



**COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE
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Sullivan County Sustainability Policy Committee

**March 15, 2012 AGENDA
12:45 PM**

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Jonathan Rouis, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

Reports:

1. SASD Monthly Report

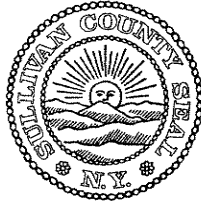
Discussion:

1. Sullivan County Roadmap to Climate Action Plan (PowerPoint Presentation)
2. Integrating Sustainability, Agricultural Policy and Economic Development Responsibilities

Resolutions:

1. To authorize an application to the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal for an Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund Grant to assist farmers.

Announcements:



**COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM**

TO: County Legislature

FROM: Luiz C. Aragon

Title: Commissioner

Department: Division of Planning and Environmental Management

COMMITTEE WITH JURISDICTION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning, Environmental Management & Real Property | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Family Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | |

Check all that apply

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund Grant

PURPOSE OF RESOLUTION: to seek and administer funding from NYS Homes and Community Renewal for emergency assistance to farmers

DATE OF FIRST SUBMISSION: March 15, 2012

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Authorizes the County to apply for funds from NYS Homes and Community Renewal, and pass them through to farmers, for emergency assistance related to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

COSTS TO OTHER COUNTY PROGRAMS: None

Mandated Budgeted Budget Revision Necessary

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Balance of

Projection:

	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4
County Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$
State Funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Funds	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

If NONE check here:[X]

RESOLUTION NO. -12 INTRODUCED BY THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR AN AGRICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND GRANT TO ASSIST FARMERS

WHEREAS, On September 3, 2011, the Governor announced the creation of a \$15 million Agricultural and Community Recovery Fund (ACRF) to help rebuild the agricultural industry and farming areas impacted by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and

WHEREAS, as a part of this fund, \$3 million was dedicated to the Farm Operation Match Component, which is a coordinated effort of NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM), to provide emergency funding to help with on farm operating costs incurred as a result of damage by natural disasters (Irene and Lee), and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2012, the County of Sullivan was informed that we are eligible for ACRF funds, which will provide direct assistance to farmers who have been determined to have experienced losses as a result of the storms and who are eligible for up to 50% reimbursement with these funds, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has urged that the County complete and return the ACRF application and related forms as soon as possible, to ensure that farmers receive the funds as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to apply for and accept an ACRF grant, in an amount not to exceed \$51,176.14, in such form as the County Attorney shall approve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funded the Division of Planning and Environmental Management is authorized to administer an ACRF grant for the purpose of disbursing needed emergency funding to eligible farmers within Sullivan County, and

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

Moved by _____,

Seconded by _____,

And adopted on motion _____, 2012