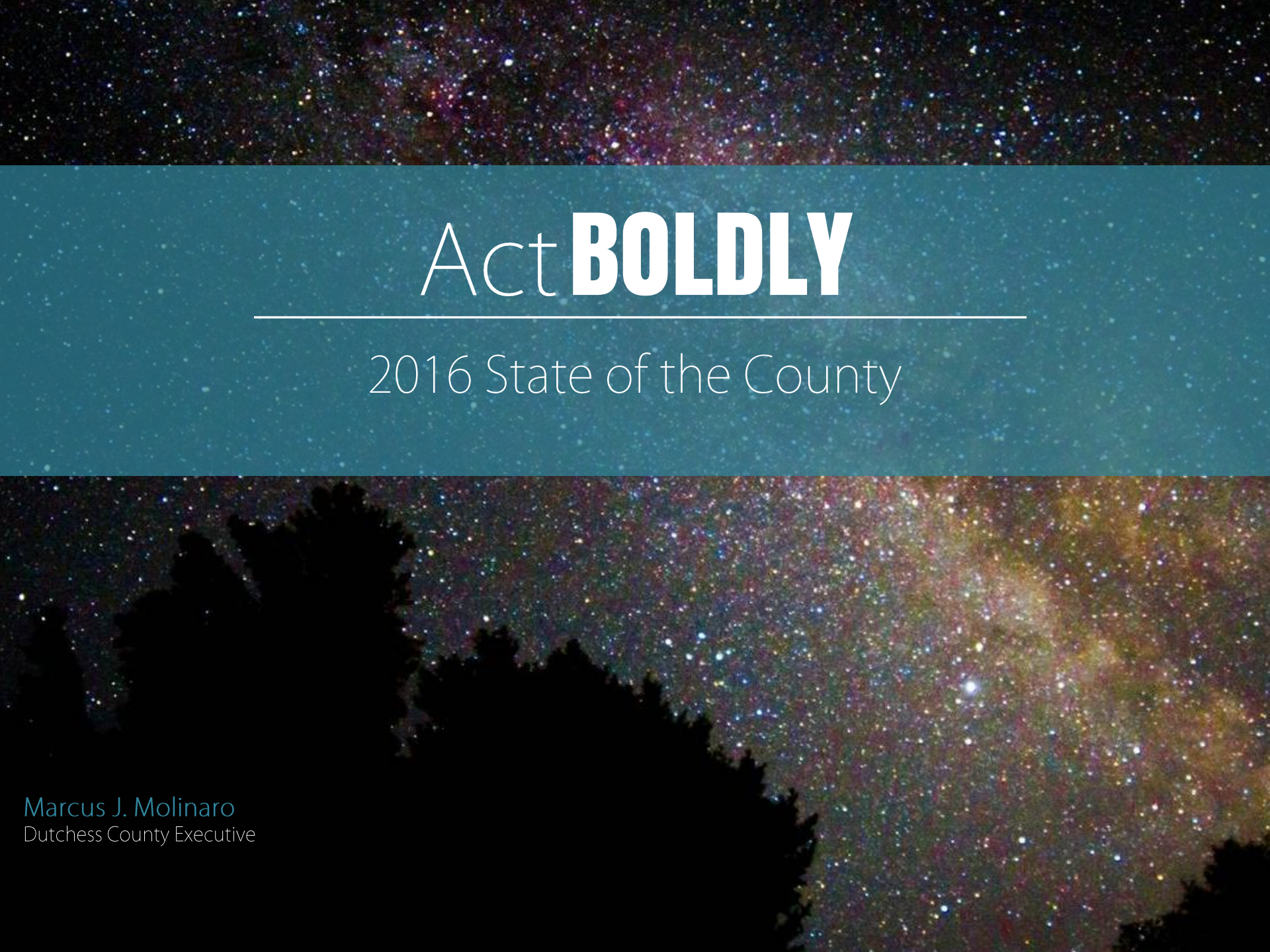

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2016 State of the County

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Dutchess County Executive

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Special Olympics New York
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START
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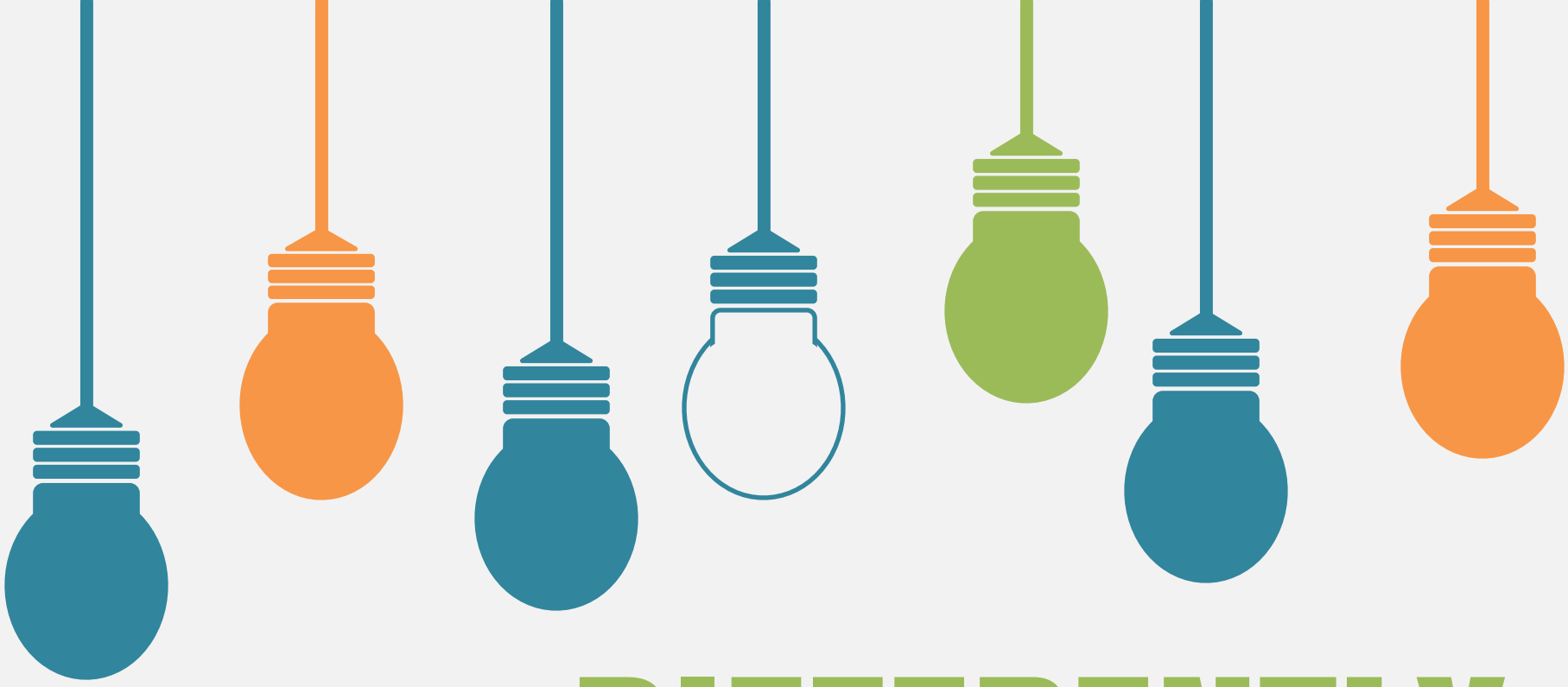

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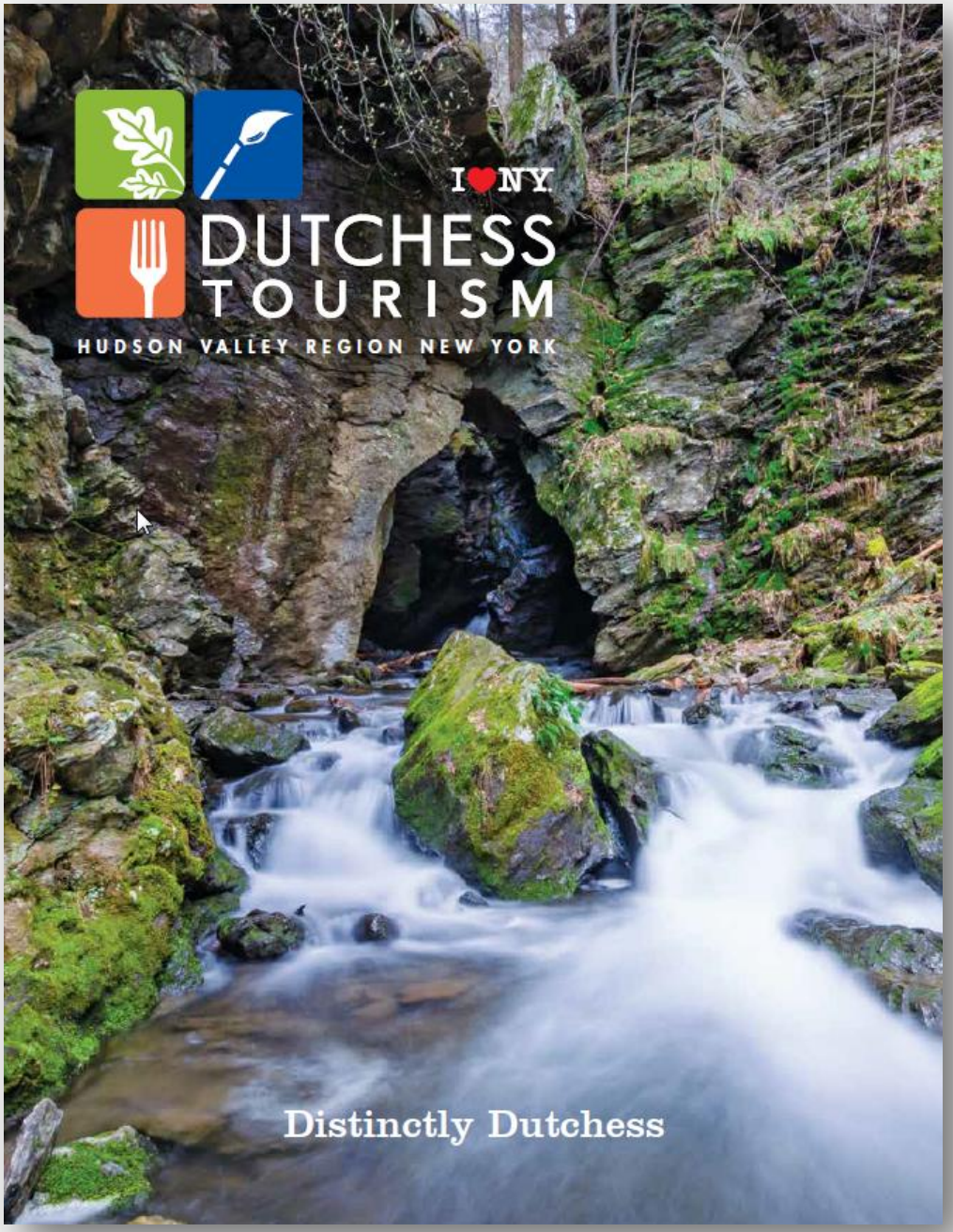

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Healthier - Safer - Stronger

"We Choose to
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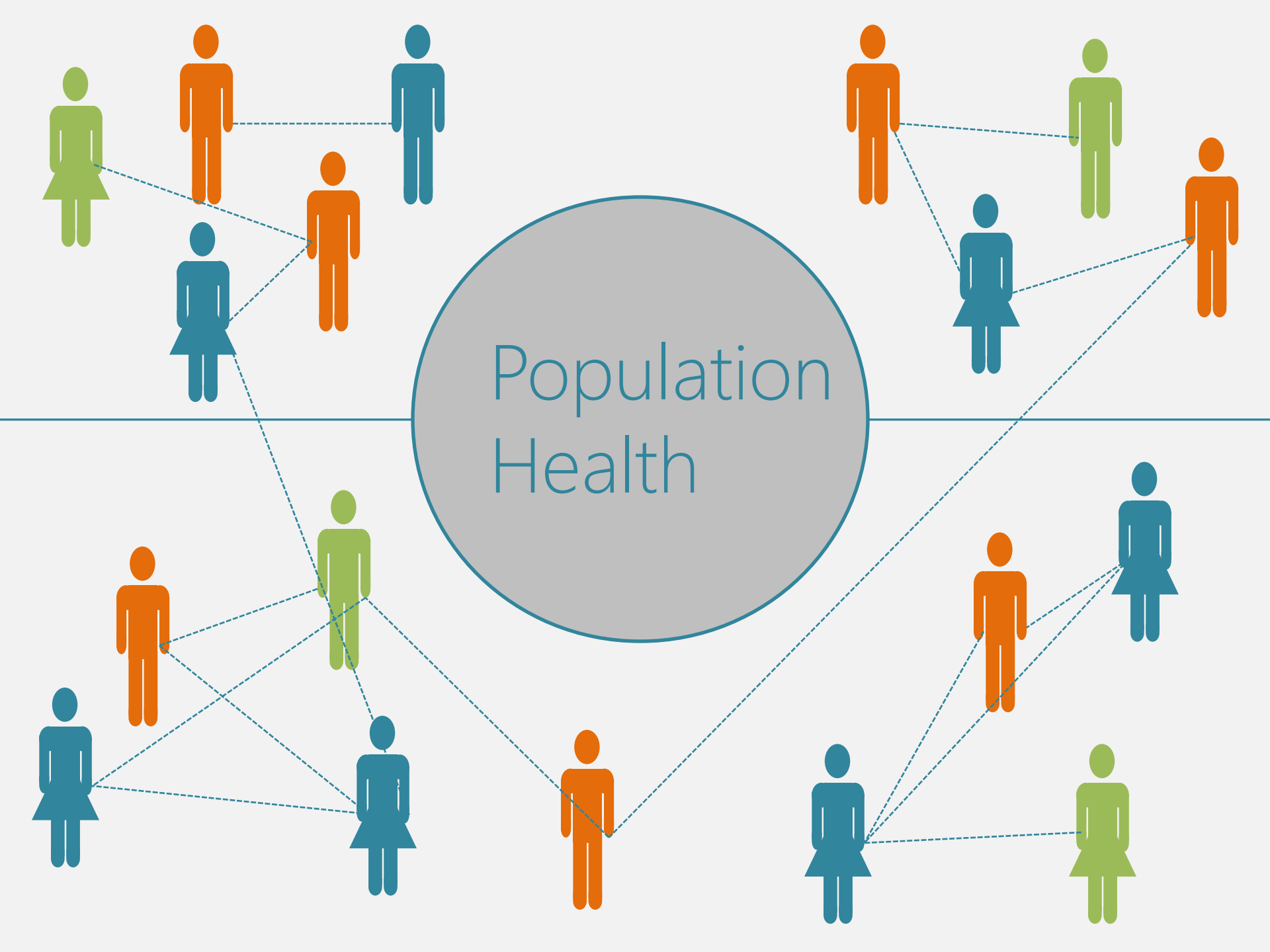
Healthiest County in New York State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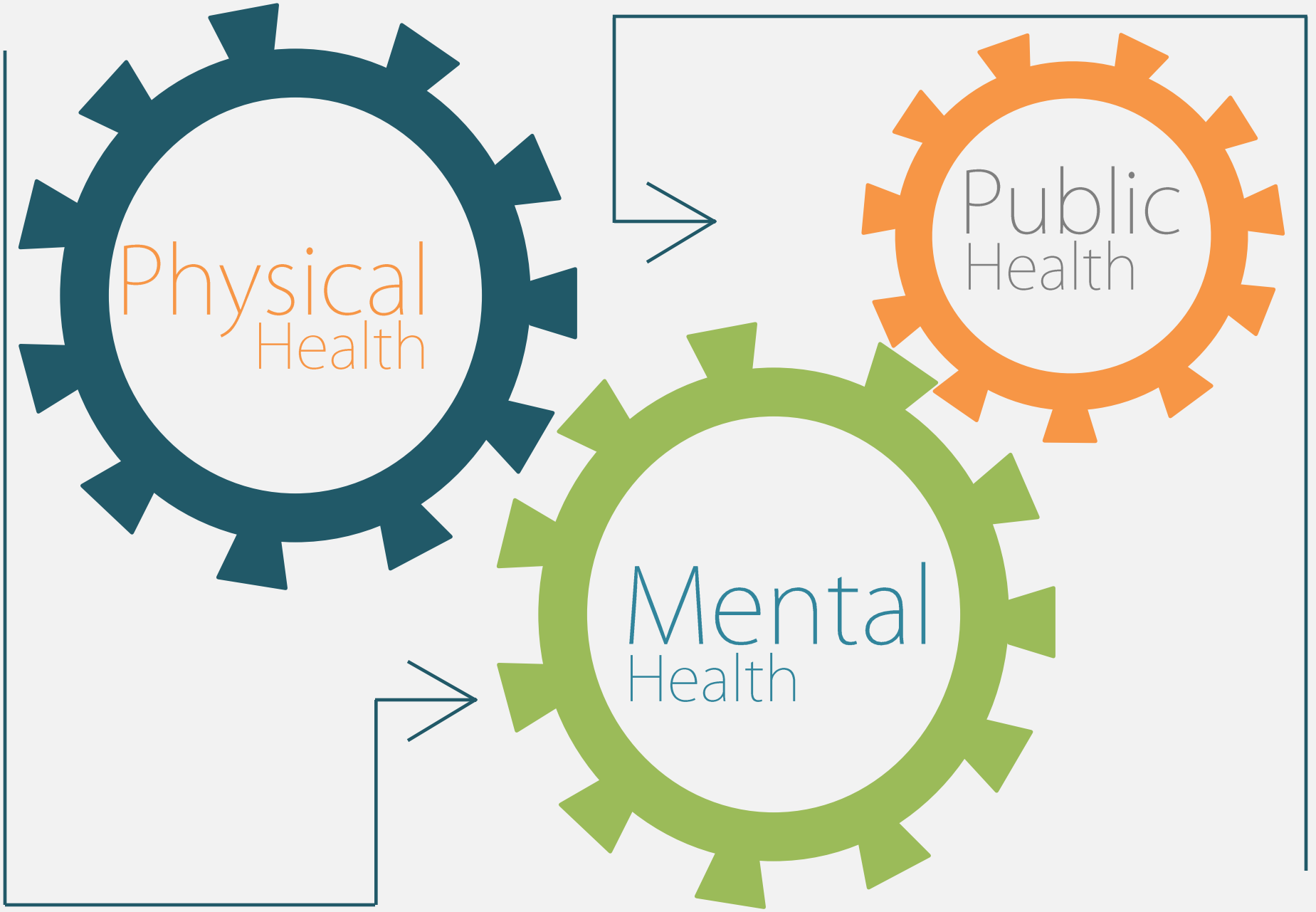
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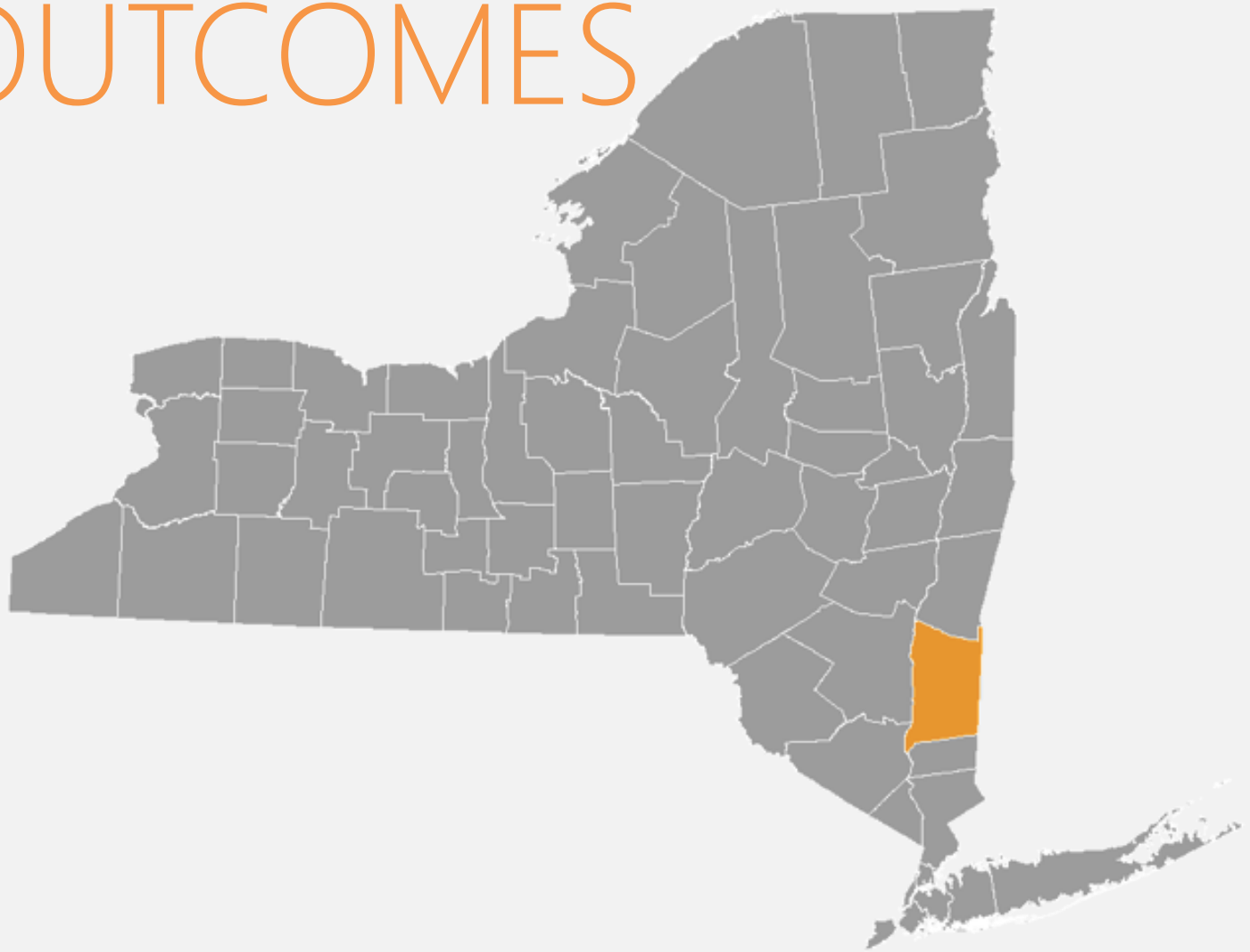

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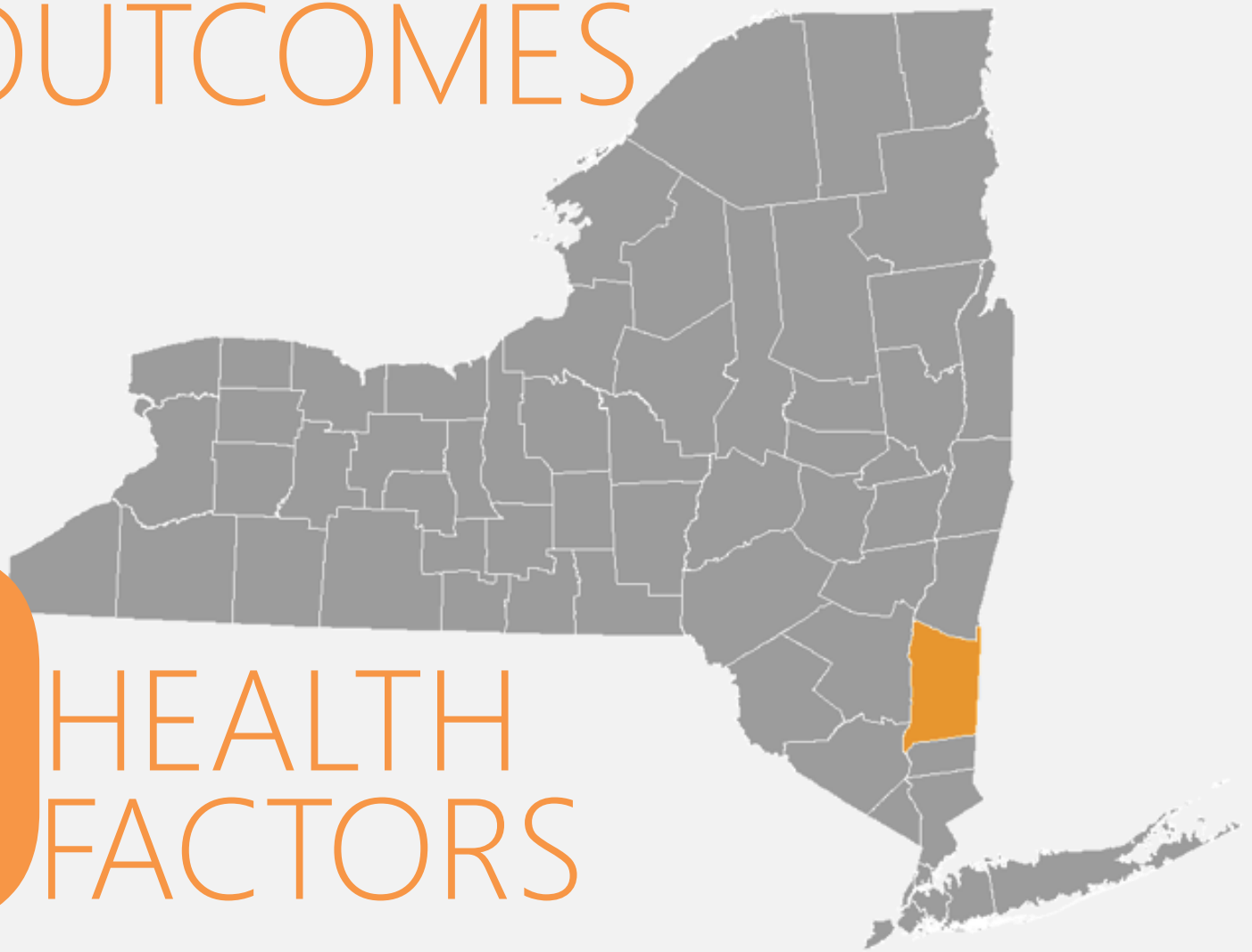

#10 HEALTH FACTORS

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Employee Wellness Initiative

REDUCE CHILDHOOD & ADULT OBESITY

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Walkway Marathon

#RunWithMe

Haulmark
POUGHKEEPSIE PLENTY
FRESH MARKET
EAT FRESH
VIVA BIEN
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Senator Sue Serino Presents
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PFC JOSEPH DWYER PROGRAM

Regional Investment in **Health Care**

Develop County-Wide Solution

Volunteer Recruitment

Ambulance Service Taskforce

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
EPIDEMIC

DEALING WITH ADDICTION

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EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

KILLING PAIN

Thousands die in painkiller epidemic, but state office disciplines few doctors

By Mary Beth Pfeiffer

An ambulette driver in her 40s suffered back injury. A medical assistant, 40, had a terrible autoimmune disease. A young mother had problems that sched after waitressing.

Each had gone to painkillers in the became addicted to painkillers in the chemical family as heroin.

"It wasn't so easy for me ... to go over, I probably never would've used P or heroin," the young mom said of the or she took for three years and she'll be led to. The ambulette driver, who wa pills for six years, said. "No one ever shore another way."

These women, who asked not to because of the stigma of addiction challenge it presents to recovery, ple question: How did they — and like them — become drug-addicts care of licensed physicians?

The state office that oversee

See POTENT P

ONLINE

To read other stories in this series on addiction, go to pojonews.co/pain

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AN EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT | KILLERS & PAIN PART 4: PORTRAIT OF AN EPIDEMIC

FACES OF LOSS

A family recounts fierce fight to save their 'sensitive, caring' son, who struggled to do the right thing amid addiction

By Mary Beth Pfeiffer
Poughkeepsie Journal

Adam Bendel

The Bendels' white German shepherd was old and sick and the family came to the decision, never easy, that it must be put down in the morning. That's when Adam Bendel, a broad, blue-eyed 19-year-old had an idea: Let's defrost a steak and make Lexi the best last meal a dog could have.

Arnie Bendel, a Town of LaGrange resident and 36-year IBMer, wells up when he tells the story. "It's funny what you remember," he says of his youngest son. "Sensitive, caring," he called him. He died Aug. 27 of an addiction that began with recreational use of painkillers and ended with a heroin overdose. Between those two points were costly stays

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EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ONLINE

Visit Poughkeepsie Journal.com to view Sunday's special magazine-style presentation of this package, complete with a video, graphics and photos about overdose deaths in our community.

Stacie Spinney of Patterson holds photos of her daughter, Christine, a City of Poughkeepsie resident who died at 22 on Oct. 16 of a heroin overdose. Christine's story and those of other overdose victims are told inside on Pages 6-7A. SPENCER AINSLEY/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

TWO PAGES INSIDE: READ ABOUT THE LIVES LOST

EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT | KILLERS & PAIN PART 3: PORTRAIT OF AN EPIDEMIC

THE DUTCHESS 63

Lives cut short by drug overdose

By Mary Beth Pfeiffer Poughkeepsie Journal

This is the story of a list, thick with flawed heroes and tragedy, of 63 people, the lives they never got to finish and the reasons they died. They were mothers and fathers, the gainfully employed and not, sports and dog lovers, addicts. They all died in 2013 when they accidentally overdosed on drugs.

This is a story of Dutchess County, because that is where each one died. But it is also a story of America, where it is being written from coast to coast, the outgrowth of painkillers dispensed for years in what governments now know was an uncontrolled and all-too laissez-faire manner.

The youngest on this list of the Dutchess 63 was 19 years old — a "kind-hearted son," his obituary said, who died, records show, with

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$20 COSTS MAN HIS LIFE

Beth Pfeiffer
Journal

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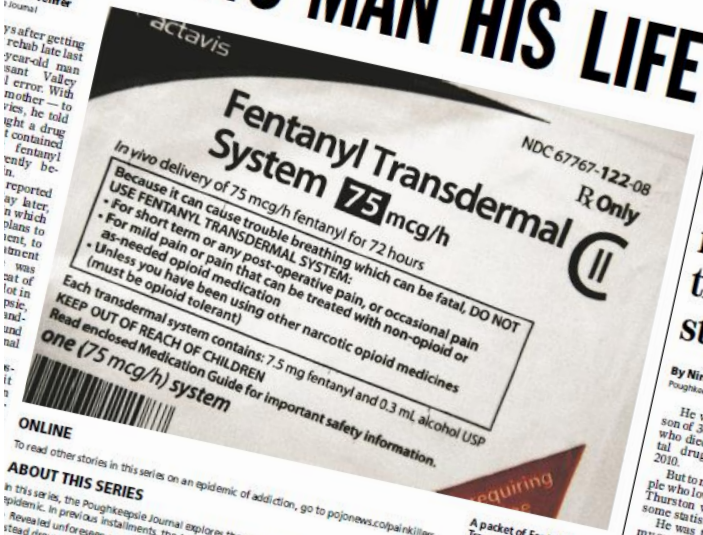

A packet of Fentanyl Transdermal was confiscated by the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and photographed at the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department. SPENCER AINSLEY/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

ONLINE

To read other stories in this series on an epidemic of addiction, go to pojonews.co/painkillers.

ABOUT THIS SERIES

In this series, the Poughkeepsie Journal explores the roots of the prescription drug and heroin epidemic. In previous installments, the Journal:

- Revealed unforeseen consequences of a state law that curbed availability of painkillers and instead drove some users to heroin.
- Demonstrated extensive prescribing of two popular painkillers, with 6.9 million prescriptions filled in New York state in 2013.
- Profiled 63 local overdose victims, including women, suburbanites, the young and middle-aged, who together paint a picture of a public health crisis.

We shared the stories of seven local people who died in 2013 from accidental drug overdoses. To share your story, contact Mary Beth Pfeiffer, projects writer, at 845-437-4869 or mpfeiffer@gannett.com.

FIRST PERSON

Andre Thurston died of an accidental drug overdose in 2010.

He was more than a statistic

By Nina Schutzman
Poughkeepsie Journal

He was just one person of 30,006 nationwide who died of an accidental drug overdose in 2010.

But to me and the people who love him, Andre Thurston will never be some statistic.

He was the father of my son, a man I'll always love.

He was daring. Emotional. A dreamer. Impulsive.

He wanted to give his children — his daughter, Aiden, now 9, and our son, Andre Junior, or AJ, now 6 — the whole world. Their very existence made him proud.

His daughter's mother became one of

His daughter became one of her closest fr

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2 SAFETY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

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Most Comprehensive System of Justice

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RESTORATIVE
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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
Prevention
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Diversion
Intervention

Active Shooter Training

Domestic
Violence
Prevention
Sexual Assault
START BY believing

Human
Trafficking
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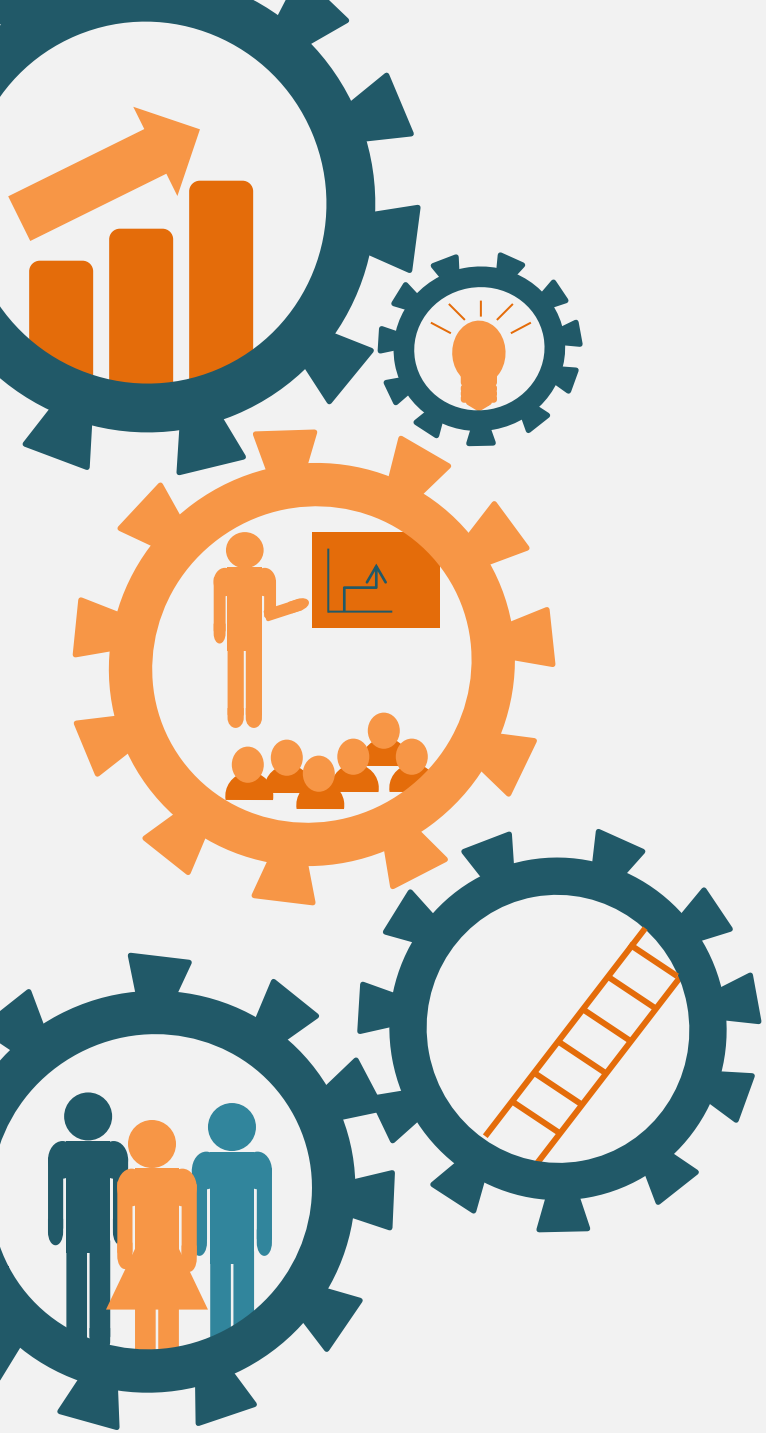

Alternatives to Incarceration

- ✓ Women's Reporting Center
- ✓ Cognitive Behavioral Intervention
- ✓ RESTART Program
- ✓ Exodus Re-entry Program
- ✓ Workforce Investment Board
- ✓ Job Training Work Program

BAN the BOX

RESTART

Inefficient, Unsafe & Expensive

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$2 MILLION
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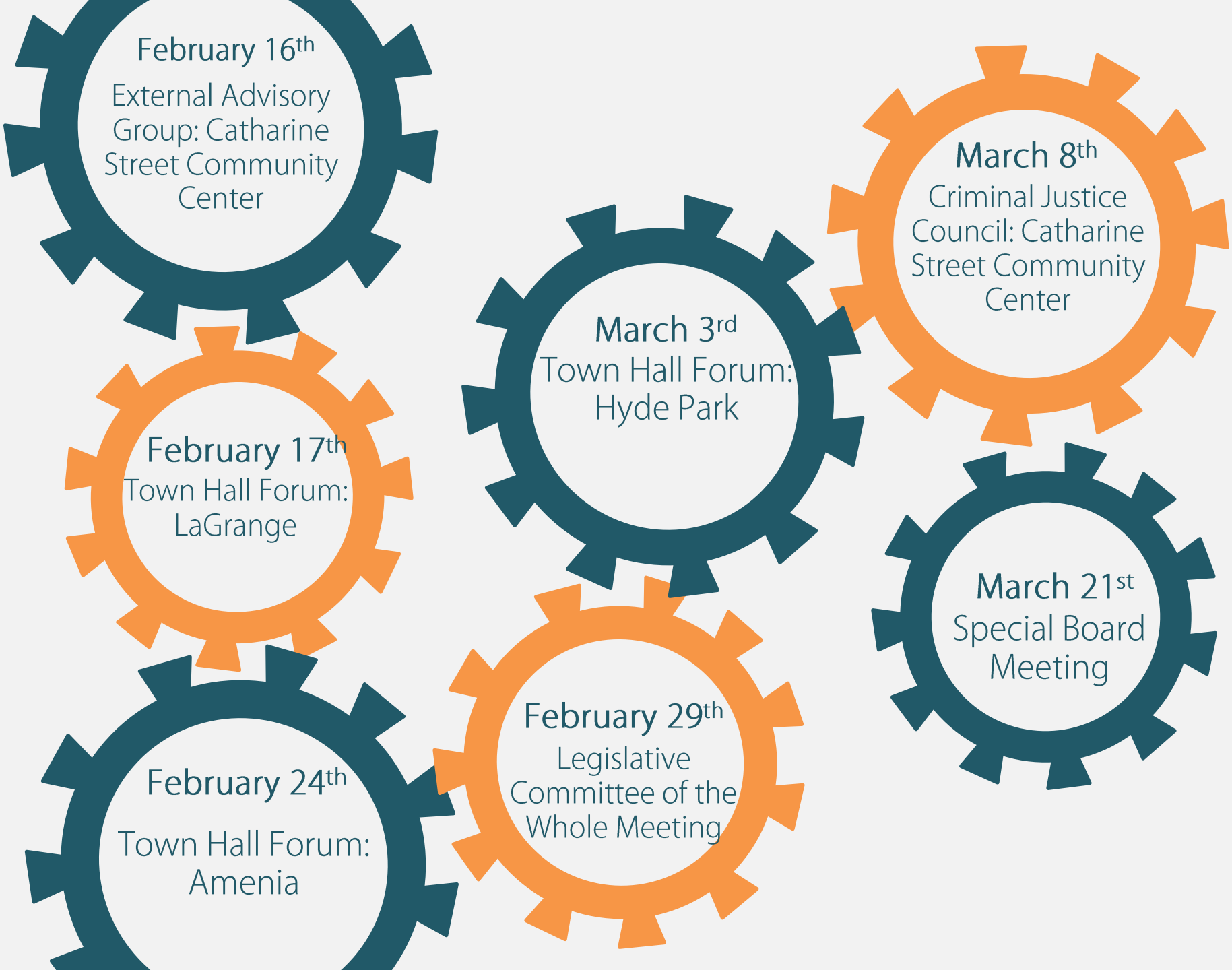
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Legislative Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 8th
Criminal Justice Council: Catharine Street Community Center
March 21st
Special Board Meeting

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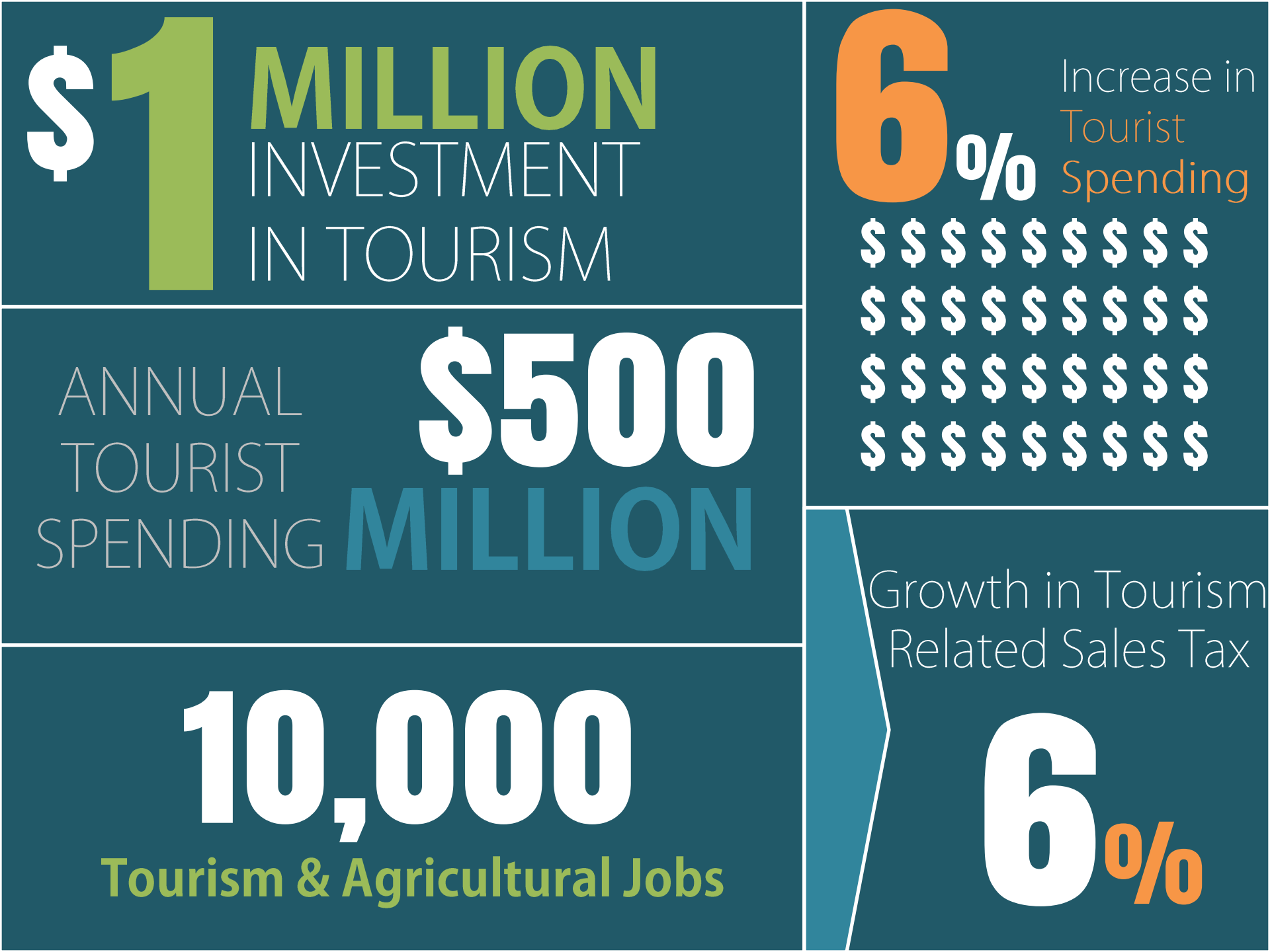
A Revitalization Revolution

Distinctly **DUTCHESS** ○●● Growth **TOURISM**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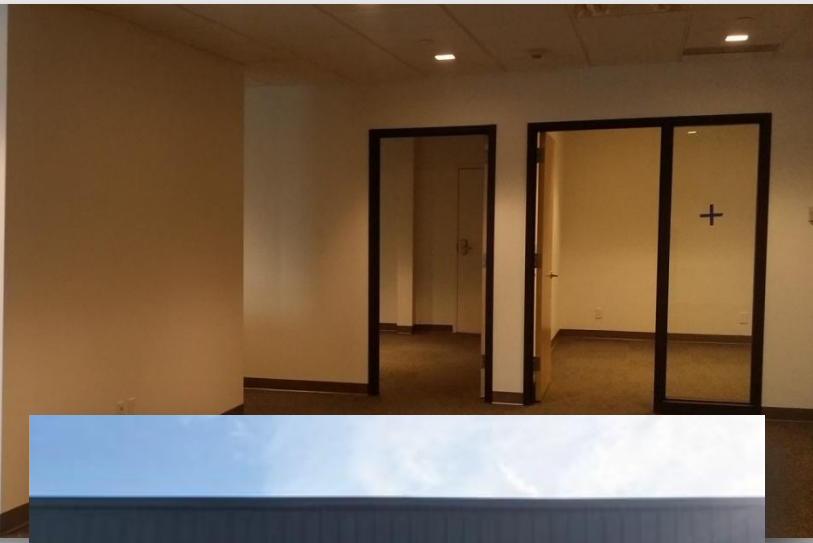

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Durable & Dynamic
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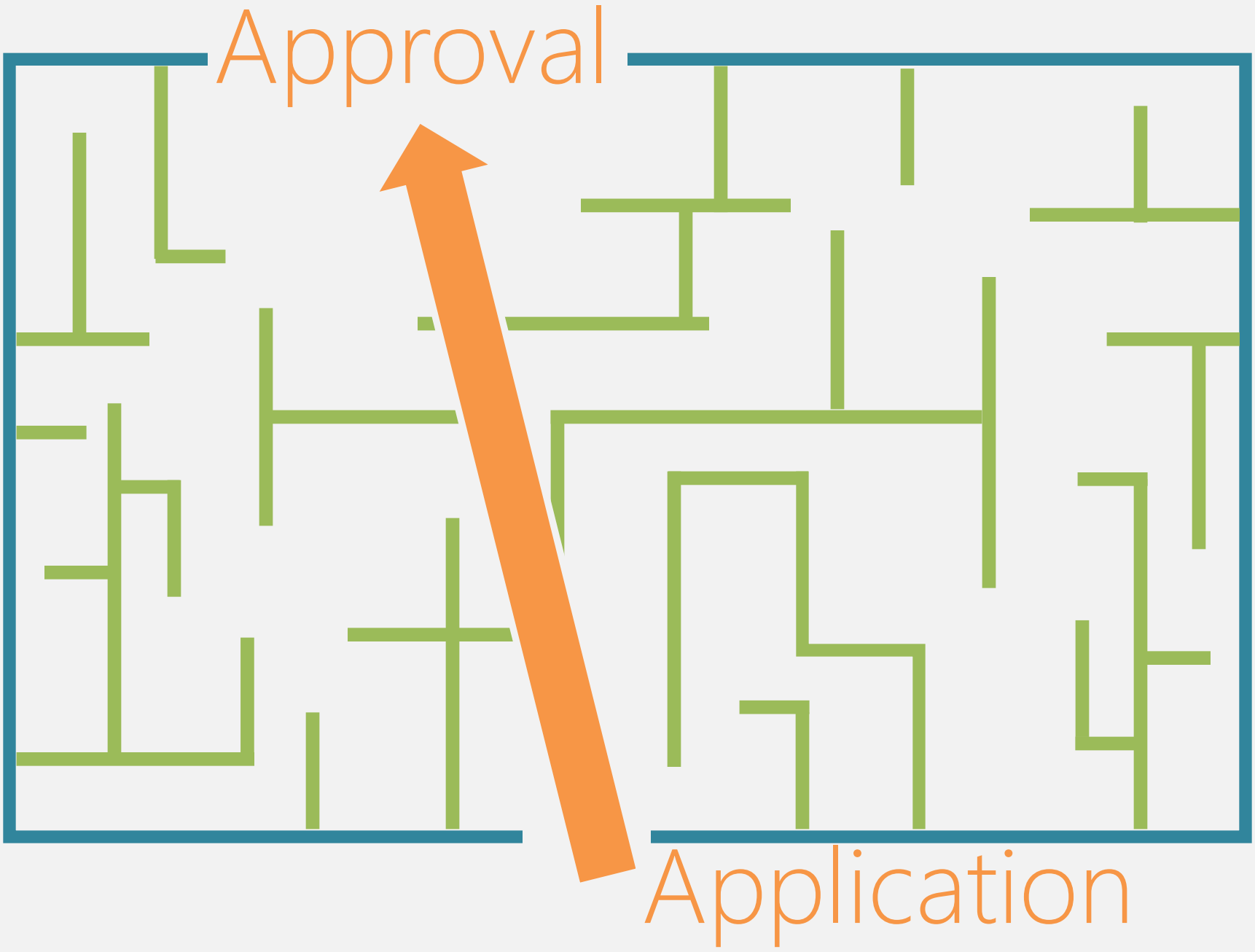
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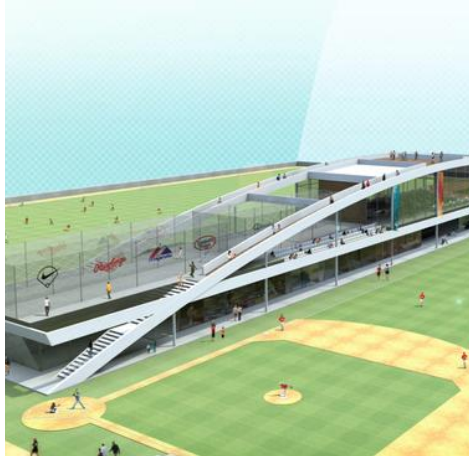

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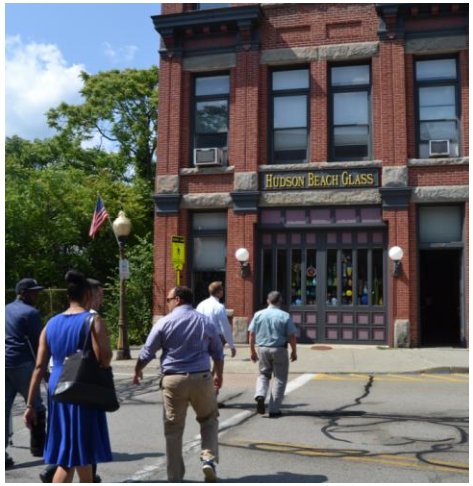
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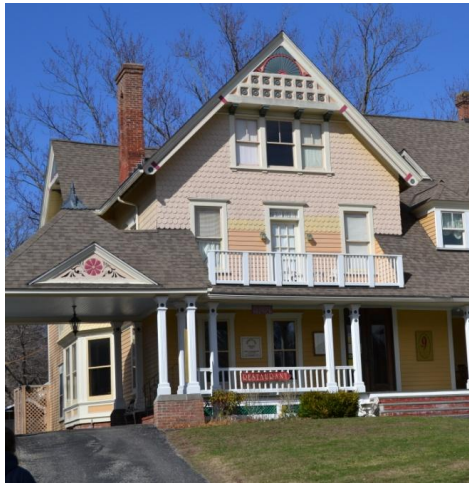

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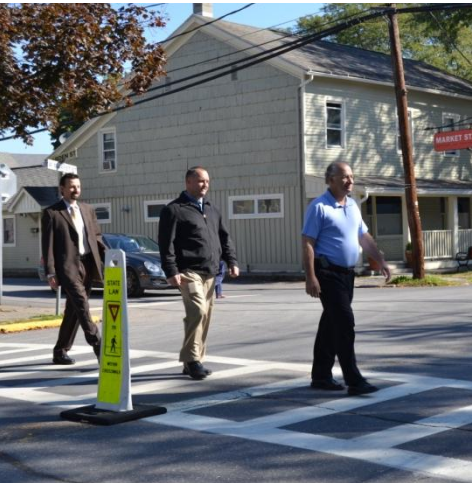

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A City REBORN

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> - Rob Rolison

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ROY HARGROVE LONESTAR
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Connect COLLEGE HILL

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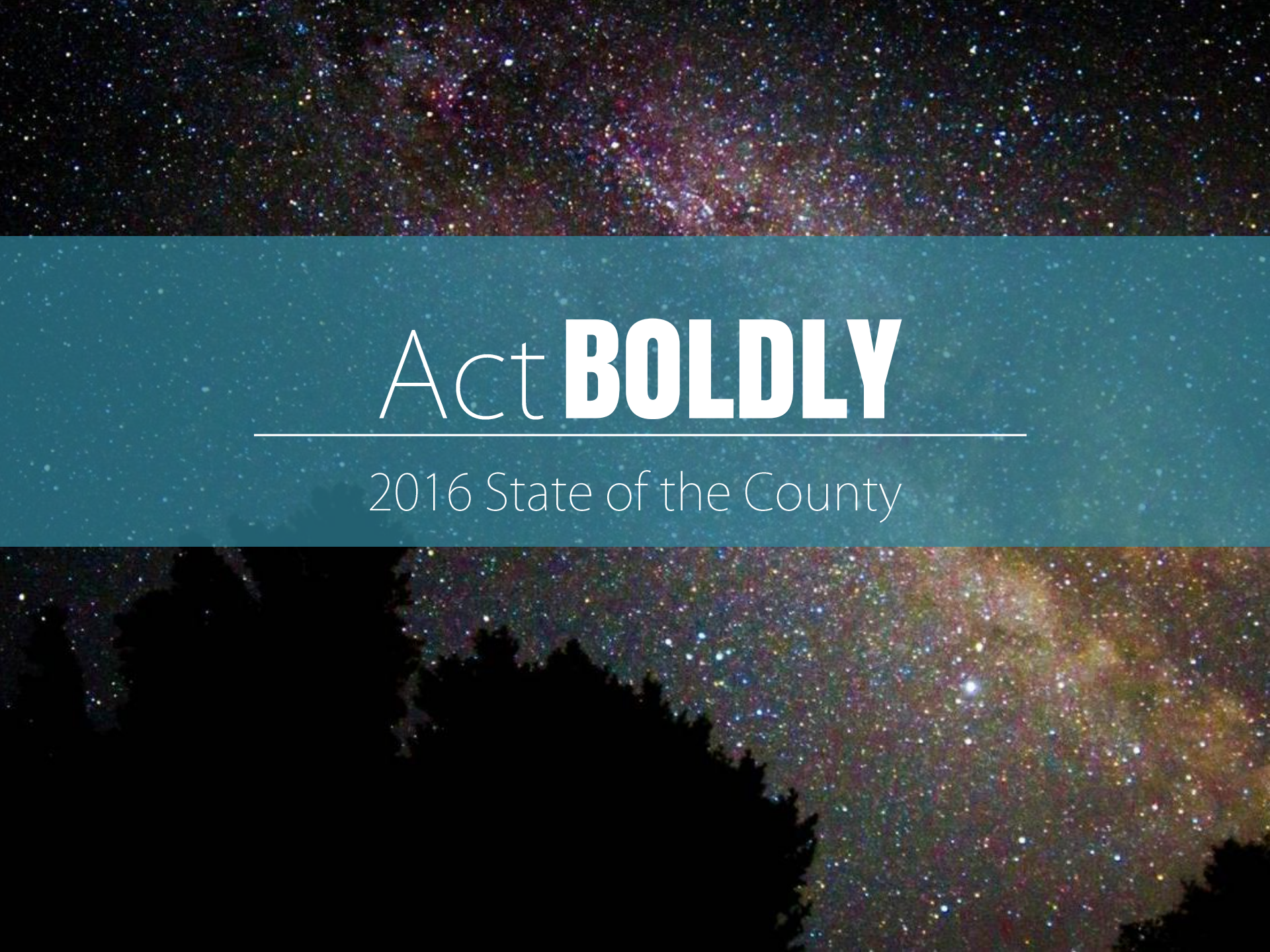
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