

2019

DUTCHESS COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET

“ The 2019 County Budget lowers taxes for the **5th consecutive year**, helping to ease the burden for residents and businesses. We are addressing critical community needs by expanding services for our seniors and veterans, combating opioid addiction, and improving programs for youth. Targeted investments in economic development, infrastructure, and our parks ensure our economy continues to grow and enhance quality of life for all residents.

We invite you to learn more by viewing the budget plan, presentation and much more online at dutchessny.gov. ”



Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County Executive



County Property Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

PROPERTY TAXES CUT AGAIN IN 2019

The 2019 budget was adopted on December 6th in a 19-5 bipartisan vote by the Dutchess County Legislature. The Adopted Budget includes several amendments to Dutchess County Executive Molinaro's Proposed County Budget, while reducing county property taxes for the fifth consecutive year.

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TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS

The Wheels to Work program expands to assist veterans who are facing transportation barriers, providing them with cars, insurance, and registration to secure transportation to work and maintain their independence.

SUPPORTING YOUTH & FAMILIES

The budget launches the "Fostering Connections" initiative, utilizing volunteers to mentor youth in foster care, and establishes a Coach Family Visitation program to support families in the child welfare system.

SERVICES FOR SENIORS

A new 5 day-a-week senior center in the City of Poughkeepsie will open its doors in the first quarter of 2019, offering unique and engaging programs like chair yoga, tai chi, and computer literacy. The adopted budget makes it possible to open senior centers 5 days a week.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The 2019 budget invests in core County infrastructure, including 20 miles of paving, 9,000 miles of snow removal, repair or replacement of 13 County bridges, and 4,000 feet of guide rail.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Dutchess County will continue sharing services with local municipalities by offering centralized procurement support services for greater efficiency and cost reductions.

DUTCHESS READS

County officials are partnering with local libraries and literacy advocates to promote reading throughout the county and overcome barriers to literacy.

OUR INNOVATION ECONOMY

Following 13 consecutive months of **private sector job growth**, the County continues to invest in economic development. We are fostering new businesses, expanding industry clusters, and creating an **innovation ecosystem** through an unprecedented agreement between the County, IBM, Marist, Vassar, and Dutchess Community College. In Rhinebeck, the first standalone co-working site in the county opened, offering shared workspace for individuals, startups, and companies of all sizes. Nearby, a new advanced three-dimensional printing lab is being developed for innovation and product development.

ThinkDIFFERENTLY.

By thinking differently, we are changing the way we, as individuals, businesses and organizations, relate to people with disabilities. The budget includes continuing support to make our community more inclusive.



Think Ahead, a college experience program, offered in partnership with Dutchess Community College and focused on job readiness and skills development, enters its second year serving 19 students.



Community events like the Think DIFFERENTLY Dash, the Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp, the Collaboration of Services Conference, and the Think DIFFERENTLY Picnic unite providers and residents, fostering inclusion.



ThinkDIFFERENTLY.net offers simple navigation through the comprehensive array of local services available to residents of all abilities, their families, and service providers.

\$1.1 MILLION



For the seventh year, the Municipal Innovation Grant Program will support local government efficiency, shared services, and consolidation, with an emphasis on ADA accessibility projects and shared law enforcement services.

25,000 RESIDENTS SERVED IN 2019



The Agency Partnership Grant funds critical needs in our community, such as youth and senior services, homelessness prevention, and more through an outcome-based competitive program, with added funds for a new capital component and summer youth employment.

BREAKING THROUGH

The 2019 County Budget supports and expands efforts to combat the opioid epidemic – breaking through the stigma of addiction while furthering our proactive, collaborative approach to helping those in need.



2,500 SERVED



3,500 TRAINED

In the 18 months since opening, the Dutchess County Stabilization Center, at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, has become an invaluable community resource. The Center is a walk-in facility providing a safe, comfortable, and welcoming alternative to hospital emergency departments for those struggling with various mental and behavioral health challenges. More than 2,500 individuals and their families have made over 4,200 visits to the center. The budget includes additional staffing resources to better support the center.

The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program has expanded with a new medication dispensary center to meet the growing need for this highly effective program. Of those in the MAT program, 85 percent have discontinued illegal opioid use, and more than 60 percent have maintained or improved their employment, successfully managing their addiction and living quality lives. We continue to connect those exiting the jail with these treatment programs as a tool to maintain ongoing recovery.

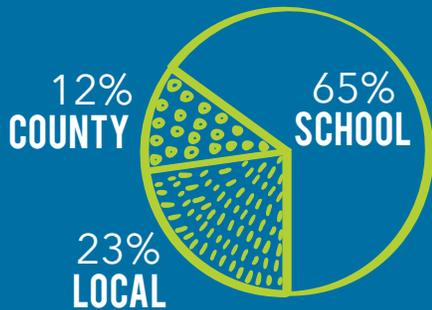
The County offers ongoing training for emergency responders, law enforcement, and service providers with more than 3,500 individuals receiving training in Mental Health First Aid and Narcan, which reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. To help even more members of the community be prepared to save lives, Narcan training is now available on a walk-in basis, 24/7, with no appointment necessary, at the Stabilization Center.

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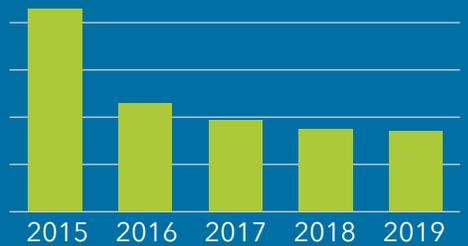
BY THE NUMBERS



County property taxes only account for 12% of the average homeowner's tax bill.

5TH CONSECUTIVE COUNTY TAX CUT

The total County property tax levy for 2019 is \$106,350,769.



\$503M

Total Adopted 2019 Dutchess County Budget



70% MANDATED

State mandates consume 70% of every county tax dollar; we continue working diligently to control these costs and minimize the impact to taxpayers.

AA+

HIGHEST S&P BOND RATING STATEWIDE

Strong fiscal management and economic stability have helped secure the County's AA+ bond rating, the highest bond rating by Standard & Poor's of counties in New York State.

