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SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Community and Economic Development Committee

July 7, 2016 11:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Ira Steingart (Chair); Terri Ward (Vice Chair); Joe Perrello; Catherine Owens; and Nadia Rajsz

AGENDA

PRESENTATION: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

DIVISION/PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Workforce Development Laura Quigley
- Community & Economic Development Freda Eisenberg
- IDA Jen Flad
- Partnership for Economic Development Marc Baez
- Visitors Association Roberta Byron-Lockwood

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Community and Economic Development Committee Center for Workforce Development Report July 7, 2016

- ❖ For Program Year 2015 (July 1, 2015 June 30, 2016) (PY'15) under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):
 - Of the 1,075 adults and dislocated workers who received services during the time period:
 - ➤ All received initial services including access to Career Center resources, workshops, labor market information etc.
 - ➤ 807 received more intensive services that include comprehensive assessment, development of Individual employment Plans, career guidance and counseling, short term pre-vocational training and supportive services.
 - 122 received support for occupational training
 - > 13 On the Job (OJT) training contracts
 - There were 32 youth who received services that included case management, comprehensive assessment, development of Individual employment Plans, career guidance and counseling, occupational training, educational training and supportive services.
 - Program Year performance measure results are not yet available.
- The WIOA Final Rules were issued on June 30. Coming months will see a great deal of work on updating policies, procedures and partnerships. Impact of changes will be discussed in future meetings.
- ❖ Meeting held on June 1 at the college with faculty and Montreign staff to review training plan and further clarify direction. There will also be a community information session at the college for July 26 to let people know about the jobs, skills requirements and training opportunities.
- Meeting held June 6 with college and BOCES to discuss how to coordinate hospitality trainings so there is no duplications and there is a clear path for people to move from BOCES to the college.
- ❖ Planning is underway for the Summer Youth Employment programs. The program will provide six weeks (July 11 − August 19) of paid community based work experience to roughly 60 youth between the ages of 14 − 24. Youth work 26 hours per week and earn the minimum wage of \$9.00 per hour. There will be 60 youth working at approximately 22 work sites this summer.
- Meeting Highlights:
 - 6/8 NYATP Board meeting
 - 6/16 Youth Development training
 - 6/21 Rolling V/DFS/CWD transportation meeting
 - 6/22 County Healthy Initiatives meeting
 - 6/28 Regional Workforce Directors Meeting

Unemployment Rates

Month	2016 Sullivan	2015 Sullivan	2016 Hudson	2016	2016		
	County	County	Valley	New York	United States		
				State			
January	5.8	7.2	4.5	5.4	5.3		
February	5.7	6.9	4.4	5.4	5.2		
March	5.4	6.4	4.2	5.2	5.1		
April	5.0	5.7	4.0	4.6	4.7		
May	4.3	5.6	3.8	4.2	4.5		
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							

Labor Market Profile

Resident Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Employment

SULLIVAN COUNTY

May 2016, April 2016, May 2015

Category	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Net Month	% Month	Net Year	% Year
Resident Civilian Labor Force	33,500	33,000	33,900	500	1.5%	-400	-1.2%
Employed	32,100	31,300	32,000	800	2.6%	100	0.3%
Unemployed	1,400	1,700	1,900	-300	- 17.6%	-500	-26.3%
Sullivan County Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.0%	5.6%	-0.7		-1.3	
NYS Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.6%	5.3%	-0.4		-1.1	
US Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.7%	5.3%	-0.2		-0.8	
Total Nonfarm	25,500	24,600	25,600	900	3.7%	-100	-0.4%
Total Private	19,400	18,600	19,500	800	4.3%	-100	-0.5%
Goods-Producing	2,600	2,300	2,400	300	13.0%	200	8.3%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	1,000	800	900	200	25.0%	100	11.1%
Manufacturing	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	6.7%	100	6.7%
Service-Providing	22,900	22,300	23,300	600	2.7%	-400	-1.7%
Private Service-Providing	16,800	16,300	17,200	500	3.1%	-400	-2.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,300	4,100	4,400	200	4.9%	-100	-2.3%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	800	800	900	0	0.0%	-100	-11.1%
Professional and Business Services	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%
Education and Health Services	6,100	6,200	6,200	-100	-1.6%	-100	-1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,500	2,100	2,600	400	19.0%	-100	-3.8%
Other Services	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.0%	-100	-7.1%
Government	6,100	6,000	6,100	100	1.7%	0	0.0%

COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAY 2016

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE
1	Columbia County	3.3	30	Tioga County	4.4
2	Saratoga County	3.4	30	Warren County	4.4
2	Tompkins County	3.4	34	Chenango County	4.5
4	Nassau County	3.5	34	Livingston County	4.5
4	Putnam County	3.5	34	Madison County	4.5
6	Albany County	3.7	37	Cortland County	4.6
7	Dutchess County	3.8	37	Kings County	4.6
7	Genesee County	3.8	39	Essex County	4.7
7	Ontario County	3.8	39	Greene County	4.7
7	Queens County	3.8	39	Herkimer County	4.7
7	Rensselaer County	3.8	42	Broome County	4.8
7	Rockland County	3.8	42	Clinton County	4.8
7	Suffolk County	3.8	42	Schoharie County	4.8
7	Westchester County	3.8	45	Allegany County	4.9
15	New York County	3.9	45	Chautauqua County	4.9
15	Orange County	3.9	45	Delaware County	4.9
15	Ulster County	3.9	45	Franklin County	4.9
15	Yates County	3.9	45	Niagara County	4.9
19	Onondaga County	4.0	45	Orleans County	4.9
19	Otsego County	4.0	51	Schuyler County	5.0
19	Schenectady County	4.0	52	Montgomery County	5.1
19	Seneca County	4.0	53	Cattaraugus County	5.2
19	Washington County	4.0	53	Chemung County	5.2
24	Wyoming County	4.2	53	Fulton County	5.2
25	Erie County	4.3	53	Jefferson County	5.2
25	Monroe County	4.3	57	Steuben County	5.3
25	Oneida County	4.3	58	Hamilton County	5.4
25	Sullivan County	4.3	59	Oswego County	5.5
25	Wayne County	4.3	59	St. Lawrence County	5.5
30	Cayuga County	4.4	61	Lewis County	5.9
30	Richmond County	4.4	62	Bronx County	6.1

ACTIVITY REPORT – JUNE 2016 COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, SULLIVAN COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

June 29, 2016

June was a busy month for the IDA. At its June 13th and June 20th meetings, the Board of Directors approved three projects: Metallized Carbon Corporation, to develop a metal fabrication business in the Town of Fallsburg; Catskill Hospitality Holding LLC & Catskill Hospitality Operating LLC, to develop a Hampton Inn in the Town of Thompson; and Empire Resorts Real Estate I, LLC, to redevelop the Monster and International Golf Courses in the Town of Thompson. The Board also approved continued sales tax abatements for two ongoing projects: the master development of the Narrowsburg Union, formerly the Narrowsburg Central School, and the development of the Montreign Casino Resort. Finally, in June the Board authorized and approved a mortgage to finance the Veria Lifestyle Wellness Center project.

The Board also approved a new tax abatement program focused on the Arts Industry. The new Arts Industry Program will allow Sullivan County to capitalize on statewide efforts to develop the performing arts industry, and will incentivize businesses focusing on arts and culture to locate here in Sullivan.

On June 13, The Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation authorized the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the infrastructure for the Adelaar project. The bond closing occurred on June 15.

In June the IDA announced plans to discontinue efforts to develop a red meat facility in Liberty, and to repurpose the red meat building for use as the Southern Catskills Regional Food Hub (SCRFH). We are working to organize a new not-for-profit corporation to run the food hub, and we have assembled a very talented group of farmers, commercial buyers, agency and organizational representatives to serve as the Board of Directors. SCRFH will educate farmers and food producers to access new markets, and will offer a free web-driven matchmaking service to connect producers with institutional and commercial consumers. SCRFH will also offer a fee-for-service delivery option to transport products. The prospective Board of Directors meets regularly and has established committees who are working actively on budgeting and financial matters, facility development, software development, fundraising, and many other aspects of the project. In recent weeks the IDA has submitted two applications for federal grant funds to develop SCRFH.

In furtherance of the food hub project, at its June meeting the Sullivan County Funding Corporation authorized funding for SCRFH, which will enable the new not-for-profit to organize, engage a consultant to assist with operational plans, and undertake capital improvements to finish the building and begin operations.

As the summer progresses, IDA staff will continue to focus on developing the food hub project, and will continue to administer our growing list of loan and tax abatement projects.

Jen Flad and Julio Garaicoechea, CSIDA



Report to Legislature - July 2016

A. General Operations

1) Activities

- The 2016 Sullivan United Annual midsummer networking mixer will take place at the site of Veria Lifestyle Management Z Living Resort on July 14 from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. The Sullivan United event began three years ago as away to inform area businesses, elected officials and the general public about each of the member organizations programmatic activities in one convenient setting. The too has been focused on highlighting a signature project that has or is being developed in Sullivan County and as a networking event for members of each organization to better cross communicate economic development ideas and priorities. Turnout has been quite good year to year with over 200 expected again this year.
- A continued sign of interest in Sullivan County, there has been an increased presence of hired consultants completing feasibility studies in consideration of future development in Sullivan County. Firms such as LW Hospitality Advisors, CBRE Hotels, Hotel Leisure Advisors and others have met with us and been given site tours of the current activity here.
- As a way of further prioritizing Western Sullivan areas as a place to do business we are
 working with the Narrowsburg Union principals to host a Western Sullivan Economic
 Summit so that those communities can present and discuss the current and future niche
 business opportunities that they would like us all to be aware of. There has been
 significant and vibrant activity within certain hamlets, with others seeking to follow suit.
 Look to a fall date to be determined.
- Save the date. The Partnership 22nd Annual Meeting and Celebration will be held on October 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 at the Ramada Inn at the Sullivan in Rock Hill.
- Unemployment continues to fall year to year. Note May of 2015 to May of 2016.

Unemployment Rate

Year	Jan				May			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann Avg
2016	5.8%	5.7%	5.4%	5.0%	4.3%								5.2%
2015	7.2%	7.0%	6.4%	5.9%	5.6%	5.3%	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.6%
2014	8.5%	8.6%	7.9%	6.7%	6.5%	6.2%	6.0%	5.8%	5.9%	5.7%	6.1%	6.3%	6.7%
2013	10.3%	9.9%	9.1%	8.4%	8.0%	7.9%	7.5%	7.0%	7.6%	7.5%	7.6%	7.7%	8.2%

- 2) Internal/External Marketing we have just initiated an electronic marketing campaign targeted to the retail industry sector as part of our ongoing relationship with the World Economic Development Alliance. The campaign presents Sullivan County as the next smart retail investment given the development activity taking place today and still slated in the future. The campaign has been directed to 2,000 end users which encompass, site selectors, capital decision makers, CEOs, COOs and brokers in the retail development sector.
- 3) Meetings: New York State Economic Development Council, Town/Village of Liberty, Solar Consortium, Sullivan County Chamber, Hudson Valley Economic development Corporation, CFA.

B. Project Updates

a. Corporate Attraction

- Manufacturing project in Glenwild has been scheduled to close. A formal groundbreaking will take place at a soon to be determined date. Please check your mail for a formal invitation.
- We have formerly closed on financing for the Western Hotel in Callicoon. The Partnership approved a secured loan of \$50,000 through the Incubator without Walls Revolving Loan Fund.

b. Small Business/Entrepreneurial Development

- We have approved the Fish & Bicycle Cafe application. As we are in the midst of the summer tourist season the firm has chosen to begin their construction activities in October. As a result the formal closing will take place approximately September of 2016.
- IWW funds available \$27,183 There are currently 9 loans within this program:
- <u>SI</u> funds available \$ 66,280 There are currently 4 loans with this program:
- Seven loans have been fully paid in FY 2015.

c. Business Expansion

We have met with principals of Formaggio cheese with assistance form Empire State Development Corporation. The company has enjoyed recent expansion of

existing offerings and the successful introduction of new products in to the market place. They will be seeking to expand their facility to handle increase demand and will need an additional 40+ employees. We are working with them either as a potential CFA application or a time sensitive ESD project at this time.

We ship Express will be moving forward with plans to expand its specialty products distribution facility. The firm has outgrown its current building and will seek to add on to the existing 33,000sq. ft structure. Number of net new employees and cost of the expansion has not yet been determined as the project is in its preliminary stages.

d. Shovel Ready Sites

- We continue met with Pat Pomeroy of the Hudson Valley Business Council to discuss funding in our continued effort to analyze and move forward shovel ready sites along the Old Route 17 corridor. The feasibility phase is essential to laying the foundation for further funding of anticipated approvals costs and infrastructure needs.
- e. Membership Education See Sullivan United Event.

The Sullivan County Partnership Proven Return on Your Investment!

We are truly a Partnership for Economic Development, as we were originally constituted 21 years ago. Led by the private sector, and partnering with the public sector, to bring investment, jobs and tax ratables to our municipalities. We are your 'One Stop Shop' for Economic Development.

HERE ARE JUST <u>SOME</u> OF THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT DEMONSTRATE WHAT SULLIVAN COUNTY RECEIVES IN THE FORM OF DIRECT REVENUES:

- \$2,900,000 The total amount of property tax revenue taxing authorities in Sullivan County received in 2015 as a result of direct Partnership activities associated with projects receiving incentives to date.
- \$5,000,000+ The total amount of property tax revenue taxing authorities in Sullivan County received in 2015 for all projects the Partnership facilitated to date.
- \$565,000 The total amount of property tax revenue <u>solely</u> received by the County in 2015 as a result of direct Partnership activities to date.**Does not include projects which did not apply for incentives or who's project incentive programs have already matured. Well over \$1 million when you include non-incentivized projects.
- Perpetually increasing tax ratables as incentive programs sunset over time.
- 3,500+ The total number of current <u>direct</u> full time jobs that were created as a result of direct Partnership activities still under an incentive program.
- \$40,000,000+ The current annual payroll of firms that relocated or expanded as a direct result of Partnership activities.
- \$21,355,000 The total amount of projected sales taxes collected as a result of the payroll from firms directly assisted by the Partnership using an input output model.
- 1,530,000+ The total current square footage of space created through direct Partnership activities.
- 66 The total number of small businesses and farms the Partnership has directly assisted financially, representing over \$1,000,000 in investment and leveraging well over \$5 million to date.

Supplementary Returns

- Professional duly elected volunteer board of directors offering multiple decades of business experience and many hours of volunteer service.
- Partnering with all economic development organizations to advance economic development issues in Sullivan County.
- Issue driven events and research open to all members of the general public.
- Ready action agency when County projects must be expedited to serve an immediate need.

Partnership Assisted Businesses

Location in Sullivan County

49 Main Street LLC ADM Interiors

Advanced Energy Solutions
Apple's Small Engine Repair
Arthur Glick Truck Dealership

ASB Greenworld Bethel Livestock Boreal Water

Brandenburg Bakery

B'Teavone Pizza
Cannie D's Corner
Carmine's Meat Market
Catskill Delaware Outdoors
Catskill Distilling Co./Dancing Cat

Catskill Laser Tag Catskill Mountain Photo Catskill Oral Surgery

Curves D.C. Welding

Deitchman & Sons/Sneaker World

Eureka Café FirBrook Flies

Fire Pit Pizzeria & Sports Lounge

Fish & Bicycle Formaggio Cheese G&E Group Services

Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park

Ideal Snacks

JBSR Enterprises/Vino

Juliette Hermant/Maison Bergone

King's Catering Kohl's Distribution Liberty Collison Center

Liberty Fitness LoCascio's Food

Main Street Café
Main Street Foods
Maison Bergogne
Maitake Mushroom
Metallized Carbon
Millenium Pipeline

Miss Monticello Diner Monticello Motor Club Montreign/Adelaar

Morgan Outdoors

Munson Diner Corp. Nature Restaurant Newburgh Egg Nonni's Livingston Manor

Monticello
Forestburgh
Liberty
Monticello
Ferndale
Swan Lake
Monticello

Livingston Manor

Monticello
Neversink
Monticello
Callicoon
Bethel
Youngsville

Wurtsboro Monticello Monticello Ferndale Monticello Narrowsburg Livingston Manor

Bloomingburg
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Wurtsboro
Mountaindale
Western Sullivan

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Livingston Manor

Liberty Monticello Woodridge Ferndale Pestech

Pickled Owl, LLC

Premier Care Physical Therapy

Prohibition Distillery

Puerto Rico Foods/Fat Boiz

RH Land

Riverside Remedies RX Copr.

Salt & Pepper the Kitchen

Sara's Gourmet Secret Garden

Spencer Daniels Agency Sullivan First Recycling

The Feast

The Old Gristmill Restaurant

Verde & Co. Veria Lifestyle We Ship Express Western Hotel Woodridge Segway Yanni's Gyro Express Liberty

Hurleyville Monticello

Roscoe

Monticello

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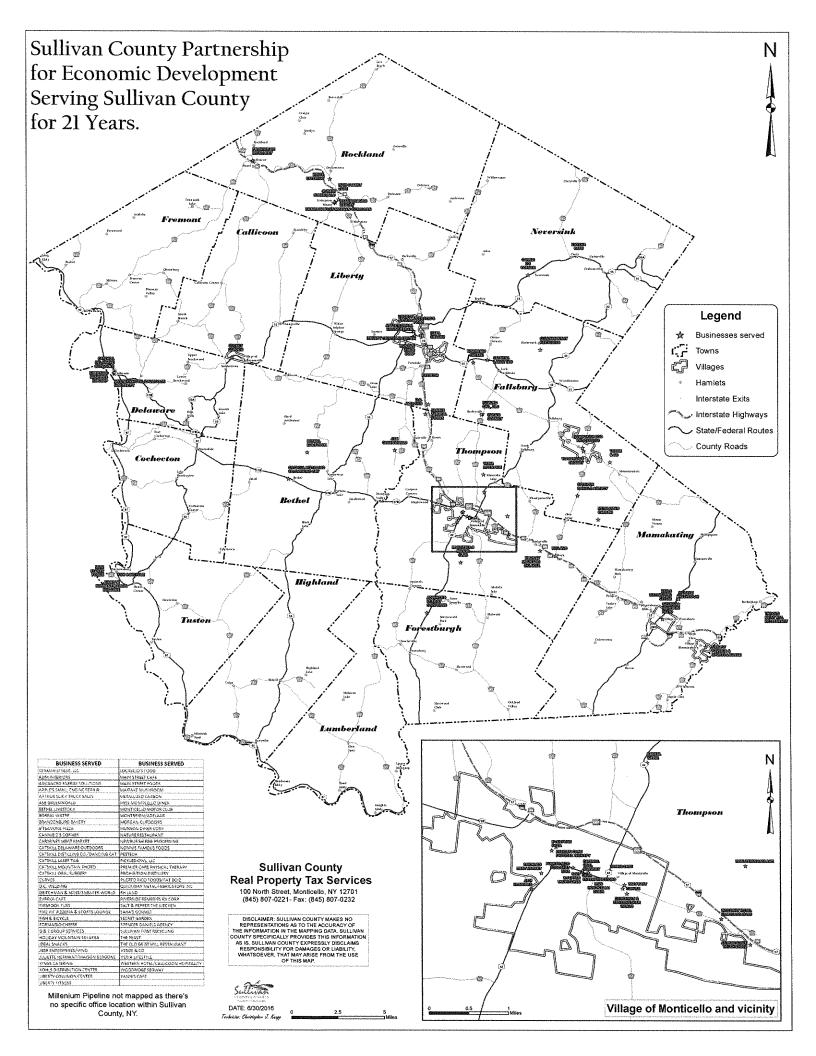
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JUNE 2016

SULLIVAN CATSKILLS

HIGHLIGHTS

- ➤ SOCIAL & DIGITAL MEDIA: SCVA hired a new Director of Social & Digital Media. This is a dedicated person to build our social and digital platforms throughout social media. In June SCVA Facebook reached 18,000 fans with over 100 direct organic responses a day. The profile of the visitor to Facebook is growing both nationally and internationally with the average age of users between 35-45 old. Twitter continues to grow with 1,300 followers and an increase in clicks and repost. Instagram has grown to over 1,000 followers. As the summer progresses, SCVA will continue to use organic searches to reach more visitors. For the 4th of July SCVA is requesting visitors to post their best photos of the holiday to the social media.
- ➤ WEB SITE: SCVA has changed the main domain for the site to <u>www.sullivancatskills.com</u>. The site is going through a major transition to create a better experience for visitors to the site.
- ➤ **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** SCVA is working with a NYC based PR firm, The Door. The Door will create attention and buzz to NY Metro and international writers. Stories and first hand experiences by writers will create a personal connection to the Sullivan Catskills.
- ➤ **NEW PROPERTIES:** SCVA has met with the marketing director from Veria to start the process of promoting this new resort. SCVA has also met with other potential hotel developers providing them with visitor statistics.
- ➤ IPW TRADE SHOW & MEDIA SHOW: SCVA attended the IPW Trade & Media event to meet with international operators and writers. During the conference SCVA met with over 150 operators and 100 travel writers.

- > CATSKILL CHALLENGE: After months of preparation with the Governor's office staff and NYS agencies, the Sullivan Catskills hosted the first Catskill Challenge and the 2nd Annual Ride the Catskills. On June 29, motorcycles and writers toured the entire Catskill Region from the mountains of Hunter, Windham and Belleayre to the reservoirs of the Catskills. The ride ended at the Roscoe Beer Company. On June 30 the day started with a press conference by the Governor with special guest Robert DeNiro where Governor Cuomo announced several Catskill initiatives and working to secure the Woodstock site as a national historic site. The rest of the day consisted of rafting with the Governor, resort experience and golf at the Villa Roma, fly fishing at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, soccer at Sullivan West HS, and a bevy of outdoor activities at Mongaup Pond. The day ended with a reception at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. This was coordinated effort with SCVA partners; Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Museum, Morgan Outdoors and the DEC, Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center, Sullivan West HS, Lander's River Trips, Kittatinny Canoe, Indian Head Canoe and Jerry's Three River. A special thanks to all of these businesses and the numerous volunteers that made this successful.
- ➤ BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION: Personal requests for travel guide is up 30% and SCVA continues to fill bulk distribution to major information center across the State. The latest shipment was the largest this season with 46 cases of travel guides sent.
- ➤ NAT GEO WILD SCENIC DELAWARE: SCVA continues to work with businesses to nominate their business to the site.
- ➤ ON WALL STREET: Through an ad buy with Horizon Magazine, SCVA is featured on the Horizon billboard in Times Square for the 4th of July weekend.