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Moving State of the
county 2015:
FORWARD

FISCAL CHALLENGES

\$40M Budget Gap

No Fund Balance



Social Services Caseloads **↑ 60%**

↑ 70% Mental Health Caseloads

ECONOMIC RECESSION

MOVING FORWARD



UNEMPLOYMENT

2012

8.2%

2015

4.6%

BOND RATING

AA+

2014 UPGRADE

“We view the county’s management conditions as strong and financial practices good.” - S&P

RESOURCE RECOVERY

2012

\$3.7M

SUBSIDY

2015

\$0

NO

SUBSIDY

First time since 1995

Who are we as a people?
District Attorney
City Mayors
Consolidate
Fiscal Stability
Logic
Equity
Quality
Sheriff
Future
County
How do we hope to live?
Cooperation
Dialogue
Services
Executive
Investment
Focus
Smarter
Partnership
Prevention
Town Supervisors
Fairness
Collaborate
Comptroller
Transparency
Moving Forward
Efficiency
Inclusion
More Effective
Judiciary
4R
Smaller
Clerk
Accessibility
Share
Village Mayors
Legislature
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EDITORIAL

Molinaro's budget has county well positioned

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has offered a solid financial blueprint in his 2015 budget proposal, one that seems likely to avoid the controversy touched off last year by the inclusion of an energy tax that later was rescinded.

County lawmakers and the public will now get to take a few weeks to dissect the \$441.7 million plan, which lowers spending slightly, contains no new taxes and has no layoffs of county employees.

Molinaro's tentative budget comes one year after he proposed — and the Legislature approved — a budget that eliminated an exemption on sales taxes collected from home energy bills. The highly controversial measure was repealed after the county obtained millions of dollars in state aid, largely for mental health services. The state came up with \$5.25 million, and the county netted \$1.3 million from the energy tax before it was rescinded, so this year's budget has been aided by those revenues.

Nevertheless, the 2015 budget proposal also has been helped by a series of sharp steps taken during Molinaro's time in office. They should not go unnoticed. They include:

- Negotiating deals and ending millions of dollars in public subsidies to the Resource Recovery Agency, which oversees solid-waste disposal and operates a trash-burning plant and recycling center.
- Cutting workforce and netting savings in both pension and worker compensation costs.

2015 BUDGET

A map of New York State is shown in a light gray tone. A vertical orange line runs through the center of the state. One county in the southeastern part of the state is highlighted in a solid orange color. The text is arranged in two columns, with the left column containing five items and the right column containing four items, plus a final item in a separate orange bar at the bottom.

Cut Tax Levy

Smallest Workforce in 32 Years

Maintains Core Services

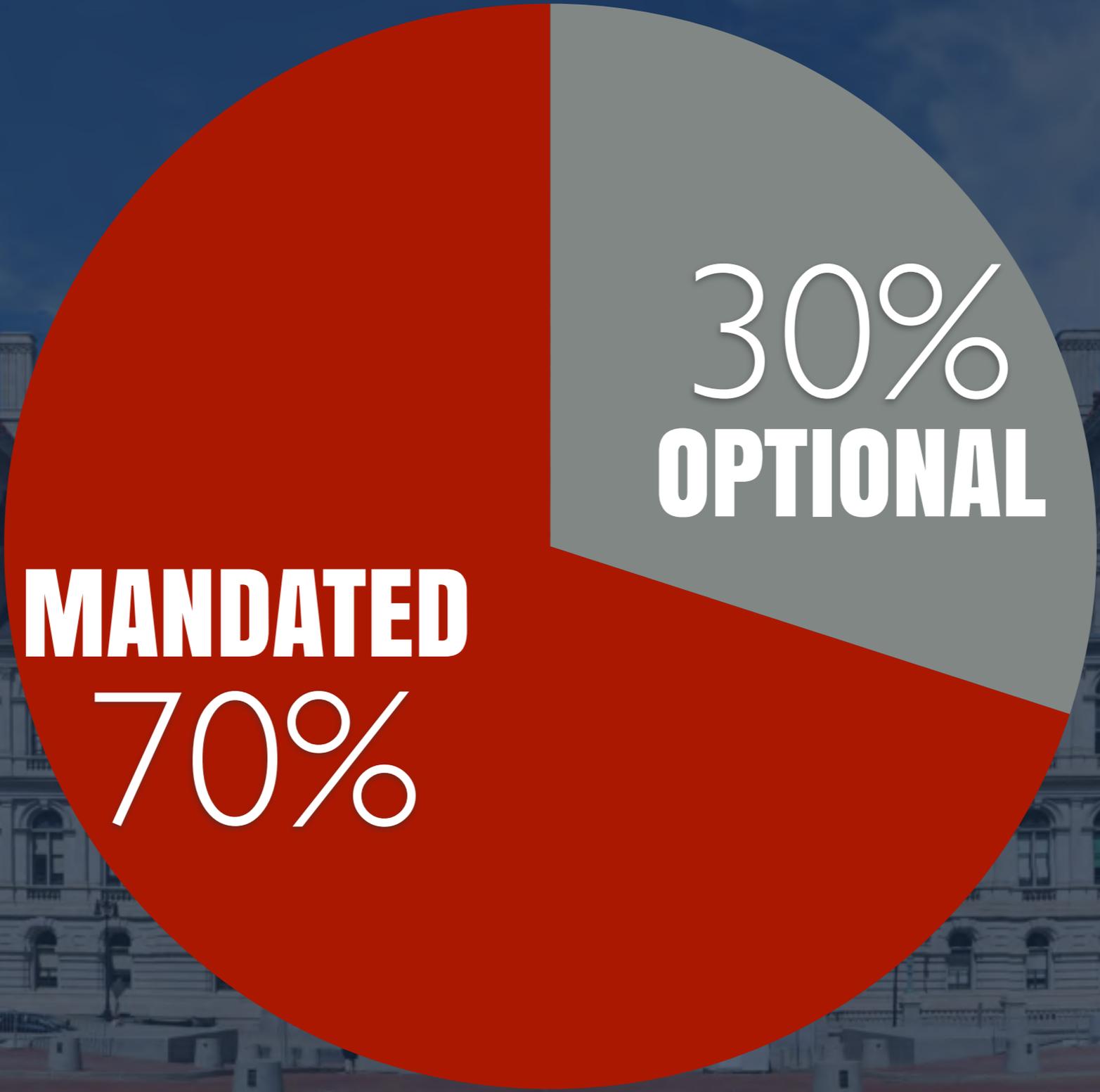
Rebate Checks

Business Attraction

Infrastructure Investment

Tourism Promotion

Agri-Business Development



MANDATED

70%

30%
OPTIONAL

DUTCHESS



MOWING



FORWARD



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

— Moving Forward —



COMMUNITY & FAMILY

— Moving Forward —



SERVICES & SAFETY

— Moving Forward —



Share & Save

Shared Services Summit

Municipal Consolidation &
Shared Services Grant Program

Government Efficiency Plan

Saving Taxpayer Dollars

SHARED SERVICES
SUMMIT 2014

WORKSHOP

**Public Safety
& Emergency
Services**



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Dutchess County
Marcus J. Molinaro County Executive

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INFRASTRUCTURE

INVESTMENT





23

MILES OF RAIL TRAIL



BRIDGES

153

186

CULVERTS



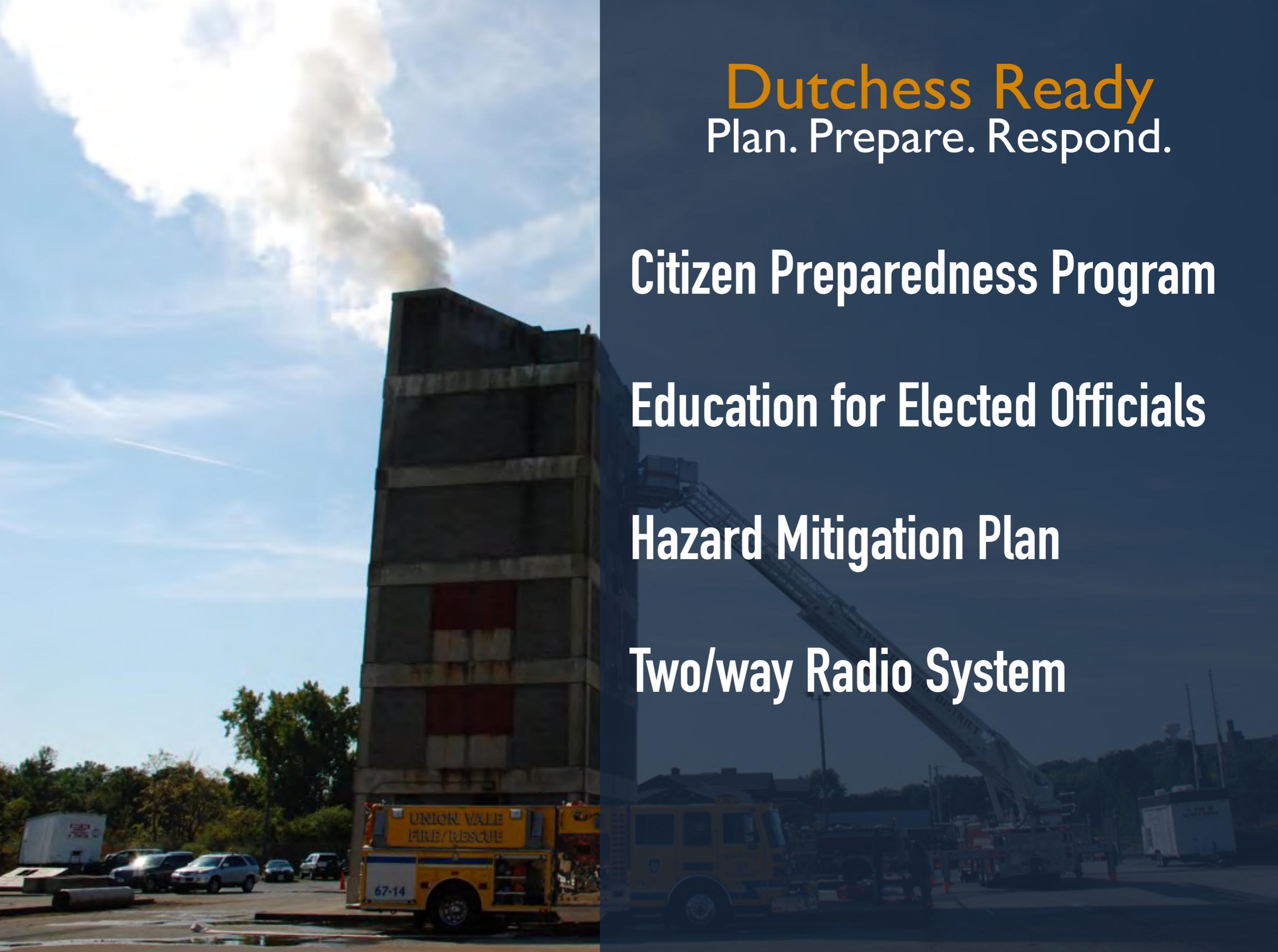
MILES OF ROAD

395



**Total Infrastructure
Investment 2015:**

\$26M

A tall, multi-story concrete tower under construction, with a yellow fire truck parked at its base. The fire truck has "UNION VALE FIRE/RESCUE" and "67-14" written on it. A crane is visible in the background. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Dutchess Ready
Plan. Prepare. Respond.

Citizen Preparedness Program

Education for Elected Officials

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Two-way Radio System

7,490
individual trainings

2,600+
emergency responders

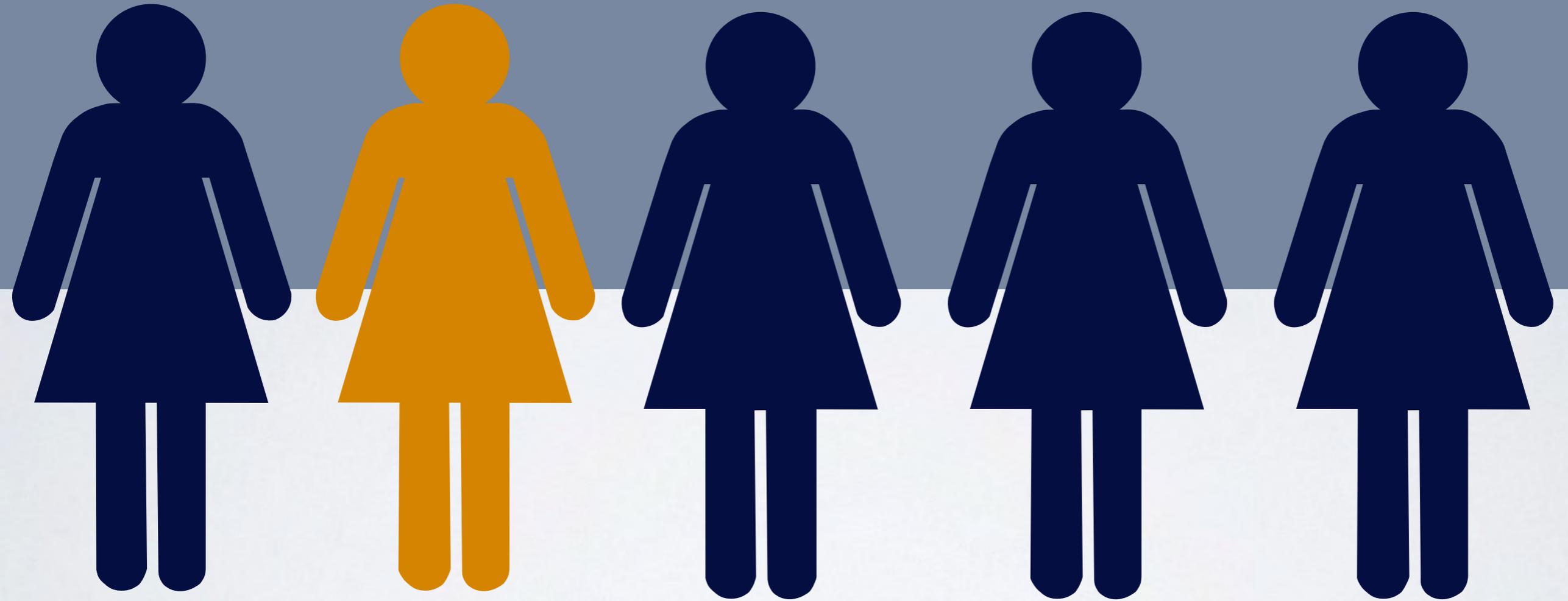
44
911 & DCSO dispatchers

306,503
total calls

165,079
total calls dispatched



1 in 5



**college women victims of
sexual ASSAULT**

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

Prevention & Response

Assist Victims

Educate Community

Partnering with Family
Services



COMMUNITY & FAMILY

Moving Forward



A young boy in a red, blue, and white plaid shirt is adjusting the straps of a dark blue backpack. He is smiling and looking to his right. In the background, a girl with braided hair and another boy are visible, also wearing backpacks. The scene is outdoors with a wooden fence and a building in the background.

Partnership with Nonprofits

Poverty & Homelessness

**Child Abuse & Exploitation
Prevention**

Bullying

Drug Abuse & Addiction

Think **DIFFERENTLY.**

Think **DIFFERENTLY.**

PLAY:

Wappinger Challenger Field

Julie's Jungle

INTERACT:

Special Needs Picnic

Special Needs Movie

SUPPORT:

Autism Supportive Environment

First Responder Training





Senior & Veterans Services Expanded

Senior Picnics **Expanded**

Elder Abuse Prevention

“Matter of Balance”

Increased Veterans **Outreach**

“Hire A Vet” Partnership

dcrcoc.org/HireAVet

Drug Epidemic:

A Coordinated Response

Enforcement – Drug Task Force

Narcan **Training**

Over **\$6M** Investment in
Prevention & Treatment

Partner with State & Federal
Officials





Suicide Prevention App

Narcan Training

School-Based Prevention
Counseling

Methadone Treatment

Public Forums

HELPLINE - Texting

Prescription Collection

Transitional Housing

School Resource Officers

Mental Health



Health



DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH



A woman with long blonde hair is sitting at a table, her hand pressed against her forehead in a gesture of distress or pain. She has a somber expression. In the background, a doctor in a white coat is leaning over, looking down at something on the table. The scene is dimly lit with a warm, yellowish tint, suggesting an indoor setting like a clinic or office.

FACT

NO

**REDUCTION IN MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES**

MENTAL HEALTH SPENDING

2013

2015

Appropriations

24.9M

26.2M

Revenue

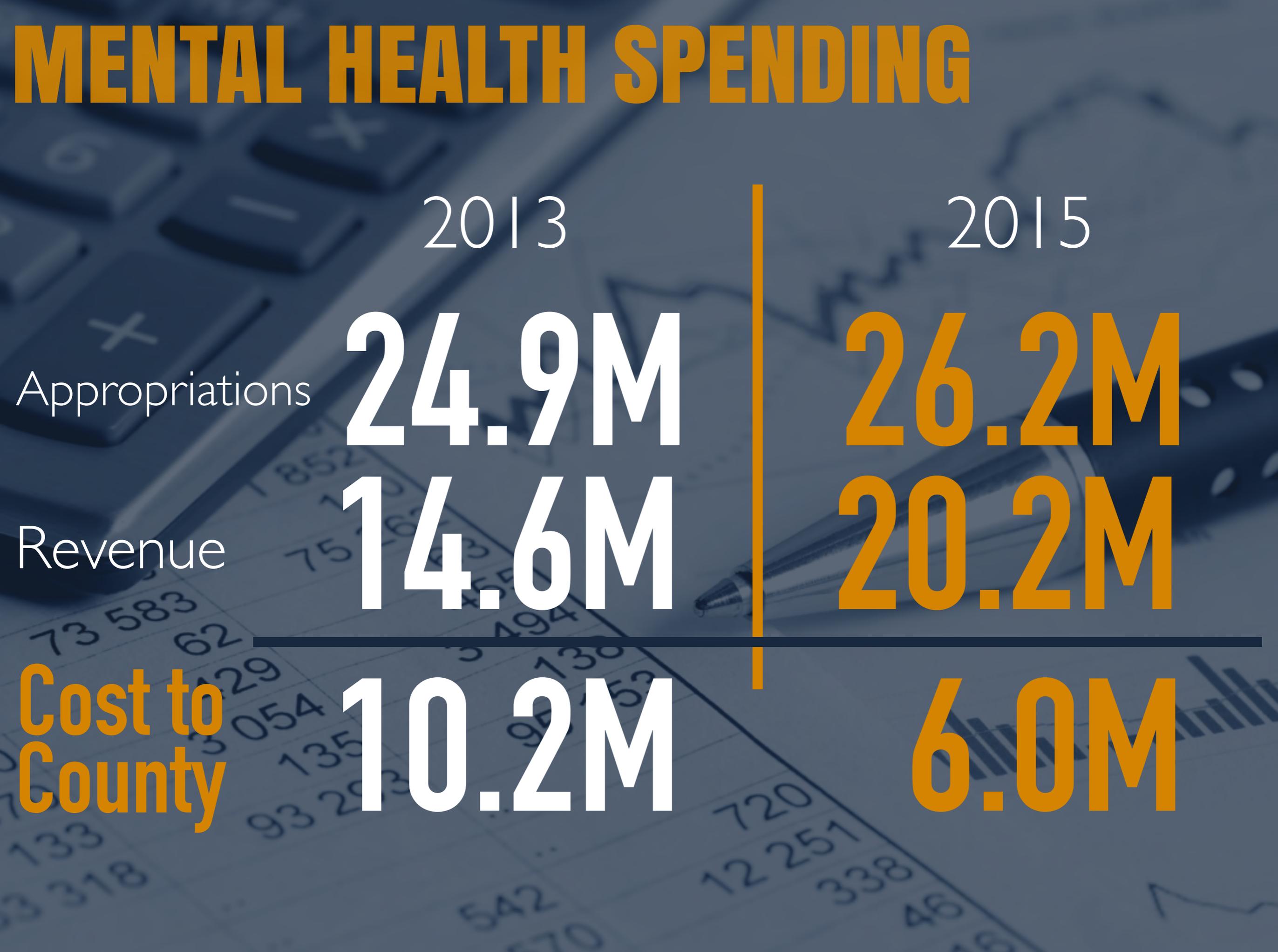
14.6M

20.2M

Cost to
County

10.2M

6.0M



MENTAL HEALTH SPENDING

Total
Investment

Cost to
County



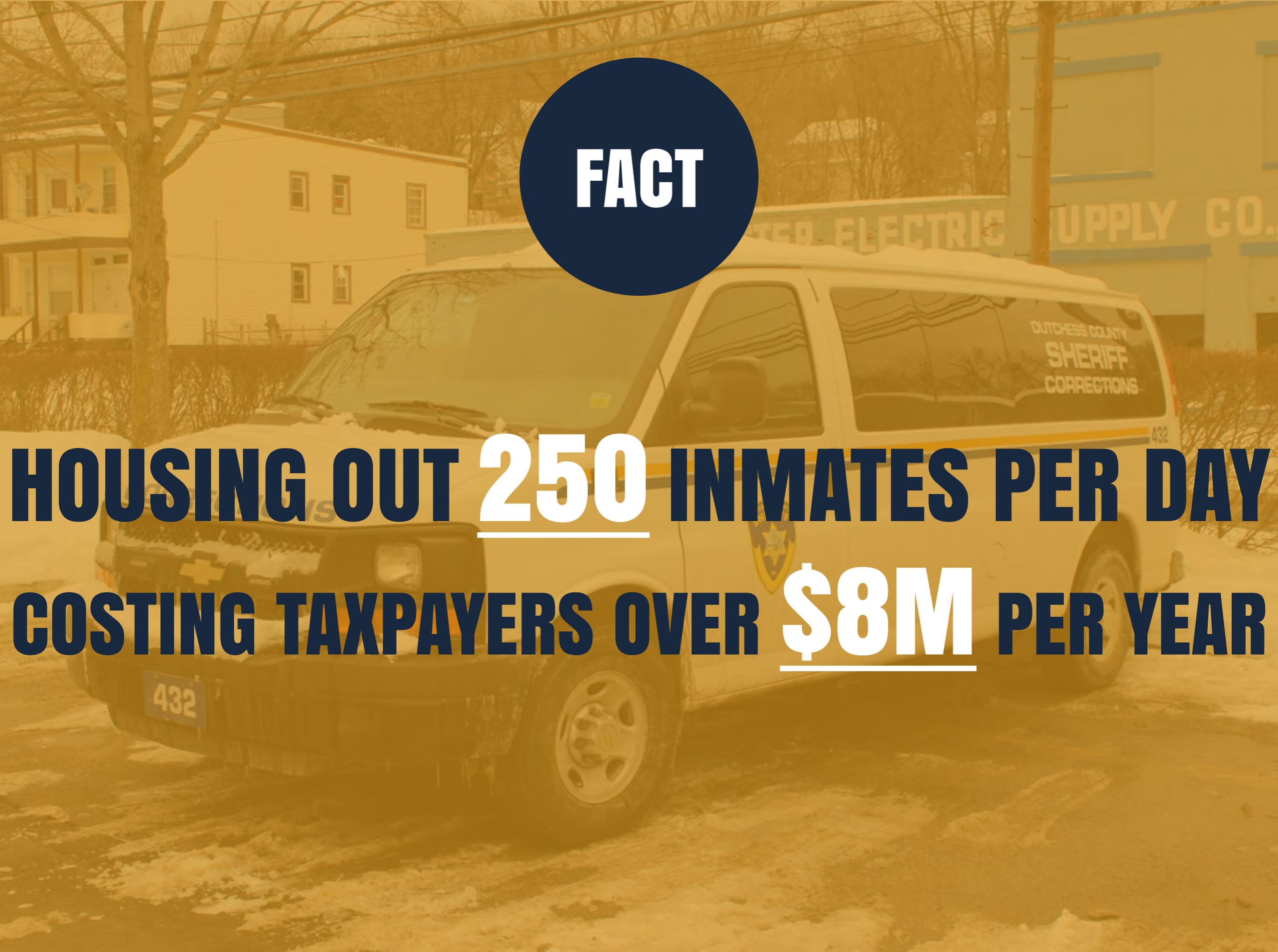


Prevention.
Intervention. Diversion.

Mobile Crisis Intervention Team
Launched 2012

Partnership with MidHudson
Regional Hospital

EXPANDING
24/7 Service



FACT

HOUSING OUT 250 INMATES PER DAY

COSTING TAXPAYERS OVER \$8M PER YEAR



Short Term Solution

Temporary PODs

Systemic Improvements

Provide Programming

Relieve Logistical Paralysis

Save Taxpayer Dollars

JUSTICE & TRANSITION CENTER PROJECT:

Justice & Transition Center Team - Needs Assessment

Special Populations Workgroup

Link to Community

External Advisory Group

Long Term Solution



Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center



Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center
Government Organization

project

Liked

Following

Message



Timeline

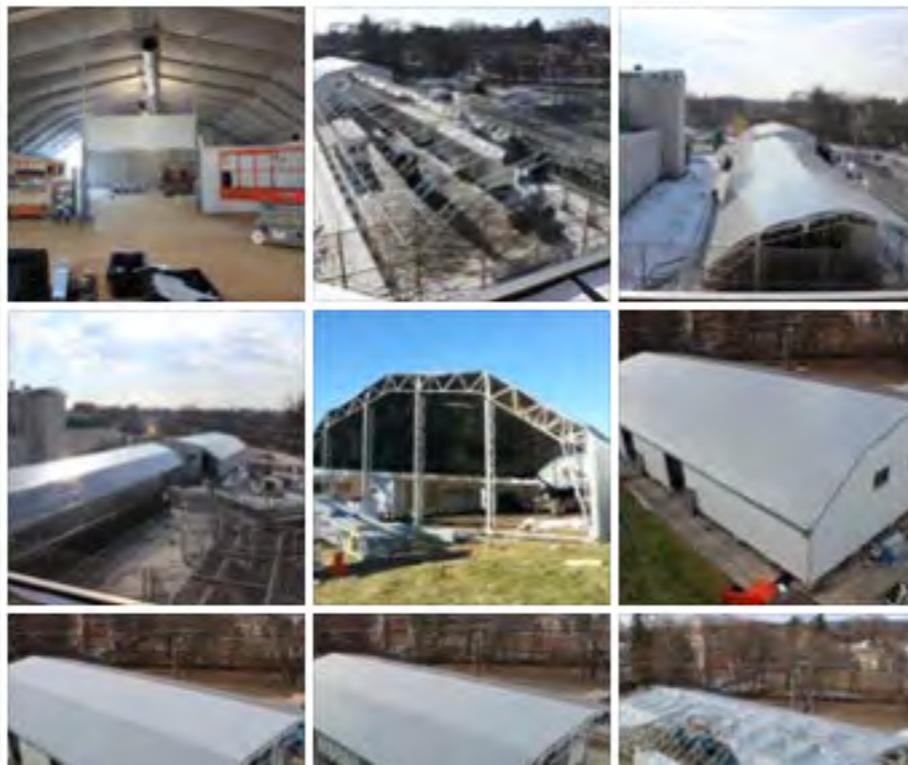
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PHOTOS



Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center added 4 new photos.
18 hrs · 🌐

The installation of temporary housing units, also known as PODS, continued last week.



External Advisory Group to Host Public Forum Meeting

Crisis Intervention Training

Bexar County Model

Law Enforcement Training

**Handling Mental Illness &
Developmental Disabilities**

County Sponsored Training



RESTORATION CENTER





Restoration Center

Provide Better Setting

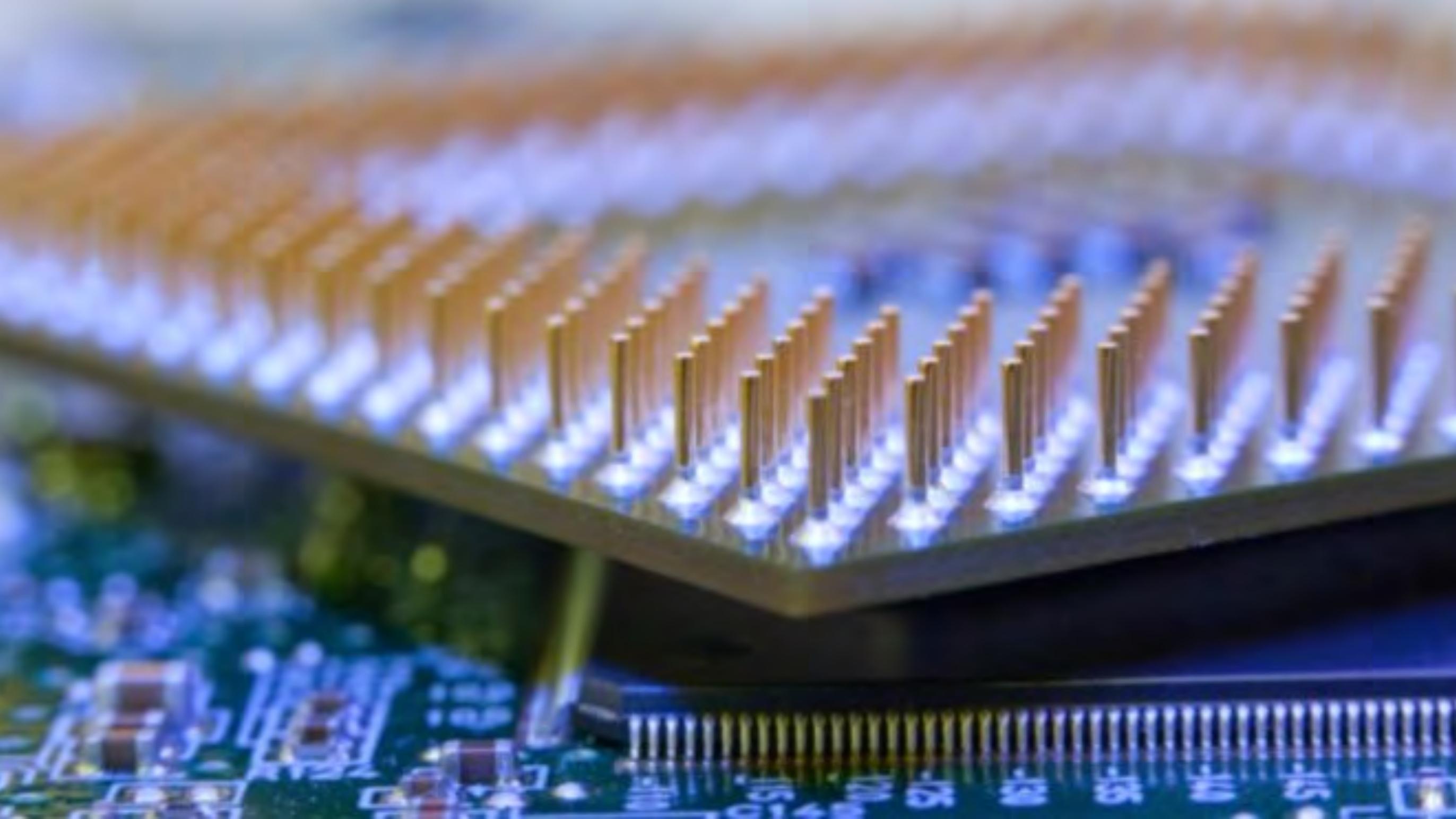
CJC Diversion Committee

Integration & Coordinate

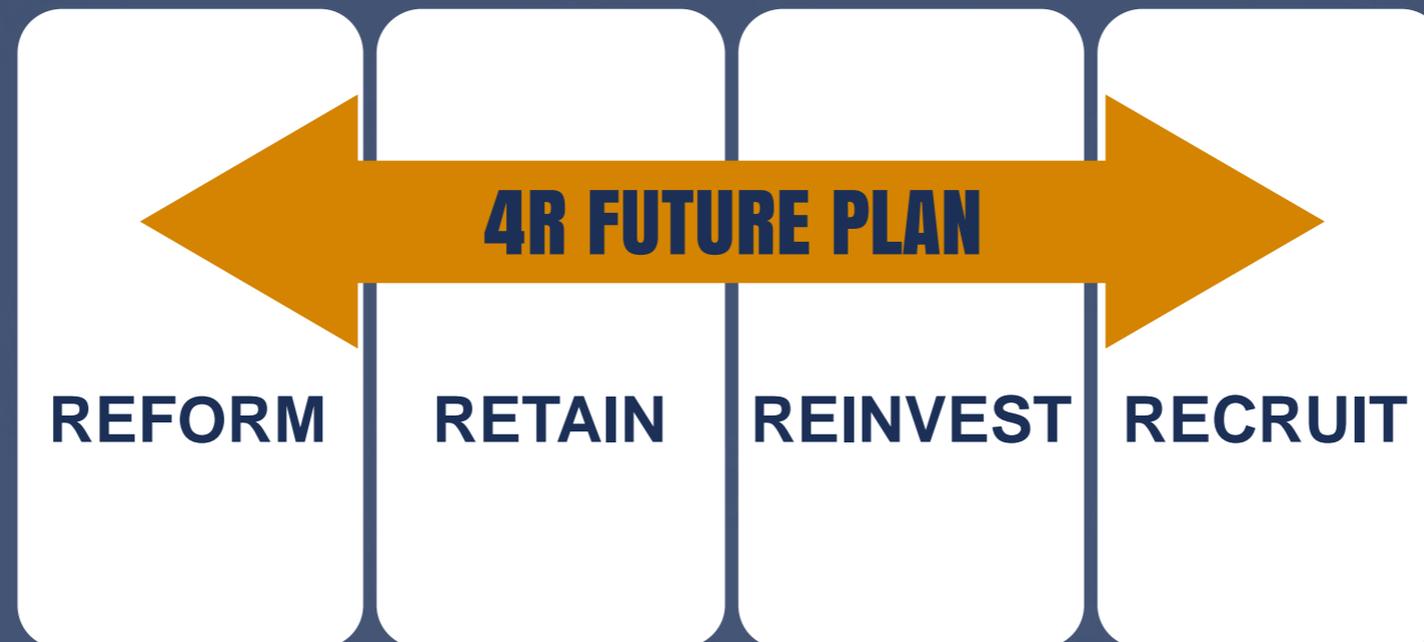
Partnership

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES



Dissolve Economic Development Corporation

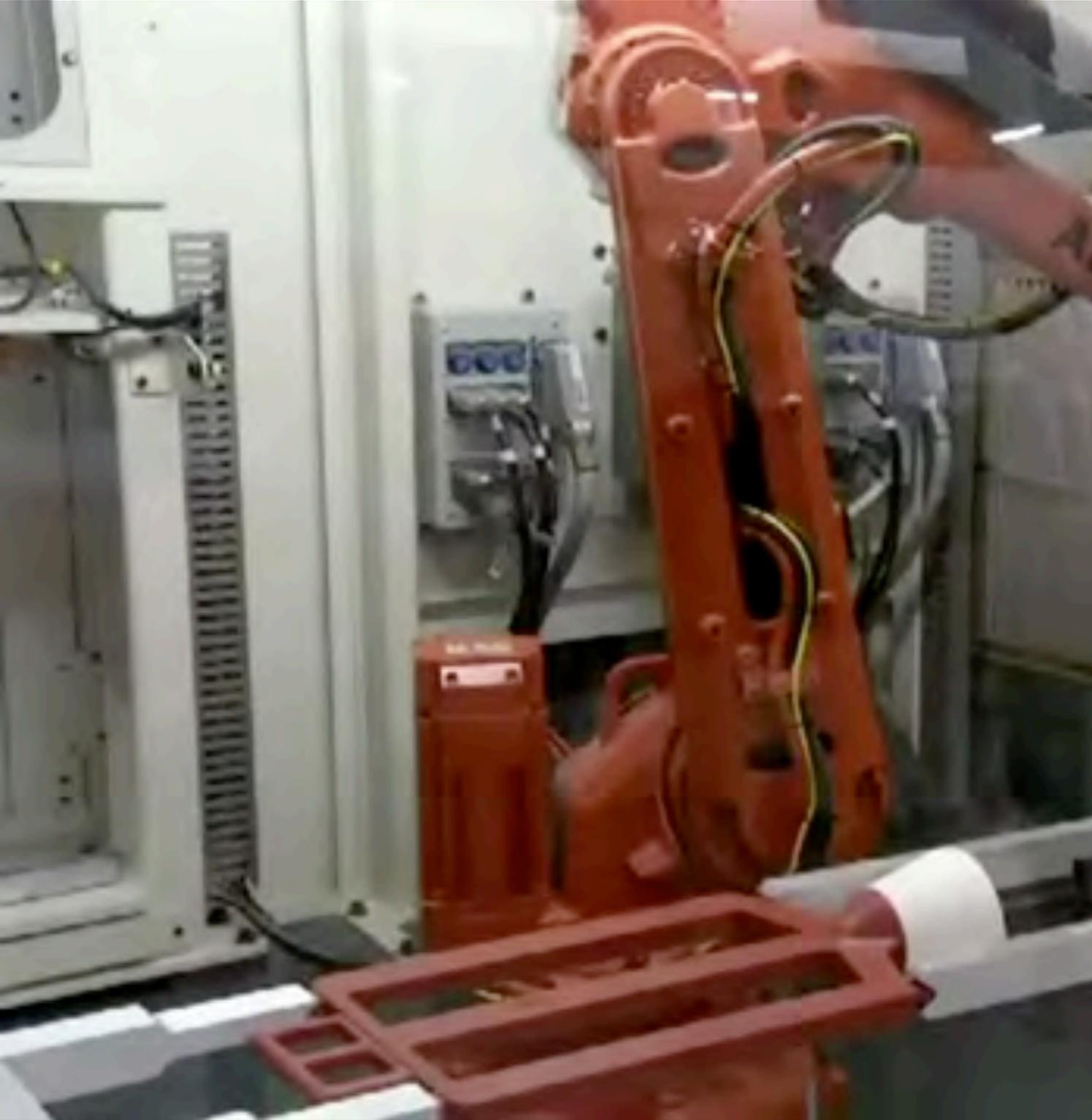
Reorganize & Reform Industrial Development Agency

Economic Development Advisory Council

\$250,000 Targeted Marketing Campaign



1,200 New Jobs
\$96M Investment



MPI, INC.

Robotic Investment Casting Systems in
Poughkeepsie

Sells to Global Aerospace & Medical
Device Manufacturers



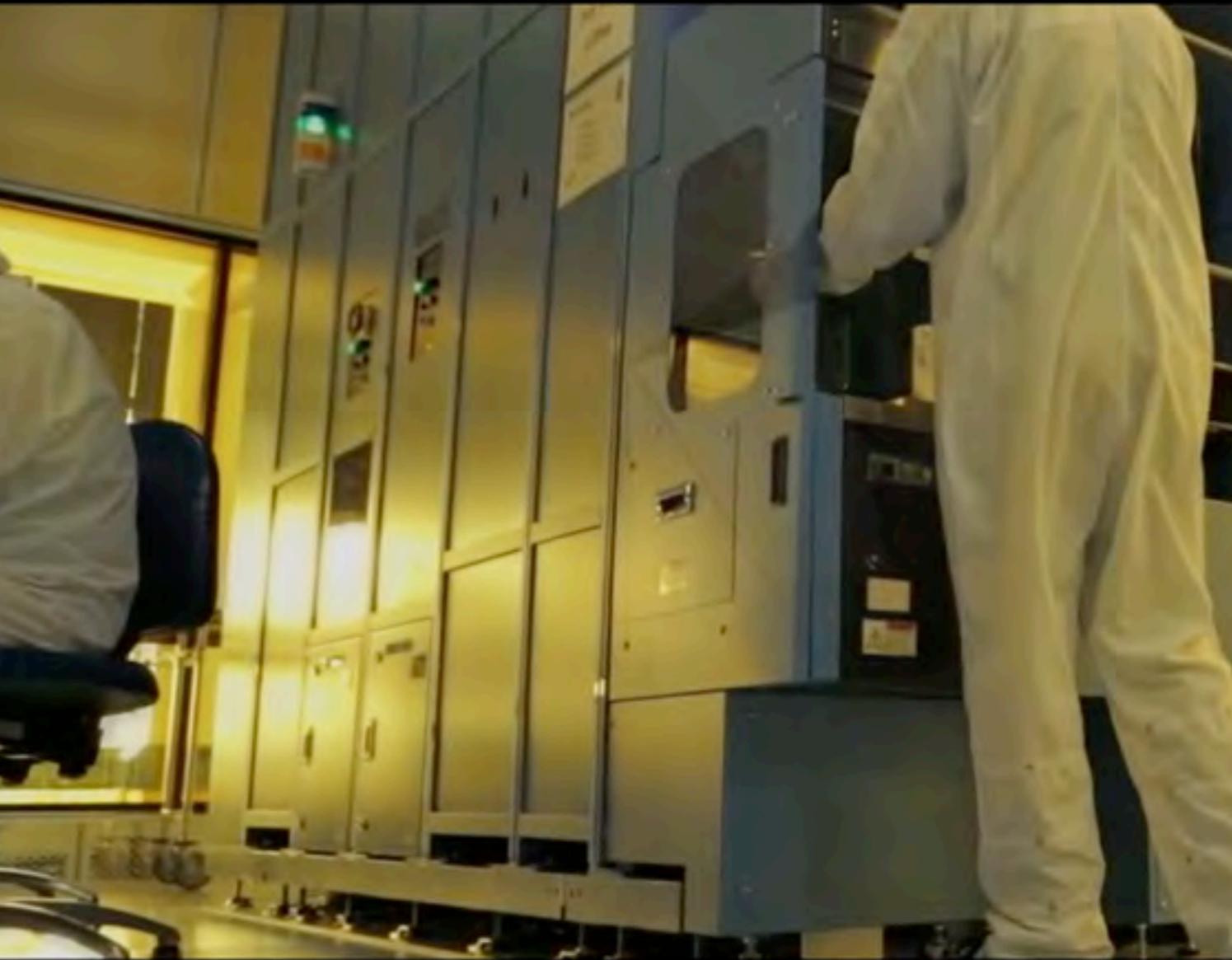
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"I think up and down the Hudson Valley, from Yorktown, through Fishkill, through Poughkeepsie, through Albany, up into Malta, this is great news for employment in New York state."

John Kelly, Vice President, IBM Corporation



**Product of \$1 Billion Investment
& 5 Years of Development**

Z13 NEW MAINFRAME

**"Poughkeepsie is the center of the
universe for the mainframe..."**

*Ross Mauri, General Manager, z Systems,
IBM Corporation*

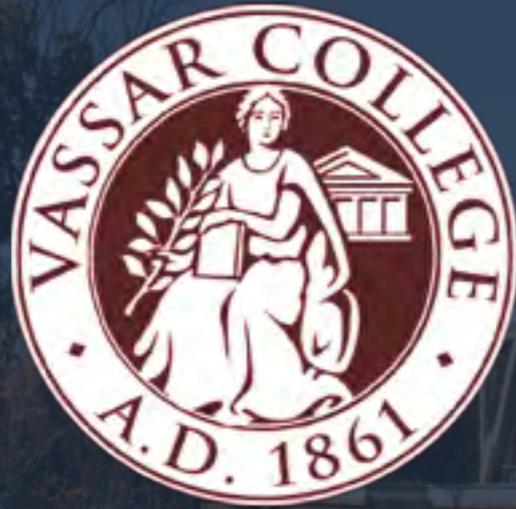
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DUTCHESS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE





Integrated Science Center

\$85 Million Investment



MARIST

Science and Allied
Health Center

\$33 Million
Investment

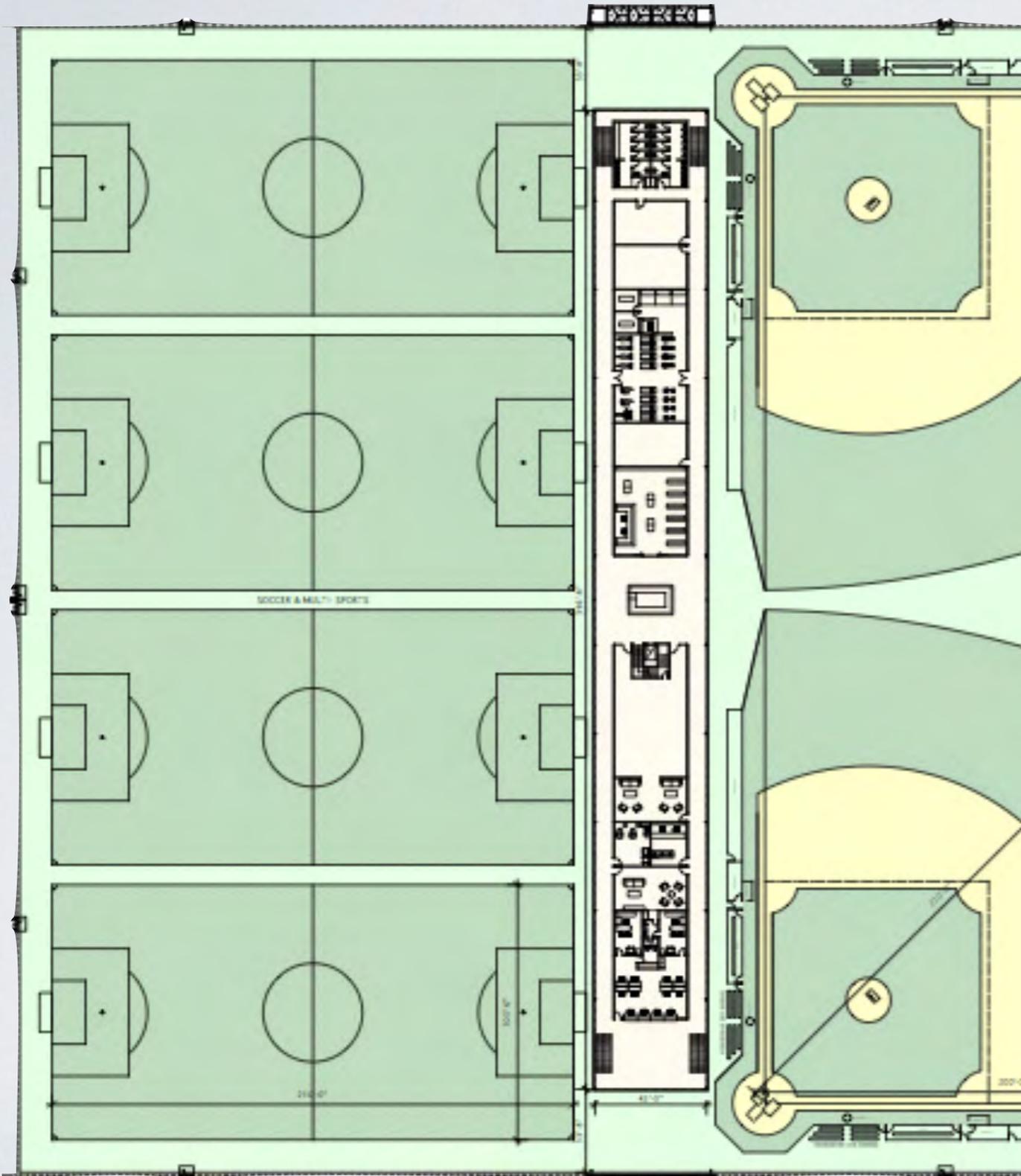


MARIST

North Campus Housing Complex

\$108 Million
Investment





EAST FISHKILL SPORTS DOME

\$20 Million
Investment



SILO RIDGE
FIELD CLUB

\$500M Investment

1,000 Construction Jobs

200 Permanent Jobs

\$42M for School District
over 10 Years



GRASMERE



\$15 Million
Investment



OBLONG

MUSIC

SNIP IT

SNIP IT
ANDREI ILEB & DANING VALLI
735-789-4141
WALK OR WHEELCHAIR

JULIET

**HELLO, ARLINGTON!
COME ON IN AND SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT
IN STORE FOR YOU!**



Strengthening Commercial Centers

Main Street Grant Program

Central Hudson / Fortis

Infrastructure Investment

Mixed Use





Waterfront Redevelopment Strategy

Mixed Use

Transit Oriented Development

Focus on Millennials



Dutchess County Airport

Independent Fixed Based
Operator

Water Infrastructure

Expanded Airport Events

DCC StartUP NY Application

2 MEGAWATT SOLAR FIELD





GREEN INITIATIVES



Airport Solar Field



SolarizeDutchess



EnergizeNY

Open Space Funding

Partnership for Manageable Growth



3%

NUMBER OF FARMS

PRODUCT MARKET VALUE

9%





**DUTCHESS
TOURISM**



**\$28 MILLION
SALES TAX REVENUE**

**\$485 MILLION
VISITOR SPENDING**

HUDSON VALLEY RESTAURANT

WEEK: **March 9-22**



KFEST: June 8





WALKWAY MARATHON:

June 13

In Partnership with Dutchess County

OPENING NIGHT: June 22





BALLOON FESTIVAL:

JULY 10-12

DUTCHESS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL: July 25



HARLEM VALLEY RAIL RIDE: July 26



BARD SUMMERSCAPE:

June 25 – August 16



A row of military aircraft, likely F-16s, parked on a runway. The scene is captured at sunset, with a bright orange and yellow sky and a low sun. The aircraft are silhouetted against the bright light. The text "WINGS OF FREEDOM:" is overlaid in white on a dark blue background, and "August 21-23" is overlaid in yellow on the same background.

WINGS OF FREEDOM:
August 21-23



DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR:
August 25-30



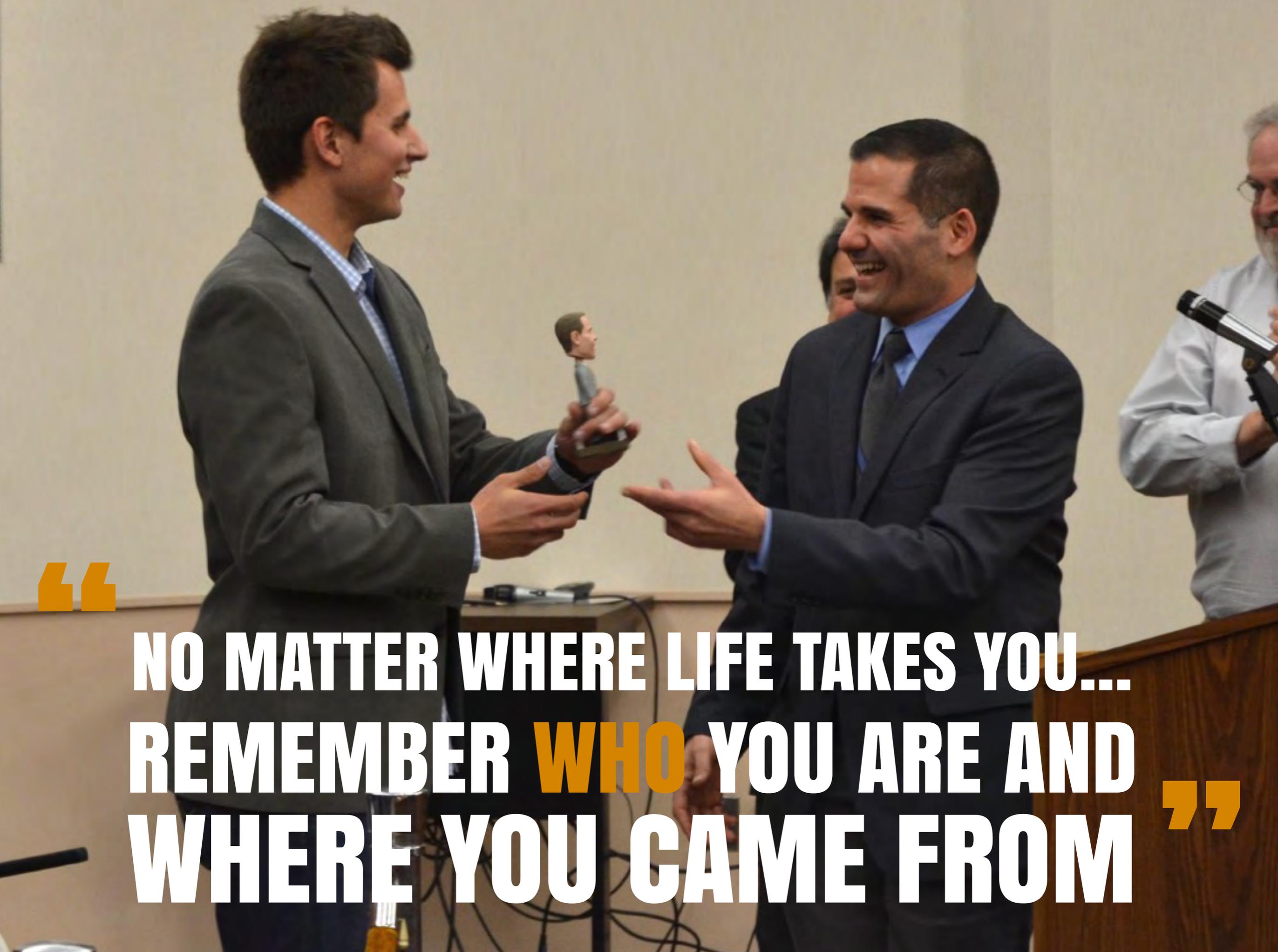
HUDSON VALLEY WINE & FOOD

FESTIVAL: September 12-13



SINTERKLAAS: December 5





“

NO MATTER WHERE LIFE TAKES YOU...
REMEMBER **WHO** YOU ARE AND
WHERE YOU CAME FROM

”

WHERE WE CAME FROM



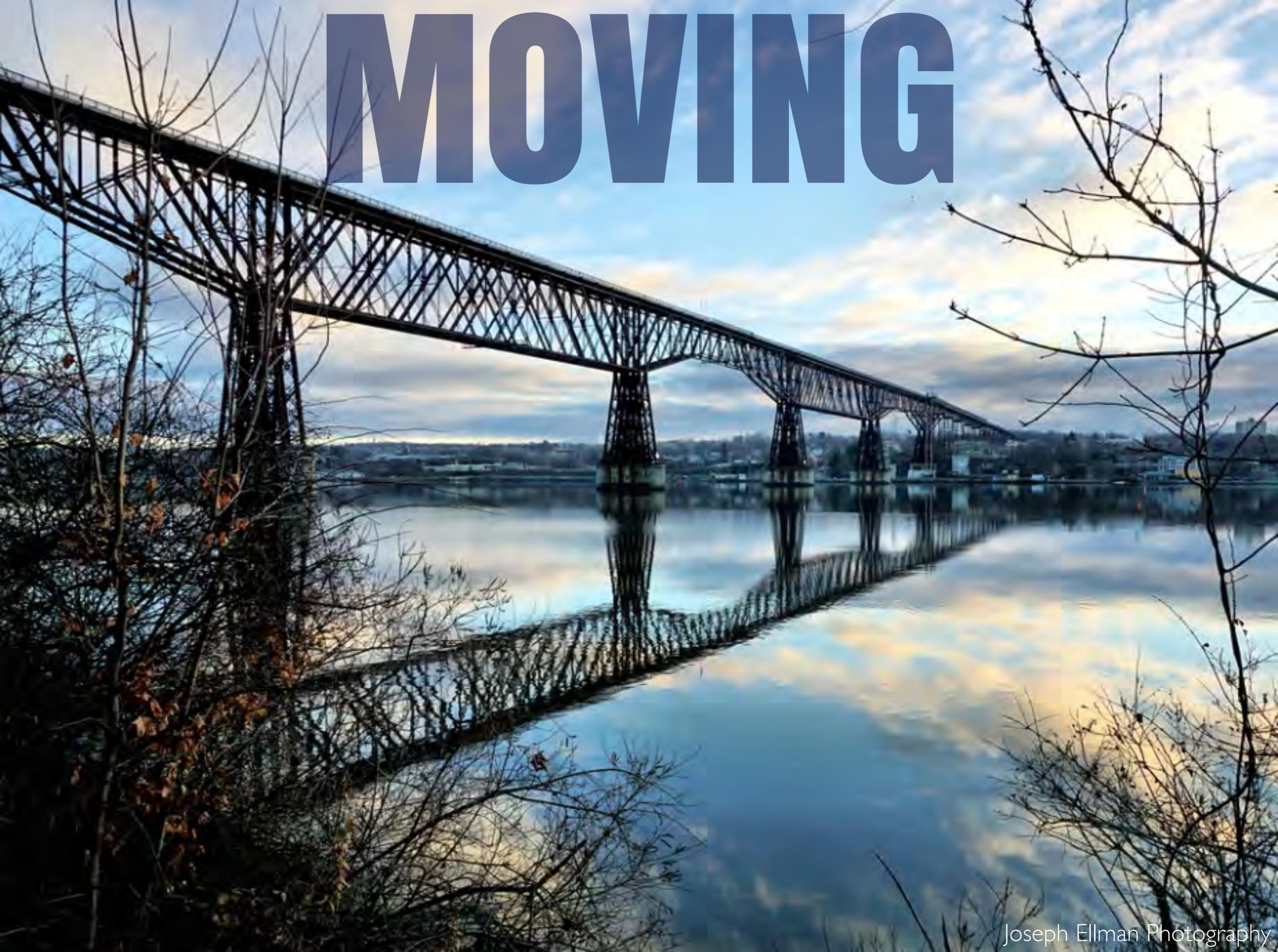


WHERE WE COME FROM

DUTCHESS



MOVING

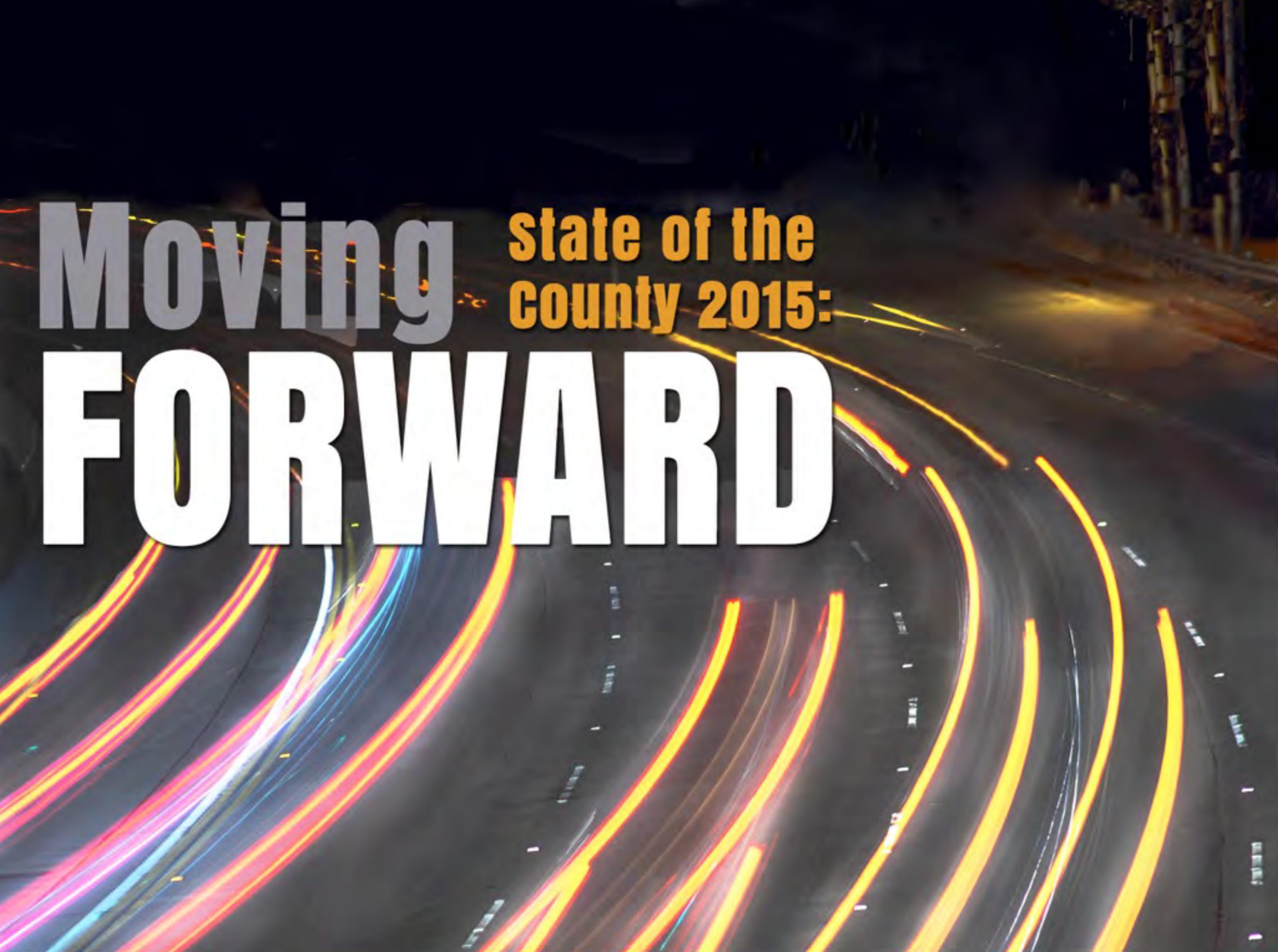


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