agreed to increase funding for the Bond Act to \$4.2 billion and change the name to the “Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act.” If approved by voters in November 2022, the Bond Act will provide at least \$1.1 billion to restore habitats and reduce flood risk, at least \$650 million to improve water quality and the resiliency of infrastructure, up to \$650 million to protect open space and invest in recreational infrastructure, and up to \$1.5 billion to mitigate climate change. Funding can also be used to complete other projects that preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of the state’s environment.



Funding Allocations

Monies from the Bond Act are divided into four accounts: (1) climate change mitigation; (2) restoration and flood risk reduction; (3) water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure; and (4) open space land conservation and recreation. Local governments, including counties, will be able to apply for and receive funding to complete projects in each of these categories.

The following tables provide a breakdown of how funding within each account is allocated. Full spending details are available in Part NN of the Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation budget bill (S.8008-C/A.9008-C).

Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Bond Act Funding Allocationsⁱ

Total Funding (\$4.2 billion)*

Climate change mitigation	\$1.5 billion
Restoration and flood risk reduction	\$1.1 billion
Open space land conservation and recreation	\$650 million
Water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure	\$650 million
Unallocated	\$300 million

*At least 35% of the total funding must be spent in disadvantaged communities, with a goal of reaching 40%.

Climate Change Mitigation (\$1.5 billion)

Green building projects, projects to increase energy efficiency or renewable energy on state-owned properties, SUNY/CUNY facilities, community colleges and public schools	Not less than \$400 million
Climate adaptation and mitigation projects	Not less than \$100 million
Zero emission school buses and supporting infrastructure	Not less than \$500 million
Air and water pollution elimination in environmental justice (EJ) communities	Not less than \$200 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban heat reduction through green roofs, open space, community gardens, cool pavement, community cooling centers, and reflective roofs. Urban forestry projects, such as forest and habitat restoration, purchase and planting of street trees. Using natural and working lands to store or reduce carbon or methane pollution from agricultural lands. Reducing or eliminating air or water pollution in EJ communities. 	Up to \$300 million

Restoration and Flood Risk Reduction (\$1.1 billion)

Coastal rehabilitation and shoreline restoration projects	Not less than \$100 million
Projects to reduce inland flooding and revitalize waterfronts	Not less than \$100 million
Voluntary buyout and restoration projects	Not more than \$250 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetland, stream, forest, and wildlife habitat restoration Protecting people, roads and buildings from flooding by acquiring, moving, lifting, or raising flood prone properties, structures and infrastructure. Relocating, repairing, or raising flood-prone roadways; updating dams, bridges, and culverts. 	Up to \$650 million

Water Quality Improvement and Resilient Infrastructure (\$650 million)

Wastewater infrastructure repairs and upgrades	Not less than \$200 million
Municipal stormwater projects	Not less than \$250 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing runoff from farms, improving soil health, and restoring buffers between farms and streams. Reducing harmful algal blooms and nutrient pollution in water. Extending or establishing sewer lines to replace failing septic systems. Reducing water pollution by eliminating point or nonpoint source discharges. Reducing lead exposure by replacing lead service lines. 	Up to \$200 million

Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation (\$650 million)

Open space land conservation	Not less than \$300 million
Farmland preservation	Not less than \$150 million
Fish hatchery creation and upgrades	Not more than \$75 million
Other eligible projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land and farmland conservation with willing landowners/sellers (including in programs listed above). Fee or easement purchases by the state, a municipality, or a not-for-profit organization. Planning, design, and construction of projects to develop and improve parks, campgrounds, nature centers, fish 	Up to \$125 million

ⁱ The Nature Conservancy, April 2022

Other Provisions

Disadvantaged Communities

Low-income families and communities of color suffer disproportionately from air pollution, exposure to toxins, and a lack of green space. To address these inequalities, the Bond Act requires at least 35 percent of the total funding to be spent in disadvantaged communities, with a goal of reaching 40 percent.

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 75-0111, a nine-member Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG), in consultation with state agencies, is charged with establishing criteria to identify disadvantaged communities (DACs) based on geographic, public health, environmental hazard, and socioeconomic criteria. These criteria will also be used for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (“Climate Act”), as the Climate Act requires that DACs receive 40 percent of the overall benefits of state spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs and at least 35 percent of the benefits of these investments.

In December 2021, the CJWG voted to release its draft disadvantaged communities criteria for public comment. The CJWG used 45 indicators to identify 35 percent of census tracts as DACs. The indicators include climate-related risks, such as flooding or extreme heat; health vulnerabilities like asthma and COPD and emergency department visits; and socio-economic factors, including race, ethnicity, and income. As of the writing of this report, the public comment period has ended, but the criteria have not been finalized. A list of the proposed DACs, interactive map, and fact sheets are available at <https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Disadvantaged-Communities-Criteria>.



Labor Standards

Labor groups support the Bond Act because of its strong labor standards, which will help to create and maintain middle-class jobs. A 2022 report from the infrastructure consulting firm AECOM and Rebuild by Design estimates that the Bond Act will support over 84,000 jobs and \$8.7 billion in project spending.

Projects that receive funding from the Bond Act must comply with prevailing wage requirements. State entities and municipalities that receive at least \$25 million for a project are also subject to other provisions of Labor Law § 220 regarding hours, wages, and supplements.

Any state entity or municipality that receives at least \$25 million for a project costing more than \$50 million must require the use of apprenticeship agreements. Municipalities and state entities can also require contractors to execute labor peace agreements.

Finally, the Bond Act requires municipalities, state entities, or third parties acting on their behalf to “Buy American” for structural iron and steel. However, this requirement can be waived if the head of the department, agency, or municipal entity constructing the public work, in their sole discretion, determines it would not be in the public interest, result in unreasonable costs, or that the steel or iron would be unavailable in sufficient quantities or satisfactory quality.

What’s Next

When New Yorkers go to the polls for the 2022 General Election, Proposition 1 will ask them to answer the following question:

To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?

NYSAC supports the Bond Act to increase funding for existing environmental programs and fund new projects that will strengthen our economy, protect clean air and water, advance environmental justice, expand green space, restore habitats, and reduce climate risks. We encourage our members to spread the word that voting “yes” on this ballot measure will support healthy communities, a strong economy, and recreation in all corners of the state. County leaders that are interested in supporting the Bond Act can find a model resolution in Appendix A of this report. Additional information and toolkits can also be found at www.cleanwaterandjobs.org.

APPENDIX A:

Resolution to Support the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

WHEREAS, providing clean drinking water and protecting our rivers, bays, lakes, streams, and water-fronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State; and

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WHEREAS, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs, and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

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WHEREAS, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our state by protecting wildlife habitats, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Clean Jobs Bond Act (“Bond Act”) would authorize New York State to issue \$4.2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the FY 2023 State Budget and will appear on the general election ballot on November 8, 2022 for voter approval; and

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WHEREAS, counties are already leading efforts to combat climate change through initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance the state’s transition to renewable energy, and build more resiliency into our natural and built infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act will allow local governments to apply for grants to carry out projects that will serve the unique needs of their communities and support New York State in achieving the Climate Act's goals of reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030 and 85 percent by 2050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that [COUNTY] supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 to enable historic investments in protecting the environment, mitigating climate change, and advancing environmental justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, [COUNTY] shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.



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File #: ID-4963

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 2.

Narrative of Resolution:

Resolution to authorize the application for the FY23 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Program

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:

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced availability of funding for 2023 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants provides funds to capitalize a revolving loan fund to provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfields sites as required by the program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning has identified a need and proposed project for such funds; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the grant will be used to provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfields sites as required by the program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the above will assist in enhancing Sullivan County's public welfare, environmental health and economic development potential; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project will be developed to include the entire County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby authorizes the Division of Planning to apply for up to \$1 Million and, if awarded, to administer funds for a Revolving Loan Fund program under the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants program; 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 EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants applications 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 execute any and all documents and contracts to accept the award and to execute any and all necessary documents in order to administer the grant and disburse funds to the recipients, in such forms 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 by the use of this funding.

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-4965

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 3.

Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, an application dated September 2, 2022 having been filed by Meyerhoff Farm, Inc. pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2020 tax roll of the Town of Fallsburg bearing Tax Map #26.-1-18.1, to correct an error in essential fact, due an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated September 16, 2022 recommending this Board approve said application; and

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

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact

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

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

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

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$149.62

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-4966

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 4.

Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, an application dated September 2, 2022 having been filed by Meyerhoff Farm, Inc. pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2021 tax roll of the Town of Fallsburg bearing Tax Map #26.-1-18.1, to correct an error in essential fact, due an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated September 16, 2022 recommending this Board approve said application; and

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

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact

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

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

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

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$121.07

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-4967

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 5.

Narrative of Resolution:

WHEREAS, an application dated September 2, 2022 having been filed by Meyerhoff Farm, Inc. pursuant to Section 556 of the Real Property Tax Law with respect to property assessed to said applicant on the 2022 tax roll of the Town of Fallsburg bearing Tax Map #26.-1-18.1, to correct an error in essential fact, due an incorrect entry on the taxable portion of the assessment roll, or the tax roll, or both, of the assessed valuation of an improvement to real property which was not in existence or which was present on a different parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has duly investigated the application and filed his report dated September 16, 2022 recommending this Board approve said application; and

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

(a) That the application be approved because of an error in essential fact

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

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

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

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$121.29

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Sullivan County

Legislative Memorandum

File #: ID-4972

Agenda Date: 10/6/2022

Agenda #: 6.

Narrative of Resolution:

TO AMEND RESOLUTION 441-21 TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO ACCEPT MULTIYEAR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,083.00 COVERING THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025.

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 184,083.00

Are funds already budgeted? Yes

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

Is this a renewal of a prior contract? Yes

Date of prior contract? 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2022

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Office for the Aging (*SC OFA*) presently operates a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (*RSVP*) federally funded through the AmeriCorps Seniors and through the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program received a grant award from the National Corporation for National and Community Service on March 8, 2022 covering the performance period of 04/01/2022 - 03/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program received a grant award for year one covering the period of 4/1/2022 - 3/31/2023 in the amount of \$61,361.00; and

WHEREAS, for each year of the three (3) year grant and upon successful renewal and continuation of the grant, funding in the amount of \$61,361.00 would be received for each year of the three (3) year grant performance period for a combined total of \$184,083.00; and

WHEREAS, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program was offered the option to participate in the Northeast AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Multiyear Funding Pilot program in order to reduce the administrative burden of the current 3-year AmeriCorps Seniors grant awards; and

WHEREAS, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program accepted the opportunity to participate in the RSVP Multiyear Funding Pilot program and agreed to accept the multiyear funding through a multiyear funding amendment providing 2 years of additional funding for a total grant award of \$184,083.00; and

WHEREAS, all the documentation requested for the multiyear funding amendment has been submitted to AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, the County's share for budget year 2022 is \$93,330.00, and it is anticipated that not all of the funds budgeted will be utilized during the 2022 year due to decreased staffing expenses, said reduced amount is still yet to be determined, with the balance of the unused funds coming back into the County; and

WHEREAS, the County's share through participation in the Pilot program is anticipated to be less for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 County budget years due to decreased staffing expenses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed County's share for the 2023 budget is \$81,351.00, \$11,979.00 less than the current year's budget of \$93,330.00; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program received notification of an award of grant from the New York State Office for the Aging in the amount of \$6,983.00 covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the New York State Office for the Aging will award subsequent grants for the 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025 years in the amount of \$6,983.00 for each year; and

WHEREAS, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program wishes to amend said resolution to reflect 3 years of funding in line with the RSVP Multiyear Funding Pilot from \$61,361 to \$184,083 for the performance period 4/1/2022 - 3/31/2025; and

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 accept the Multiyear Funding Pilot award in the amount of \$184,083, and enter into an award agreement or contract to administer the funding secured, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the 2022-2025 funding be terminated, the County shall not be obligated to continue any action undertaken by the use of this funding.