

2020
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DUTCHESS COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET

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LARGEST TAX CUT IN 20 YEARS

6TH CONSECUTIVE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX CUT

DEAR NEIGHBORS,

With the 2020 Budget, we continue making Dutchess County a better place to live, work and raise a family for all.

We are investing in the people of this county and building a community where all have the opportunity to reach their potential. With investments in senior services; economic development; infrastructure; parks; youth; mental wellness, addiction treatment and support; and public safety, we are creating a stronger county – all while controlling spending and providing the largest tax cut in 20 years.

The 2020 budget was adopted with bipartisan support on December 5th, 2019. View the presentation and review the budget plan online at dutchessny.gov/2020budget.

MARCUS J. MOLINARO

Dutchess County Executive

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DUTCHESS TOGETHER

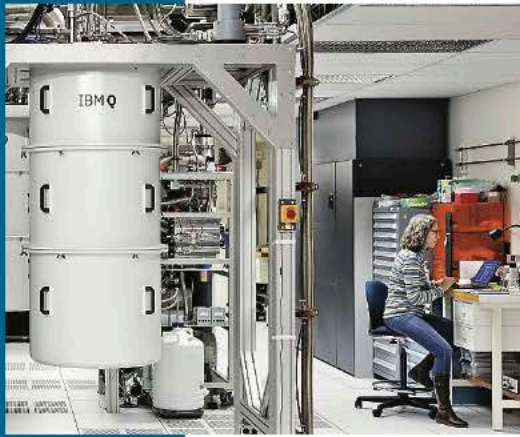
- 4 Projects
- 7 Towns
- 1 Village
- 2 Cities

COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE

Dutchess County, in collaboration with our local municipalities, has developed a plan which identifies \$2.3 million in savings related to four projects. The projects touch on areas as diverse as multi-jurisdictional law enforcement-aided dispatch and shared emergency medical services.

Learn more and read the complete plan online at dutchessny.gov.

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JOBS & WORKFORCE

With 27 consecutive months of private sector job growth, and \$4.7 billion in development, Dutchess

County's economy continues to thrive, grow and diversify. Last year, IBM launched the world's first Q Commercial Quantum Computation Center in Poughkeepsie, and Think Dutchess continues to attract new employers, with 11 new businesses, including six manufacturers this year, at iPark, the repurposed IBM campus in East Fishkill.

TRANSPORTATION

Developing a new, more robust, and efficient model for providing senior transportation throughout the County

SERVICES FOR SENIORS & VETERANS

Adding funding for Home Care services, grant funding for a "Handyman Program" to provide minor home repairs and accessibility modifications for seniors' homes, and establishing an emergency assistance fund for veterans in need

COMBATING SEXUAL ASSAULT

New funding for sexual assault response, outreach, prevention, and specialized training for law enforcement

SUPPORTING YOUTH & FAMILIES

Launching Safe Care, an evidence-based parent training program for families with children aged 0-5, shown to reduce child abuse and neglect

BOLSTERING THE ARTS

Increasing support for the arts, including funding for artistic and cultural institutions to expand audiences and infrastructure, as well as added resources for arts in education

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

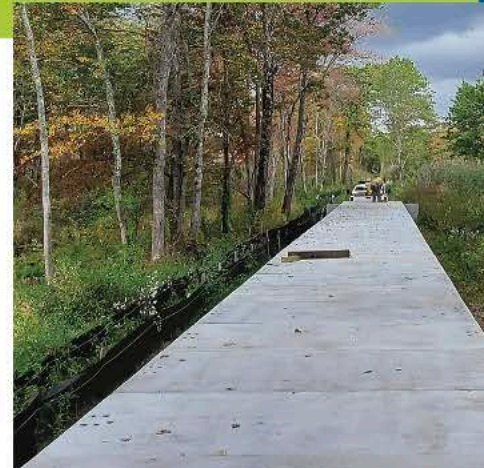
Investing in County roads and bridges, including 20 miles of paving, 9,000 miles of snow removal, and replacement or repair of 13 bridges and 4,000 feet of guide rail



PARKS

Largest expansion of County Parks in over 50 Years!

- LAKE WALTON PRESERVE
- POUGHKEEPSIE RAIL TRAIL NETWORK
- HARLEM VALLEY CONNECTION



Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension construction

In 2019, we moved forward with the largest expansion of County Parks in over 50 years with the acquisition of Lake Walton in East Fishkill and the former CSX corridor in Poughkeepsie for development as part of the WRS Dutchess Rail Trail. The 2020 Budget includes additional funding to develop these new properties.

In 2020, construction of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Phase IV project will be complete, and design will begin on an urban trail along the former CSX rail line in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie.

We will also improve accessibility at Bowdoin Park, add new decking for Maple Knoll Lodge, continue water quality improvements at Wilcox Park, and implement initiatives identified in the Parks Master Plan.

BREAKING THROUGH

Stomping Out Stigma & Saving Lives

The 2020 Budget supports and expands efforts to break through the stigma of mental illness and addiction while combating the opioid epidemic, including increased public outreach and messaging, expanding access with a Mobile Unit in eastern Dutchess, and ensuring a “no wrong door” approach for individuals with physical and mental health concerns.

We will add resources to our Mobile Crisis Intervention Team to better enable them to find, support, and help those in need within our community.

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) is proven to reduce overdose deaths and help people discontinue illegal substance use. We will increase the availability of this critical treatment in the Dutchess County Jail and, in conjunction with state and community partners, expand the availability of MAT at local emergency departments.



Individuals served by the Stabilization Center since 2017



Individuals in MAT programs discontinue use of illegal opioids



Life-saving Narcan kits will continue to be distributed in 2020

Help is here 24/7
Stabilization Center
230 North Road, Poughkeepsie

CALL OR TEXT 24/7
HELPLINE 845-485-9700

ThinkDIFFERENTLY.

We are changing the way we, as individuals, businesses, and organizations, relate to people of every ability. This budget expands the footprint of ThinkDIFFERENTLY and continues to make our community more inclusive.

New trainings for hospital personnel, first responders, attorneys, and judges will help build understanding and the capacity to work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We are also partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer a ThinkDIFFERENTLY 4-H group and continue to support special education advocacy, as well as employment and transportation programs for individuals with disabilities, through our Think Jobs initiative.



PATH TO PROMISE

A Bold Vision for Dutchess County Youth

Dutchess County has launched a multi-year effort to ensure all young people – from birth through age 19 – have the assets they need to achieve their full potential. The budget includes support for Path to Promise efforts, including the revitalization of our Youth Coordinating Council, developing and tracking outcome indicators, and creating an intuitive, data-driven web platform to connect people with programs and resources, as well as a new Assistant Commissioner of Youth Services to lead this initiative.

RAISING THE STANDARD FOR CHILD CARE

We are dedicated to increasing access to early childhood education and improving quality of care by supporting local partners, such as Day One, collaborating with QualityStarsNY to support providers, and working with employers to increase availability in child care centers.

2020 #FORALL BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS

With \$4.7 billion in economic activity and 2,000 jobs created over the last 12 months, Dutchess has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state.

27 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS
PRIVATE SECTOR JOB GROWTH

True Value Assessments are up 5% due to new economic investment and development.

\$32 BILLION

5% TAX RATE CUT LARGEST SINCE 2008 RECESSION

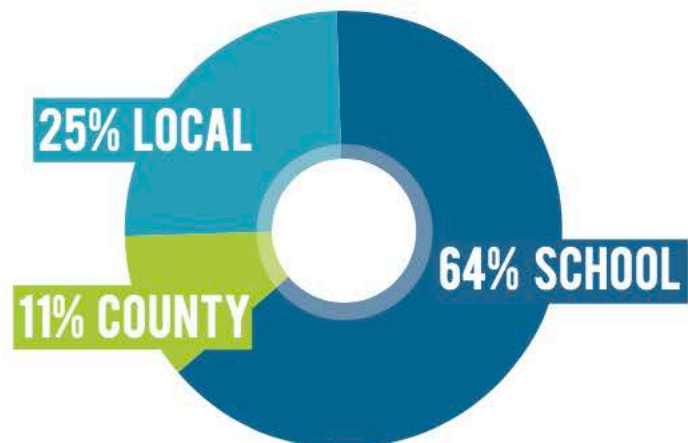
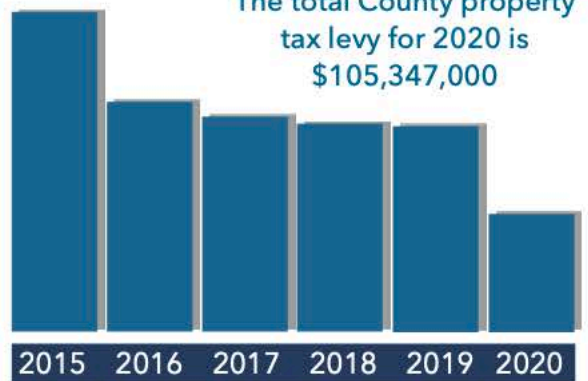


Highest S&P County Bond Rating in NYS

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.

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The total County property tax levy for 2020 is \$105,347,000



County property taxes only account for 11% of the average homeowner's tax bill.