

Cayuga County Administrator's MONTHLY REPORT

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Eagle Scout Project at Emerson Park



Seniors Of The Year Awards



Congressman Katko at Business Roundtable



Employee First Award Of The Month



Box Culvert Replacement Parcel Road



Capt. John Mack (middle) at NYSANRP Conference



Cayuga County Magistrates Meeting



Recognition of Home Delivered Meal Volunteer Drivers



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County Administrator's Monthly Report

Please find our latest edition of the County Administrator's Monthly Report. The Monthly Report is designed to provide up-to-date data and information on the operations of county government. Within you will find monthly updates from departments and contract agencies, and special reports.

May was Senior Citizen's Day and the Office of the Aging held its annual award luncheon and awards ceremony followed by a matinee session of the Cayuga County Legislature. Congratulations to our staff for hosting a great event, as well as to all of the award recipients!

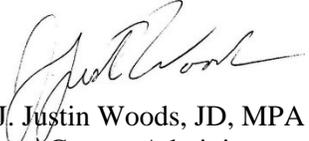
The County Highway Department finished a large box culvert replacement on Parcell Road in the Town of Sennett. This installation is not something we have historically done with in-house employees, but the project was used as a successful training opportunity for county staff. The final installation was not only textbook but also under budget. Great work to our team!

Congratulations also to Jack Budelmann, son of DA Jon, who completed his Eagle Scout service project by working with our Parks Department to improve access to the Lakeside Dog Park in Emerson Park. Jack did all the planning for the project and worked with the assistance of many volunteers.

Lastly, a lot of work went into planning the orientation and kickoff for the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative. A special thanks to Steve Lynch, Lynn Marinelli, and Monika Salvage for those efforts. You can follow along on the progress and development of the Cayuga County Shared Services Plan at <http://www.cayugacounty.us/>

On behalf of the Cayuga County employees and department heads, we hope the Legislature finds this report an informative tool that assists them in serving their constituents as policymakers, and we hope it provides transparency and useful information to the community at large.

As always, we look forward to hearing your feedback!



J. Justin Woods, JD, MPA
County Administrator

ADMINISTRATION



County Administrator's Office

J. Justin Woods, JD, MPA

County Administrator

- Attended NYSAC Finance School in Syracuse.
- Held several meetings with Executive Directors of ARC and Gavras Center to coordinate the transfer of the facility to CCDC and Gavras.
- Met with Wells College and Aurora to facilitate CCDC bridge loan to finance carbon-activated filtration system at water treatment plant.
- Attended meeting with County Fire Chiefs.
- Attended NYS City/County Management Association conference at Cornell.
- Worked with HR and department heads to identify staffing solutions to various vacancies (Health, Mental Health, Sheriff).
- Had a meeting with Citizen Editorial Review Board.
- Toured Courier Plastics and met about their growth plans.
- Started drafting concept plan for Department of Public Works.
- Worked with Emergency Management and County Attorney to review Continuity of Operations Plan Draft.
- Continued planning county office drainage project with the City.
- Attended joint CEDA/Chamber Board meeting & Leadership Cayuga luncheon.
- Had Labor-Management meetings with CSEA.
- Lloyd Hoskins and I met with Cayuga County Bar Association and the County Magistrates Association.
- Finalized planning and held kick off/orientation for Shared Services Plan.
- Explored costs of codifying local laws.
- Attended NAACP annual dinner.

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Lynn Marinelli

Budget Director

- Held Social Services CNY Regional Fiscal Group meeting in Cayuga County. Over 30 participants from 12 Counties were in attendance. Great turnout; information was shared among attendees.
- Attended Cayuga County's Shared Services kick-off meeting and participated in several planning meetings for future shared services meetings. Met with the County Administrator and staff regarding this plan.
- Finalized the review of the 2017 Revenue and Expense accounts for the county budget. The annual financial report (AUD) was submitted to NY State. Continued to work with the Treasurer's Department with the processing of resolutions and the preparation of materials for the annual audit.
- Attended NYSAC Finance School and participated in sessions about counties working together to reduce costs for stop loss insurance.

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Department of Human Resources

Michael T. Russell

Human Resources Administrator

YEAR-TO-DATE COMBINED TRANSACTIONS: 2,067

- County departments: 1,052 total transactions
- Schools, Towns, Villages, BOCES & Special Districts:

333	Schools
438	Towns
68	Villages
112	BOCES
13	CCC
28	Seymour Library
18	Soil & Water
5	Water & Sewer
1,015	Total Transactions

- Specific personnel action that was taken:

Transaction Type	No.
Permanent Appointments	163
Provisional Appointments	13
Contingent-Permanent Appointments	0
End of Probationary Period	50
Layoffs Due to Abolishment of Positions	0
Layoffs Due to Lack of Funds or Work	0
Promotions	12
Reinstatements	3
Removals	33
Resignations	70
Retirements	16
Seasonal Appointments	62
Temporary Appointments	25

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- Exams administered & Application fees collected:

Exams Administered		Application Fees Collected:	
May Only	1	April Only	\$995
Year-to-Date	16	Year-to-Date	\$6,380

- Continued participation in COOP process
- Conducted exit interview
- Worked on labor relations issues
- Met with several benefit providers
- Participated in Employment & Training Job Fair
- Participated in Public Works discussions
- Facilitated Deferred Compensation staff meetings
- Attended Health Insurance Consortium meeting
- Participated in CSEA Labor/Management meeting
- Managed new hire processes including salary discussions
- Staffed Civil Service test
- Worked with multiple department heads regarding new position discussion

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Information Technology

Stephen D. Tobin

Chief Information Officer

- Participated as a member of the Cayuga County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Steering Committee
- Participated as a member of the Policy Team to review and recommend County policy changes and additions
- Continue to build content for the County COOP Plan draft
- Implemented RPS Web App Builder to enable tax map mobile device access
- Submitted brief regarding the proposed County website project to the County Administrator detailing the three primary motivators to proceed with the project including Security, ADA Compliance, and additional Feature Sets
- Facilitated technology and photography required for Senior Citizen Luncheon and remote Legislative session at Emerson Park
- Completed project to upgrade Sally Port
- Launched Port Byron Village web site at <http://www.cayugacounty.us/towns/portbyron>
- Published the May Cyber Newsletter for employees on the County Portal
- Closed 357 Support Tickets April 28th through May 29th

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Department of Planning & Economic Development

Stephen F. Lynch, AICP

Director

WATER QUALITY

- **HABS:** Planning Director is a member of the NYSDEC HABS Summit Steering Committee for Owasco and Cayuga Lake Watersheds. The Director received and reviewed/commented on the DRAFT HABS Reports for both lakes and submitted the detailed comments to DEC.
- **WATERSHED RULES & REGULATIONS:** Planning is part of the extended staff/agency working group preparing draft revisions to the 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulation (WSRR). Planning is preparing a narrative of the proposed WSRR revisions which will be shared with the project steering committee on Thursday, June 7. Lastly, Planning has secured a dual Master's Degree (Environmental Policy and Public Administration) graduate student summer intern to work with the project who will be with the Department on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week for the next 12-weeks.
- **OWASCO FLATS PROJECT:** The Construction Contract with Woodstone Environmental for constructing Phase I of the Owasco Flats Project has been executed. The contractor has targeted late June as a construction start date. Phase I is funded by a \$715,000 State Grant. Follow-on State Grant Contracts for Phase II work (\$600,000) have been finalized and are waiting for State EFC approval.

WATER, SEWER & FARMLAND INFRASTRUCTURE

- **COUNTYWIDE WATER & SEWER ASSESSMENT:** Planning continues to participate on the Steering Committee for the Countywide Water & Sewer Assessment Project. This project is being managed by the County WSA and is funded by the County (\$100,000) and State (\$100,000). Staff is also working with the WSA staff to coordinate the use of County funds.
- **WELLS COLLEGE-VILLAGE OF AURORA WATER FILTRATION:** The Planning Director and the County Administrator are working with Wells College and the Cayuga County Development Corporation (CCDC) to craft a Financial Assistance Structure that will help Wells

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College to fast-track engineering, bidding, and installation of an activated carbon filtration system onto the Wells College Water Filtration System. Wells College owns and operates the Water Filtration Plant that serves all of the college campus and the entire Village of Aurora.

- Planning prepared a progress report regarding the implementation of the [Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan](#).

PARKS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- EMERSON PARK \$482,000 CFA GRANT –DEAUVILLE ISLAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: The Department is securing bids for Phase 1 archeology work that is being required by the NYS Office of Parks & Historic Preservation. We have prepared and submitted the required environmental review materials for state review. Planning will administer the capital improvements grant working closely with Doug Dello Stritto from the Parks & Trails division. We still anticipate that planning and construction will span the 2018 and 2019 construction seasons. Staff Planner David Nelson, AICP, is leading the project for the department.
- STERLING NATURE CENTER FACILITY DESIGN: Staff Planner David Nelson prepared and circulated a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the architectural design of the envisioned multi-use facility for the Center. Planning received five proposal submissions by the April 24th due date. Staff to hold interviews between candidate architectural firms and the project steering committee May 31st and June 1st.

TOWN & VILLAGE ASSISTANCE

- MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING UNDERWAY AND PENDING: Over the past two years, the department has been actively working with Towns and Villages to development land use and municipal planning projects to benefit our communities. In many cases, the department has secured state funding through the annual state Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) rounds to offset the costs to our municipal partners. The following projects are underway or pending:

Town of Moravia Comprehensive Plan -2017 CFA Grant Award

Town of Mentz Zoning Ordinance Update

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Town of Moravia Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Update

Village of Union Springs / Town of Springport LWRP

Town of Victory Agriculture and Farmland Protection Planning Grant Application

Village of Cayuga Mansfield Block Redevelopment - Technical Assistance Grant Application

Staff has worked with the Village of Fair Haven to develop a scope/proposal for the Planning Department to update the Village Zoning Ordinance for the Central Business District Area and will have the authorizing resolution for the Department to provide the professional services on the June Planning Committee/Legislature Agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY



County Attorney's Office

Frederick Westphal, Esq.

Attorney

- Nursing Home: Awaiting Auburn Community Hospital's edits to the lease agreement
- Conveyance to Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District: Awaiting the survey
- Sale or transfer of 182 North Street, Auburn
- Enforcement of failure to recertify pistol permits in Cayuga County
- Response to BIA due close of business June 11, 2018
- Rite Aid: US Supreme Court denied cert on 3 October on companion Rite Aid cases. Plaintiff will appeal Judge Ark's dismissal of the action. Working with the city and counsel to determine next steps.
- Owens Brockway v. Town of Sennett, and the county's interests: the PILOT application was not submitted.
- Flummerfelt in discussion with outside counsel and the city on this matter. Working through a stipulation of settlement.
- Responded to FOIL inquiries
- Prosecuted JD's and represented the county in numerous SCU matters
- Processed resolutions and contracts during the month

COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

- The annual fire inspection for parks department has been completed. The fire inspections in the Village of Cato are complete. The hotel inspections for Social Services will also be completed this month.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS



Board of Elections

Cherl A. Heary (R)

Katie Lacey (D)

Commissioners



- The office processed 422 new, change of name/address, and absentee ballots request.
- Repair specialist from Dominion spent two days cleaning and making minor operational adjustments on our voting machines (40 out of 60) needed some type of minor repair work. All are in working order.
- Worked with eight school districts (6 in Cayuga County, 2 in Onondaga) to provide voting machines, ballots and training for inspectors for school election May 15. Some districts experienced difficulty with ballots and we will likely consider changing our printing arrangements for next election.
- Created the Federal Primary Ballot (Democratic Congressional). Printed all absentee and election day ballots and all absentee ballots have been mailed out. Final registration day is June 1st for the Primary.
- IT Department backed up our EMS system (ballot preparation).
- Met with a representative selling equipment and software for electronic poll books. Though New York State law does not currently allow e-poll books, we anticipate a change in the near future.
- Deputy Commissioners attended a Regional meeting of technicians to discuss EMS programming, delivery of machines and ballots to polling places and training practices in surrounding counties.
- All staff is currently processing NCOA (National Change of Address) changes to our database. One thousand two hundred ninety-three changes this year. Notifications will be sent to all.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE



Clerk of the Legislature

Sheila Smith

Clerk of the Legislature

AUDITING

- Completed auditing for the effective date of 06/01/18, a few minor corrections

CODIFICATION

- Spoke with Account Manager at General Code. She quoted me a price of \$14,000 to codify the county's Local Laws. This could be paid over a period of 3 years. Codifying Local Laws is now mandated by the State. County Administrator met with Account Manager on May 30 and will be working on a plan.

POLICY GROUP

- Policy Group completed the first draft of the travel policy and is meeting with the County Administrator to review.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES



Employment & Training Cayuga Works Career Center

Ann Kubarek

Director

- In May, over 850 people used the services of the Cayuga Works Career Center. 103 individuals participated in the various employment and job readiness workshops that are offered at the Career Center.
- Currently, there are 295 jobs posting for Cayuga County listed in the [New York State Job Bank](#), which is the database the New York State Workforce Development system uses to centralize job postings for area employers. This platform is available to employers at no cost to post their job openings and to interface with available workers
- A mini Job Fair was held at the Cayuga Works Career Center on May 3, 2018. Seven employers participated recruiting workers in the healthcare, transportation, and manufacturing fields.
- TANF allocations for the Summer Youth Employment & Training Program were released by NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Cayuga County was allocated \$ 167, 957, which is an increase from last year to cover the increase in the minimum wage. Applications are now available for Cayuga County youth ages 14-24 at schools throughout the county as well as at the Cayuga Works Career Center. It is anticipated that 70 youth will participate in the program.
- Individuals separated from the closure of the residential programs at Cayuga Centers have begun to access the services available at the Career Center. Those individuals still employed through the residential programs will be separated in May 2018.
- Unemployment data:

	Cayuga County	New York State	United States
April 2018	5.2%	4.4%	3.7%
April 2017	4.8%	4.4%	4.1%

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Mental Health | Dept. Social Services

Raymond Bizzari

Director of Community Services

- 2019 Mental Hygiene Local Services Plan submitted on 6/1/18.
- Implementation of the Family First Act might get pushed out 2 years. The impact of this legislation will be felt in changes to reimbursement models, new deadlines, and cost-shifting on residential placements and add new burdens to the courts and legal departments.
- Full implementation of Community First Choice Option, a Medicaid Waiver that provides for a substantial increase for in-home care as an alternative or a delay to a nursing home placement, has been moved out.
- We have an opportunity to partner with Oswego County and Oswego Hospital to extend an Assertive Community Treatments (ACT) team to Cayuga County. We would get 20-25 slots for the most difficult to treat individuals. ACT teams provide psychiatry and treatment in an individual's home. Lengths of stay 2-3 years. Medicaid-funded service.
- Progress on Cayuga Centers respite/alternative to detention capacity.
- Raise the Age - still awaiting formal guidance from OCFS, trying to identify non-secure and secure detention resources.
- Began working with East Hill Primary Care Clinic to create the integrated model for MH/SA/PCP treatment.
- NYS OTDA issued new regulations requiring districts to submit a Homeless Service plan that includes some services we currently do not provide or fund. Failure to negotiate an approved plan or provide the services results in a loss of emergency housing funding.
- Plan to train Universal Pre-Kindergarten staff at Gavras in trauma-informed yoga and self-regulation. NYS Ed requires MH prevention be written into the curriculum. UPK providers have expressed concerns about a need for more support. Funded by SAHMSA.
- Submitting new plan to OMH for the regional state aid that funds Mobile Crisis and Children's respite.
- Regional Open Access Center for Addictions open 24/7/365.
- Work on Recovery Center with Unity House, Nick's Ride for Friends.
- 2nd year STR Opioid Grant approved; jail funding for Vivitrol Program.

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COUNTY CLERK



County Clerk's Office

Susan M. Dwyer

County Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- Total Retention to Clerks Office (in-office transactions): \$63,145.67
- Total transactions completed in office: 7,825
- On average, we conducted 350 transactions daily in the month of May.
- May 9: DMV Supervisor gave a tour of our DMV Office to the Oswego County DMV Supervisor to assist with ideas for their office renovations.
- May 22: Held a full staff meeting, including recognition of their dedication to Organ Donation Month, discussed challenges of increase in Enhanced Driver's Licenses, how to best handle Express Lanes, etc.
- May 23: DMV Supervisor participated in the Fingerlakes Regional NYS Association of County Clerks Meeting in Seneca County. DMV topics included REAL ID procedures and problems with an increase in Enhanced Driver's Licenses; new equipment that will be installed soon which will be for Motor Voters and credit card transactions.
- May 30: Participated in a phone conference with the NY State Task Force for Organ Donation regarding preparation for the next Organ Donor events, brainstormed how to promote organ donation across NYS.

CLERK'S RECORDING OFFICE

- Total dollar amount remitted to County Treasurer: \$141,809.00
- List of the transactions processed in which fees are collected:
 - 761 land documents: Deeds, easements, mortgages, mortgage discharges & assignments, etc. (this includes electronically-submitted recordings)
- 35 business certificates: DBA/Partnership/Corporation – new, amendments, discontinuances
- 42 passport applications submitted to the US Department of State
- 88 passport photos for passport processing, passport renewals (\$3,195)

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- 217 judgments filed and docketed: Supreme Court, lower courts, State of NY
- 38 Notary Public transactions: New and renewals (this does not include the number of documents that were notarized by staff as free service mandated by the State of New York)
- 140 Supreme Court Index Numbers issued: Supreme Court cases started this month
- 10 Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) transactions: New, continuation, termination, search
- 17 survey maps filed
- 2 military discharges filed (Veterans are not charged a fee to file or obtain copies of their DD214)
- Online land records revenue: \$2,902
- RFP Process Update

May 1: The Purchasing Office received bids from four vendors who bid on our RFP for an Integrated Imaging Records Management System.

Throughout the Month of May, we reviewed the four proposals to see if all of the bids met with Scope of Work put forth in the RFP.

June 12: A resolution will be presented by IT Director at Government Operations meeting to request that a contract is signed with one of the four vendors who responded to the bid.

I would like to thank Deputy Clerk Dawn Wolff for helping with every step of this process; IT Director Steve Tobin for his technical assistance and expertise; Kim Taggerty and Lorrie Bradtke for their help in sending out the RFP and the bid opening; and County Attorney Fred Westphal for his review of our questions pertaining to the RFP process.

- May 2: Participated in the online County Continuity of Operations (COOP) meeting.
- May 2: Attended Cayuga Co Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon.
- May 7: The U.S. Passport Agency came to Recording Office to conduct a Passport Audit. We did very well and I was extremely proud of my staff for their knowledge of the entire process from beginning to end. We received high grades for the work we do on behalf the Passport Agency and the U. S. Department of State.
- May 15: I traveled to the Wayne County Clerk's Office to see their Image/Fee System.

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- May 16: As County Records Management Officer, one of my duties is to hold quarterly Records Advisory Committee Meetings and I held one on this day. We discussed the RFP Process, FOIL issues, and the various scanning projects that we are ongoing in the Records Retention Center. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 14 at 10 a.m.
- May 17: I went to the Public Safety Building after normal work hours to administer the oath of office to all of the Marine Patrol Officers at the Sheriff's Department.
- May 21: Appeared on the local radio station with County Administrator Justin Woods in the morning, and attended an informative lecture by the County Historian at Seymour Public Library in the evening.
- May 22: Participated in the Office for the Aging, "Annual Senior Citizen of the Year" luncheon at Emerson Park.
- May 22: Full DMV Staff Meeting from 8 - 9 a.m. to discuss the REAL ID issues. We also discussed comp time, Enhanced Driver's Licenses, and express lines during our busiest times.
- May 23: Participated in NYS Association of County Clerks Fingerlakes Regional Meeting that was hosted by the Seneca County Clerk.
- May 30: Participated in Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Roundtable with Congressman John Katko at Dickman's in Auburn.
- May 30: I am one of three NYS County Clerks to sit on the NYS Task Force for Organ Donation. The DMV Supervisor and I participated in a phone conference to discuss next steps to energize the DMV offices across the state to participate in future Donate Life promotions.
- May 31: The County's Auditors, Inero & Company, reviewed our financial record keeping practices in County Clerks Recording Office.

RECORDS RETENTION CENTER

- Health and Human Services shredding continues
- Probation Department scanning project is now complete
- Treasurer's Office Tax Roll and Environmental Health Department scanning projects are in progress
- District Attorney's Office scanning project is in progress
- The number of documents scanned from January 1 through April 30, 2018: 110,647
- Records requests from January 1 through April 30: 613

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HISTORIAN'S OFFICE

- 54 in-person visitors to the office with queries and research projects
- 24 queries for information received through email and letter requests
- With help from a volunteer, worked to identify and index photos from the Trice Collection of Railroad Materials.
- Staff assisted the County Planning Office to verify information about the County Home's Cemetery.
- The County Historian met with and helped organize volunteers who will help locate and evaluate historic markers throughout the county (some are missing, many need paint or other minor repairs.) Basing the "hunt" for markers on lists prepared in the Historian's Office, volunteers will fan out across the county, photographing markers and noting their GPS coordinates. The goal is to have a comprehensive and up-to-date inventory completed by Fall 2018. Cayuga County has over 200 historic markers, the most of any county in New York State!
- Continued upkeep of Special Collections, including transcription and indexing.
- Continued work on a comprehensive database for photographic materials in our collection.
- The County Historian gave a lecture at the Seymour Library on the History of Community Cookbooks in Cayuga County.

EMERGENCY SERVICES



E-911 Center

Denise Spingler

911 Administrator

CENTER UPDATES

- Three new dispatchers hired; training begins June 18, 2018
- Call Volume January – April: 53,281 calls
23,959 dispatched calls, 12 helicopter requests (6 PT treated/transported, 6 canceled)

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

- Attended 911 Coordinators Conference – APCO Cyber Security course
- 2018-19 PSAP Grant released – Applications due June 8th
- DHSES Fiscal Monitoring Unit – Full fiscal audit for all grants
- Provided a tour to a Southern Cayuga class studying ‘Criminalistics’. This is a course taught to juniors/seniors through CCC; great group of students who were very engaged and asked many great questions.
- Received an APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Official) Scholarship – will be used for RPL (Registered Public Safety Leadership) Course.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPDATES

- Microwave Upgrades starting end of June
- Meeting with PM of Digester project; Doug Kierst (Soil / Water), Jeff Willis & Keith Justian (Finger Lakes Communications), Al Crump (PSB Maintenance) to discuss power to PSB and how influxes in the power adversely affect emergency communications equipment.
- Received new maintenance proposal from Motorola; 6-year contract with costs remaining flat throughout six years.

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Emergency Management Office

Niel Rivenburgh

Acting Director, Cayuga County EMO

- FEMA update Lake Ontario 2017 Flooding – Category B (Emergency Protective Measures): The final review of the submissions for Category B costs (Emergency Protective Measures) has been approved by FEMA and NY State. According to NY State & FEMA, the final numbers for Category B are:

Net Costs Cat B: \$30,701.56

Federal Share (75%): \$23,026.17 (anticipated FEMA reimbursement)

State Share (12.5%): \$3,837.69 (anticipated NY State Recovery reimbursement)

Local Share (12.5%): \$3,837.70 (in-kind / real cost local share)

- FEMA update Lake Ontario 2017 Flooding – Category G (Parks, recreational facilities, and other items): The category G projects are submitted to FEMA for review, they have not been approved as of the submission of this report, so they are tentative numbers, not final:

Net Costs Cat G: \$10,520.34

Federal Share (75%): \$7,890.26 (preliminary FEMA reimbursement)

State Share (12.5%): \$1,315.04 (preliminary NY State Recovery reimbursement)

Local Share (12.5%): \$1,315.05 (in-kind / real cost local share)

- The Cayuga County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) is in final draft review. The projected timeline and process, with the County Administrator's approval, will be to release the Volume One draft to the Legislature mid-June, with a brief presentation by the contractor (Tetra-Tech) and Emergency Services to the full Legislature at the June 26th regular Legislative meeting, followed by a resolution to adopt the COOP plan for the County in the July meeting cycle. Volume One is the overarching whole County COOP document. That will be followed by

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Volume Two, which is Department-specific annexes. The Volume Two annexes are dynamic and fluid and are driven by the Department Heads. The Volume Two annexes essentially remain in “Draft” to maintain flexibility for revision and update based on the ever-changing flow of Government and Department operations.

- Summer event planning has ramped up. Planning for the July 3rd Fireworks, the Great Race, the Veterans multi-County Motorcycle ride and other events over the coming months is ongoing.
- Fire and Technical Rescue training continues as we cross over from the spring to the summer. Much is scheduled with more to come. The full list of courses and schedules are available on the County website under the Emergency Services Department.
- The spring EMT refresher is completed and 23 students were tested. We are awaiting scores from NY State so we can facilitate reimbursement to the County.
- The Certified First Responder that was offered for BOCES New Visions students at Auburn Community Hospital has concluded and 12 students were tested.
- The spring EMT original is nearing completion. There are 14 students remaining in the class, which will test in June.
- Fall EMT classes scheduled include a fall refresher at the County Office Building and an EMT Original at the Moravia Fire Department. Details are available on the County website under the Emergency Services Department.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Health Department

Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Public Health Director

- A brief synopsis of some of the ongoing work that is in process and has been done since October to continue to increase public awareness of **Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB)** which impacts all the lakes in our County.
- Update Frequently Asked Questions and reference links to Cayuga County Health Department website.
- Create and deliver educational signs to public beach sites, children waterfront camps, marinas.
- Print and deliver HAB bookmarks to Emerson Park for distribution with parking permits and as people visit for the day.
- Update and provide information to school districts, towns and villages on public water systems for websites, newsletters, and hard copy posting.
- Provide emergency water information fliers to electronics collection day.
- Revamp and restart social media messaging campaigns targeting water emergency preparation and HABs.
- Prepare to mail educational postcards to waterfront property owners who draw water from lakes in our county.
- Distribute educational fliers to convenience stores and churches within watersheds for posting.
- Send letters to health care providers and veterinarians regarding HAB exposures, where to get information and how to refer people to complete an exposure survey.

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- Informative articles submitted to the local newspaper and state health and county organizations for publication.
- Additionally, education continues to be provided throughout the year. Staff continues to actively participate in local and statewide committees regarding HABs as well as participate and coordinate efforts with local advocacy groups.
- **Mosquitoes and tick-borne disease prevention** is a big focus at this time of the year and throughout the warm weather. Educational material and articles are distributed throughout the whole county and posted to our social media accounts and websites regarding how to help prevent exposure to bites from these disease vector sources.
- Warmer weather also brings an uptick in rabies-related reporting. Bats and other mammals are vectors for the **rabies virus**. Go to www.youtube.com and search the **Cayuga County Health Department channel** for a video on how to catch a bat that may need to be tested if it enters your home.

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Office for the Aging

Brenda Wiemann

Director

- Distributed NYS Dept. of Health and NYS Office for the Aging survey that will inform Governor's proposed Long-Term Care Policy Council, which is charged with examining the state's long-term care system to prepare for emerging needs of the state's growing aging population.
- The County Legislature proclaimed May 2018 Senior Citizen Month in Cayuga County and May 22, 2018 was proclaimed Senior Nutrition Program Volunteers Day. A luncheon was held at Emerson Park to celebrate the many contributions that seniors give to our community, which was attended by county legislators, county department heads, community agency staff, community members, honorees, and guests.
- Patti Bishop of Auburn and Ellis Ward or Niles were named Cayuga County Senior Citizens of the Year and presented with plaques in appreciation for their significant contributions to the residents of Cayuga County over many years.
- Home Delivered Meal volunteer drivers Amy Jakes-Johnson, Millie Jameson, Betty Jirinec and Cayuga/Seneca ARC represented by Alan Connelly were presented with certificates of appreciation for their service and dedication to the program.
- Provided Medicare 101 class on 5/3/18.
- Staff participated in the following training/webinars: Business Acumen Initiative for AAAs 5/1, Regional Caregiver Forum 5/3, Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (Coupons) AAA Agency Training 5/14, Medicare Casework and CMS Resources webinar 5/16, NYConnects Training 5/17, Dementia Care Conference 5/23, Peerplace Monthly User group call 5/23, HIICAP monthly training call 5/29.
- The Senior Nutrition Program Volunteer Coordinator presented to the Moravia senior group regarding the need for volunteers for meal delivery. Three new volunteer drivers have started in May.
- Working with Administrator and support from Buildings & Grounds and Real Property to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating OFA into one location at the Boyle Center.

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Veteran's Service Agency

Larry Wilt

Director

- Larry W. Wilt, the Director, is retiring from the Agency June 1, 2018 to travel with his family.
- An estimation of 10 veterans in the month of May had their claims decided at the VA ranging from 10% to 100%, benefiting the veteran and families with a monthly compensation ranging from \$135.00 – \$3,200.00.
- Office phone calls averaged 25 – 30 per day for various services.
- Transported 135 veterans to and from Syracuse VAMC for their scheduled doctor appointments.
- Distributed changes to transportation schedules from Jacobs Press to the active riders throughout the county to notify them of the changes in transportation to Syracuse VA medical appointments.
- Veterans applying for Disability claims through the Veterans Administration have increased to now include conditions presumed from exposure during service at Camp Lejeune, N.C. water contamination.
- The Veterans Service Office (V.S.O.) will continue to conduct meetings with veterans and/or their dependents and handle all operations of the Veteran's Office.
- The agency continues to look for new benefits that may come available to our disabled and wartime veterans.

JUSTICE SYSTEM



Assigned Counsel | Stop DWI

Lloyd E. Hoskins

Director

ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

- 05/02/18 – Law Day, Cayuga County Bar Association
- 05/09/18 – Meeting with Shannon Pero, Esq., Special Counsel to the Town and Village Courts regarding the denial of Cayuga County’s Counsel at First Arraignment Plan submitted to the New York State Court System 7th Judicial District
- 05/17/18 – Meeting with County Administrator and Executive Committee of the Cayuga County Bar Association regarding public defense options
- 05/17/18 – Cayuga County Magistrates Association meeting, Scipio
- 05/18/18 – Chief Defender’s meeting, Canandaigua
- 05/18/18 – Shared Services Plan meeting, BOCES
- 05/23/18 – Conference Call with NYS Indigent Legal Services regarding \$1,027,249.00 targeted for Cayuga County for public defense services
- 05/18/18 – Raise the Age meeting

COUNSEL ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL:

- Family Court: 55, Year to Date 210
- County Court: 7, Year to Date 21
- Auburn City Court: 40, Year to Date 171
- Justice Court: 32, Year to Date 119
- Parole Appeal: 3, Year to Date 29
- Appellate Court: 3, Year to Date 6
- TOTAL ASSIGNMENTS: 141; YEAR TO DATE: 556

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COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCES FOR APRIL:

- Auburn City Court: 64; Year to Date: 288

STOP DWI PROGRAM

- The goal of the Cayuga County STOP-DWI program is to reduce the rate of alcohol and other drug-related injuries and fatalities through the creation and funding of programs relating to enforcement, prosecution, rehabilitation, public information, and education.

DWI ARRESTS IN APRIL:

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: 3, Year To Date 6
- Auburn Police Department: 3, Year To Date 11
- New York State Police: 10, Year To Date 27
- TOTAL DWI ARRESTS: 16; YEAR TO DATE: 44

BAC (Blood/Alcohol Content) IN APRIL:

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: .160, Average BAC To Date .140
- Auburn Police Department: .23, Average BAC To Date .160
- New York State Police: .13, Average BAC To Date .152

AVERAGE AGE DATA FOR APRIL:

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: 56, Average Age To Date 49
- Auburn Police Department: 35, Average Age To Date 34
- New York State Police: 46, Average Age To Date 41

GENDER DATA FOR APRIL:

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: Male 2, Female 1, Year To Date, Male 4, Female 2
- Auburn Police Department: Male 3, Female 0, Year To Date, Male 9, Female 2
- New York State Police: Male 8, Female 2, Year To Date, Male 18, Female 9

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Coroner's Office

Dr. Adam Duckett, MD

County Coroner

- Total calls/cases responded to through May 2018: 29
Sent to OCME: 23
Signed by PCP: 6
Signed by Dr. Duckett: 13 (not included in the count)
- Total calls/cases responded to through May 2017: 27

Age @ time of death:	
00-10	
11-20	1
21-30	4
31-40	3
41-50	6
51-60	7
61-70	5
71-80	2
81-90	
91-100	

Number of calls received, by month:	
January 2018	4
February 2018	5
March 2018	7
April 2018	5
May 2018	8
June 2018	
July 2018	
August 2018	
September 2018	
October 2018	
November 2018	
December 2018	

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District Attorney's Office

Jon E. Budelmann

District Attorney

- Our new Senior Assistant District Attorney, Brittany Grome, started this month (May 21) with the HR orientation day. Senior ADA Grome has already been picking up steam, is asking for challenging cases, and we expect she will do very well. The additional experienced ADA is a welcome relief for the remaining ADA's, who have been picking up the extra work. (Down one ADA since September 8th, 2017 due to illness, down two ADA's as of January 16, 2018) for many months.
- We are still looking to replace the second vacant ADA position (it has been four months of looking). I had offered the ADA position to one candidate who initially accepted but later withdrew his acceptance by text message. At the moment we do not have any great prospects and have been so very busy trying to keep ahead of the caseload.
- Backfilled the part-time fraud investigator. Inv. Daniel Emmi came on May 7th (again with the new HR onboarding system) and has been very busy ever since working on the CARP cases and learning his new beat.
- We have been working hard with Denise Spingler, our IT and the vendor Spillman on getting the cases automatically uploaded into our database from the arrest information already entered by the arresting officers. If this is successful it will free up a considerable amount of time spent by the support staff on entering this information a second time, freeing them up to provide more support to the Attorneys.
- Long-term, we are looking to automate the Traffic Reduction Program with an online system (similar to ones already in use across NYS).
- Will be bringing housekeeping resolutions next month to extend grant funding, accept a new grant cycle, adjust office budget and/or compensation plan to account for revenues and expenditures and adjust a salary to maintain compliance with the law.

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Probation Department

Jay DeWispelaere

Director

- **Training:** On May 16 & 17, 2018 officers of the Probation Department participated in a “reality-based” training exercise at the Fire Training Center, aided by students of the BOCES Criminal Justice Program. Using Simunitions training firearms and other “inert” training equipment, officers engaged in scenarios based on events which Probation Officers are confronted with during fieldwork. These scenarios challenged officers to evaluate possible threats to their safety, attempt to de-escalate situations using verbal and other skills and to confront threatening subjects with an appropriate response.

Students from the Criminal Justice Program participate in this annual training as the “bad guys,” presenting different challenges and threats to officers. At the end of the session, students are offered the chance to switch places with the officers, putting themselves into the role they are moving toward in their education. This role reversal puts students through the same scenarios the officers participated in, giving students a glimpse into their possible future career. During the school year leading up to the training, Probation Officers visit the BOCES classroom and address the Criminal Justice students on a variety of topics. Program participants are also offered job-shadowing and mentoring opportunities with Probation Department staff.

Thank you to the County Emergency Management Office, the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office and the students and staff of the BOCES Criminal Justice Program for assistance in hosting this beneficial training.

- **Raise the Age:** County departments and agencies with a role in juvenile justice met to continue planning for Raise the Age on May 24, 2018. The following departments and agencies were represented: Cayuga Co. Court and Court Clerk, Cayuga Co. Family Court Clerk, Probation, Cayuga Co. Sheriff’s Dept., Auburn Police Dept., Cayuga Counseling Services, County Attorney’s Office, Budget Director, Cayuga Co. District Attorney and the County Administrator. Topics of discussion during this session included possible location of after-hours arraignments and anticipated participation of Probation in after-hours arraignments, appearance at the Probation Department of Adolescent Offenders removed from the Youth Part to Family Court who are

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eligible for diversion services, possible locations of respite, non-secure and secure detention facilities, pending state requirements for local planning and budgeting and related anticipated expenses for involved county departments. Next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018.

- **New Firearms:** New firearms previously authorized by the Legislature have been received by the department and will be issued to department staff Friday, June 2, 2018. In return for the department's turned-in pistols, the department will receive a credit of approximately \$2,800.00, which will be returned to the department's training budget.

CAYUGA COUNTY PROBATION STATS FOR MAY

PROBATION DEPARTMENT METRIC	2017	2018
Total Number of Probation Supervision Cases	817	812
New Probation Supervision Cases	3	30
Court Ordered Presentence Investigation Requests	30	42
Court Ordered Presentence Investigations Completed	43	31
Number of Violations of Probation Filed	7	18
Number of Predispositional Investigation Ordered	4	2
Number of Predispositional Investigation Completed	3	2
Number of Alco-Sensor Intoximeter Tests Given	268	216
Restitution Collected	\$14,041	\$9,286
Surcharge Collected	\$756	\$464

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Sheriff's Department

David S. Gould

Sheriff

- Participated in the Hometown Heroes Ceremonies honoring First Responders in Cayuga County.
- Met with Judges regarding pre-arraignment detention.
- Summer navigation season has begun.
- Monthly Raise the Age Meeting – Probation, Social Services, Judge
- Detective Sgt. Cornelius and Detective Franklin provided Safety for Social Workers training for staff at Cayuga Centers in Auburn.
- Detective Blanchard completed a week-long undercover operations training course in Rochester.
- Detective Sgt. Cornelius and members of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) began completing peer reviews of child forensic interviews to ensure quality and compliance with the protocol.
- Members of CID assisted the Auburn Police and Fire Departments with documenting a major arson scene on Perrine Street in Auburn utilizing a new 360-degree camera system being used by the Sheriff's Office.
- Detective Franklin and Corporal Dudley trained and qualified three Patrol Deputies on the use of patrol rifles.
- Members of the SWAT Team on assisted Wayne County with an on-going search for a missing child.
- In May, members attending an ESLETS (Traffic Safety) Conference and Negotiator's Conference.
- Average daily Jail population for May: 160.19 (HI: 170)
Average Daily Local Count: 109
Average daily number of Federal Inmates: 42 (HI: 11)
Average daily number of boarded in from other jails: 8 (HI: 11)
Total average number of boarders: 50 (HI: 62)
Average number of parole violators held: 11 (HI: 14)
Inmate Meals Served: 15,988

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PUBLIC WORKS



Parks & Recreation | Buildings & Grounds

Doug Dello Stritto, *Parks Maintenance Supervisor*

- Jack Budelmann (son of District Attorney Jon Budelmann) selected improving access to the Lakeside Dog Park in Emerson Park as an Eagle Scout Project. He did all the planning for the project and with the assistance of many volunteers, they completed the work in May.
- The Fred L. Emerson Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$182,000 as matching funds for the Emerson Park Deauville Island Capital Improvement Project.
- Park Events for June include the following:
 - June 2 – Old Ways Days at the Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural Museum and the Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center
 - June 3 – Inspiration: A Festival of Nature and the Arts at the Sterling Nature Center
 - June 9 – Taste of Summer Music and Food Festival at Emerson Park on Deauville Island
 - June 16 – A day at the Rookery at the Sterling Nature Center
 - June 17 – Prison City Ramblers Car Show at Emerson Park on Deauville Island
- The Town of Owasco is replacing a water line along East Lake Road.
- Emerson Park officially opened on May 1. Our seasonal staff has been hired and most have started. Like many other water venues, Emerson Park has difficulty finding enough certified lifeguards to open the beach.
- The Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural Museum and the Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center are now open for their summer hours Monday – Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 and Sundays 11:00-4:00.
- The total current reimbursement from FEMA for Sterling Nature Center is \$9,562. This damage claim is for trail relocations, trail repairs and tree removals required to complete the repairs.
- We have received 5 RFQ’s for the design of the new Sterling Nature Center Building. Interviews with the submitting firms will take place

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May 31 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm and June 1 from 11:00 am -2 pm. The review committee includes David Nelson, Cayuga County Planning; Doug Dello Stritto, Parks & Trails Director; Jim D'Angelo, Sterling Nature Center Director; Joe DeForest, Cayuga County Legislator & Parks Commission Member; Lezli Parsons, Sterling Town Assessor; June Ouellette, Sterling Town Planning Board.



Gary Duckett, *Buildings & Grounds Supervisor*

- The downtown crew completed 108 work orders and requests for assistance and completed the following projects:
Installed new mailbox system in clerk's mailroom.
Finished wall-build and painting 6th-floor administrative offices.
With assistance from sheriffs, work crew finished painting of conference room at Mental Health.
- The downtown crew will be working with the Administrator and support from Building & Grounds and Real Property to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating Office for the Aging into one location at the Boyle Center.
- There were 129 work orders requested; 97 for the PSB, 3 for the Nursing Home, 29 for 911. There were 133 worker orders responded to and closed; 96 for the PSB, 3 for the Nursing Home, 34 for 911.
- On 4/29 the north area campus experienced a clogged sewer. At the same time, radio communications went down and the power to the PSB, Nursing Home, and PSB Tower was out. The City of Auburn was called and responded with their vacuum truck to clear the sewer line. Finger Lakes Communication was called, responded and restored radio communications. After 19.5 hours and all equipment checked and deemed safe, the power to the north campus was restored.
- The Fire Alarm Panel replacement project (included carbon monoxide detector upgrades) has been completed.
- Routine maintenance projects included the following:
Semi-annual servicing of the 911 and PSB generators
The annual flow testing of the sprinkler systems for the PSB and Nursing Home has been completed.
Semi-annual flow testing of the sprinkler systems for the PSB and the Nursing Home have been completed.
The backflow preventers underwent the annual test.

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Highway Department

Bill Dashnaw

Special Assistant to County Administrator

Dan Bowen

Acting County Highway Superintendent



- The box culvert on Parcell Road in the Town of Sennett is complete and the road was reopened to traffic Friday, May 25, 2018.
- The cold in-place recycling has been completed on Botna Bridge in the Town of Cato, Benham, in the Town of Aurelius and Sayles Corners roads in the Town of Moravia and Sempronius. This process has to cure for a few weeks before installing a wearing surface.
- Lake Road in the Town of Genoa and Weedsport Sennett Road in the Town of Brutus and Sennett are scheduled for hot mixed-asphalt paving by the use of quick quotes from the Office of General Services bid process.
- Ridge Road in the Town of Fleming is in the final stages of culvert preparation work. Ridge Road is scheduled for cold in-place recycling in mid-June. With the normal cure time of approximately 3 weeks, the road will be paved with hot mixed asphalt.
- Our seasonal employees started May 21st. We have 6 seasonal employees mowing roadsides and 3 working with our road construction crews.
- We had a vacancy approved for an MEO medium position. The position was filled and the employee will start June 4th.
- On May 16th we held a public hearing regarding the proposed qualified abandonment of Sills Road Spur in the town of Genoa, pursuant to New York Highway Law section 205(2). We are waiting for the certified minutes and any additional information by May 30, 2018. The decision will follow a review by the Highway Department.
- The Legislature approved a resolution to hire Barton & Loguidice Engineers for the design of the Stewarts Corners Road box culvert replacement. We will advertise for bids for the construction in June. We hope to have the road opened by November 2018.

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- We have received a number of service request from property owners and are addressing the issues as quickly as possible. We have crews working to prepare roads for chip sealing, paving, culvert replacement, roadside mowing, and we try to fit in as many service requests as possible.
- The Highway Department issued a ROW permit to Spectrum for broadband installation.

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Weights & Measures

Larry G. Roser

Director

- This month I purchased 12 gas samples at 5 different gas stations; Kwik Fill in Moravia, NYS Thruway in Port Byron, Express Mart in Meridian, Kwik Fill in Weedsport, and Speedway on Grant Ave. All 12 samples passed. We test for octane, cetane, sulfur, ethanol and flash point, along with other elements. None this month were non-ethanol.
- I tested 2 truck scales. Helena Chemical in Genoa failed at the start -100 lbs. @ 27,000 lbs. It was adjusted and passed +20 lbs. @ 86,980 lbs. Carovail in Auburn failed the first time +120 lbs. @ 27,000 lbs. It was adjusted and passed +60 lbs. @ 80,120 lbs. We also tested the bulk fertilizer scale at Carovail. It failed -20 lbs. @ 4,000 lbs. We adjusted it and it passed +0 lbs. @ 28,000 lbs. We also tested the livestock scale at Sennett Sales. It passed +1 lb. @ 2,500 lbs.
- We have calibrated 8 new larger replacement milk tanks put in at Byrne Dairy farms to get to every other day pick-ups. The pick-up rate went from \$5 a pick-up to \$50 a pick-up, totaling over \$18,000 per year if picked up every day. Every other day will save them over \$9,000 a year.

Paul Woods Jr. in Victory went from 600 gals. to 1,500 gals.

Leroy Horst in Montezuma went from 1,500 gals. to 2,700 gals.

Mills Dairy in Mentz went from 600 gals. to 1,500 gals.

Chris Chase in Ira went from 545 gals. to 1,000 gals.

Nevin Horst in Conquest went from 1,000 gals. to 2,000 gals.

Travis Martin in Cato went from 1,400 gals. to 2,700 gals.

Brutus Hill Farm in Brutus added a 3,000 gal. tank

Ernest Hoover in Conquest went from 1,500 gals. to 2,000 gals.

- We also checked the calibration on 2 milk tanks and they both passed. Ezra weaver in Conquest is 1,500 gal. Brutus Hill Farms 1,600 gal. used as a backup to the new 3,000 gals. tank above.
- We also tested the gas pumps at the following stations:
NYS Thruway = 20 pumps = 19 Ok and 1 to the customer's favor \$.019 per gallon
Kwik Fill on State St. = 8 pumps = 8 OK. Note. (4 had just been re-calibrated)
Ed & Jeans in Port Byron = 15 pumps = 12 OK and 3 to the customer's

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favor from \$.019 to \$.039 a significant give away

Pit Stop in Port Byron = 14 pumps = 14 OK

Weedsport Central School Bus Garage = 4 pumps = 4 OK

Pit Stop in Weedsport = 28 pumps = 25 OK and 3 to the customers

favor from \$.018 to \$.024

Cayuga Co. Highway Dept. in Ira = 2 pumps = 1 Ok = diesel, and the gas has a correction factor of 1.0381, tested at 24 gals. Showing on the meter, but they had pumped 24.913 gals., a very large give away over 3.8% = \$.088 per gal.

Express Mart in Meridian = 11 pumps = 6 passed and 5 failed to the customer's favor, 4 were from \$.020 to \$.028 and 1 was \$.094 or 2.86% a very significant giveaway. (They have already been adjusted and will be retested soon)

B.J.'s in Auburn = 16 pumps = 16 OK

Kwik Fill in Weedsport = 12 pumps = 12 OK

Fastrac on Grant Ave. = 30 pumps = 27 passed and 3 were to the customers favor from \$.021 to \$.022 (Note this is our only station with 87 non-ethanol gas)

While testing these stations I checked all the credit card readers for skimming devices (to steal your identity). I checked 68 credit card readers and found no skimming devices.

- I had a complaint that at least 2 nozzles at Fastrac on Grant continued to run after the handle was released. I contacted the station and they had all their nozzles checked and several repaired the day after the complaint. This is one of the stations where I tested the pumps this month after the repairs and none were leaking at the nozzles anymore.

REAL PROPERTY & TAX SERVICES



Department of Real Property Tax Services

Kelly Anderson, CCD

Director

ASSESSMENT & TAX PREPARATION

- [Tentative Assessment Rolls](#) were provided to all towns and published on the web. Most towns held Grievance Hearings at the end of May which is the annual opportunity for property owners to challenge their assessments that are the basis for next year's property taxes. 2018-19 Village tax rolls and bills were also completed, which will levy a total of nearly \$2.3 million across 9 villages.

FORECLOSURE & AUCTION

- Planning and administration for the annual tax foreclosure auction are complete and will be held on Wednesday, June 6 at Emerson Park pavilion. Registration at 12:30 and auction at 2 p.m. The City of Auburn has 14 parcels and the towns in the county have 27. Deeds have been prepared and filed on the properties that were approved by the Legislature for sale outside of the auction.

TAX MAPPING & ONGOING GIS DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- Health Department septic locator ongoing maintenance
- Launched demo of a mobile web app and tax map online (TMO) application

CUSTOM PROJECTS & OTHER

- County – County House Road, coordinating an RFP for surveying multiple parcels to assist with splitting off a portion owned by Soil & Water as well as possible alternative uses for a portion in the back (possible solar project). Input from Sheriff, Planning, Buildings & Grounds, Soil & Water and County Attorney.

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- Office for the Aging – Measure all space used by OFA at the Boys Center; map out existing floor plan.
- Town of Aurelius – Define easement area for school bus turn-around on Overbrook Drive.
- County Attorney – Created custom maps for Cayuga Indian Nation parcels related to trust application.
- City of Auburn – Custom maps of the City’s west side
- Custom shapefiles created for Town of Conquest fly-over
- Various research projects in Victory and Cato
- Attended NYSAC Finance School in Syracuse
- Attended kick-off meeting for Shared Services at BOCES
- Conducted BAR Training at Ward O’Hara Ag Museum
- Participated in RPS Governance meeting
- Participated in regular ACES pilot software meeting with NYS
- Participated in County COOP meetings and department COOP report
- Hosted and facilitated County Assessor’s quarterly meeting
- In progress: County-owned real property report
- The office had higher than normal email and call volume related to auction and grievance day.

CORRECTIONS TO ASSESSMENT & TAX ROLLS

- 0 RPTL Correction of Errors resulting in a \$2,500 or less refund in taxes per taxing jurisdiction per year as follows (statutory requirement to report list to Legislature): \$0.00

TREASURER



Treasurer's Office

James H. Orman

Treasurer

- Our staff has performed remarkably well during the absence of our Deputy Treasurer in charge of financial accounting. Donna Gilfus, Melinda Kostreva, Terry Debiaw, and Jennie Indelicato have gone above and beyond their normal duties in making sure the duties of the Deputy Treasurer are being completed. This is at a time when they are very busy with their regular duties. Tasks completed include working with the outside auditing firm, Insero & Co., to ensure the annual audit moves along smoothly. In addition, they completed and filed the Annual Update Document with the New York State Comptroller's Office. The AUD is a complex and detailed report that is mandated to be filed with the OSC outlining the County's finances. It is also utilized in our auditing and cost allocation plan processes. I commend these employees very highly for their extra efforts.
- Pam Landon, Jennie Indelicato, and I attended the NYS Association of Counties Finance School in Syracuse this month. Pam attended the workshop on Payroll and Retirement issues. Jen attended numerous finance and tax-related sessions. I attended the Treasurer's meeting and other workshops.
- Pam and Kristy Capone attended a one-day healthcare seminar in Geneva which focused on Innovative Programs, Digital Strategy, Pharmacy and Spinal Care updates and Opioid Epidemic issues hosted by Excellus. This is in regard to their duties involving the Cayuga County Health Insurance Consortium. Pam also attended a three-day class for Supervision & Management at OCC.
- The County is involved in an ACI program with the Bank of America, through which the county receives a rebate for doing business with select vendors via a credit card. This is a very involved program to administer. It is directly overseen by Terry Debiaw (Treasurer's Office). She is assisted by Sally Bronson (Treasurer's Office) and Lorrie Bradtke (County Administrator's Office). To date, we have received \$80,400 in rebates.

CONTRACT AGENCY UPDATES



Water & Sewer Authority

Jeanine Wilson

Director of Operations

WATER

- Annual Water Quality Report and documentation was sent to water customers.
- Springport/Fleming Water District 2, Springport Water District 1 and Sewer District 1 maintenance and preventative maintenance work has been successful. No sewer issues during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, which is a first in many years for that system. Bioxide building moved to more efficient location; Odalogs installed to monitor chemical gas levels in the system - to provide data to more efficiently control the system.
- Spring property restorations continue throughout the water and sewer service areas.
- Sewer District portable generator is being serviced by County Highway.

COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT 2

- Preventative maintenance continues throughout the sewer district; increasing flow of sewage throughout the public sewer system is continuously monitored. Sewer gravity main flushing continues throughout the area. Low pressure/grinder pump services are maintaining proper pressures.
- Our inquiries continue to locate property in or near the current sewer district for our inventory, operations and maintenance, and administrative purposes.
- Additional chemical (Bioxide) building ordered and land is being prepped for delivery of the building and connections to the CCWSA power drop.

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MASTER REGIONAL PLAN AND REPORT

- The project team continues to meet with municipal and private systems representatives to gather information regarding existing and desired infrastructure. B&L continues to process system assessment documentation. CCWSA and representatives at each municipality are reviewing several drafts. Final documents forthcoming. Provided overview of infrastructure report/project, update to representatives at Auburn.

MISCELLANEOUS

- NYS MWBE, Empire State Division, mandates and changes to reporting regulations continue.
- Attended the CEDA event regarding Consolidated Funding.
- Continuing meetings with representatives at Wells College & Village of Aurora to determine best practices and systems for water/sewer services.
- Attended 1st Panel Discussion regarding the County Shared Services project.
- Met with Parks/Trails representatives to assist in determining the area of probable water loss.
- Leadership Cayuga graduation, May 30th!

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Cayuga Economic Development Agency

Tracy Verrier

Executive Director

- IDA Activity: ACMT (DBA K&S Car Wash) is purchasing, renovating, and upgrading two existing car washes in Auburn and Sennett. This will be a nearly \$3.5m investment resulting in 10 new FTE over 3 years. ACMT was approved by CCIDA for a sales and use tax exemption and mortgage recording tax abatement.
- Business Visitations/Meetings: This year, CEDA staff has met with 28 existing businesses and 42 entrepreneurs, as well as responded to 6 attraction leads. *As of 5/29/2018
- Grant Activity: The Consolidated Funding Application process for NYS grant funds has opened. Applications are due July 27. CEDA staff is working with multiple companies considering submitting applications, as well as working to identify additional projects that could apply.
- Grant Activity: CEDA has submitted an application for a USDA-RD Rural Business Enterprise Grant, which will assist a local company in purchasing a new piece of equipment and grow their business activities. We are still awaiting a decision on the grant award.
- Grant Activity: CEDA staff has been assisting City of Auburn staff in identifying projects to be included in the 2018 Round III Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) application. This year's DRI applications are due June 1.
- Workforce Development: Jason Chiesa, CNY Regional Representative for the NYS Department of Labor, presented to a group of workforce development partners on the State budget and the funds specifically allocated for workforce development activities. He provided an update on this funding and sought feedback on best practices and how the funding should be utilized and made available.
- Staffing Update: Maureen Riester is now filling the Economic Development Specialist position, and Derek Simmonds will start on June 6th to fill the Business Development Specialist position. Maureen will primarily be working with existing businesses that have 10 or more employees and on attraction, while Derek will primarily be working with small businesses and entrepreneurs. Derek's background is in

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agricultural economic development, so we are looking forward to adding his expertise to our team.

- NYS Economic Development Council conference: Maureen and Tracy attended the NYS EDC's annual conference where we were able to network with other economic developers and service providers, as well as learn about funding opportunities, best practices, and new regulations like Opportunity Zones.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County

Douglas Ververs

Executive Director

- Electronic Spring Recycling event will be at BOCES on Sat June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. For TV's & CRT tube monitors a \$10 donation is requested. No Freon devices or propane tanks will be accepted at this event. FMI - Prior to Sat. 6/2, Contact CCE Cayuga at 315-255 1183 ext. 234.
- Tire Recycling event will be at Natural Resource Conservation Education Center, 7413 County House Road on Saturday, June 23 from 8:30 am until Noon. Fees are \$1.50 up to 30" or tire sidewalls. Tires 31" to 36" are \$5.00 each. If anyone has a need to bring more than 40 tires, please contact Judy at 315-255-1183 ext. 234 before Thursday, June 22.
- A Combined Street Banner is being prepared for the 2018 Combined Fair. The banner has reserved space with Auburn DPW and will appear on Genesee Street from July 23 until July 30th.
- Cayuga 4H will continue their STEM Career tours with a three-day opportunity with Career Expo at Cornell on Wednesday, June 26th to Thursday, June 28th. Youth from 8th to 12th grade are eligible & Pre-registration is required. FMI contact Emma @ 315-255-1183 ext. 224

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Soil & Water Conservation District

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Executive Director

AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Completed construction site inspections on one SPDES permitted construction site at an agricultural operation.
- Attended several meetings with NYS DEC and NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets staff to discuss the draft action plans and recommended actions to address harmful algal blooms for Cayuga and Owasco Lakes.
- Staff continues to provide on-farm planning assistance for the upcoming implementation season. Two projects have completed the design phase and are in the construction phase.
- Staff continues to meet with landowners and goes through the multi-tiered evaluation and planning process through the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program. Currently, ten plans are in the development stage.
- Staff continues to work with an agricultural engineer and participating landowners on the planning and design of best management practices to be implemented under the Owasco Lake Enhanced Watershed Action Plan.
- In conjunction with our federal, state and local conservation partners, we are finalizing the details for the 2018 Soil Health Workshop. The date is set for August 28th and the topics will include soil biology and soil chemistry. The location details are currently being finalized and will be announced soon.

NON-AGRICULTURAL & MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE

- Completed construction site inspections at two Municipal SPDES permitted construction sites.
- Taught two NYS DEC endorsed 4-hour training for contractors, municipal officials, engineers and other groups that may be interested in learning about erosion and sediment control methods.

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- Staff continues to assist residents and municipalities with drainage and erosion concerns.
- Assisted several Town Highway Departments by utilizing the SWCD's hydroseeder to establish vegetation on recently exposed areas along road ditches and other critical areas.
- Offered a Post Flood Emergency Stream Intervention Training for Municipal Officials, Equipment Operators and Contractors on May 9th.
- Staff is currently in the process of utilizing the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) protocol to complete culvert evaluations in portions of the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

OTHER SWCD NEWS

- The Cayuga SWCD's 2017 Annual Report is available for viewing online via the Cayuga County SWCDs website:
http://www.cayugaswcd.org/uploads/1/1/4/3/11439932/2017_annual_report_-_final.pdf
- The Cayuga SWCDs would like to thank everyone who completed a little bit of conservation on their own properties by supporting the SWCD's tree and shrub sale.
- The administrative responsibilities of the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program (OLWIP) have been transferred from the Cayuga SWCD to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council. The Cayuga SWCD has guided the program since 2007 and hopes to continue to work closely with the OLWIP in the future to identify issues and implement the required corrective measures throughout the watershed.

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Convention & Visitor's Bureau (Tourism Office)

Meg Vanek

Executive Director

PUBLIC RELATIONS – EDITORIAL PLACEMENTS

- 5/4, *Local Sweet Treat Trail opens for 2018 season*, [The Citizen](#)
- 5/8, *Harriet Tubman Commemorative Statue to Stand at the New York State Equal Rights Heritage Center*, [urbancny.com](#)
- 5/8, *50 Honeymoon Locations in Every State*, [Brides](#) (1.5 million unique monthly visitors). This article was syndicated to MSN, reaching an additional 10 million unique monthly visitors. (Inns of Aurora highlight)
- 5/18, Tubman Statue announcement at City Hall
- 5/17, WAUB radio interview

OCCUPANCY / REVPAR / ADR FOR APRIL

- Occupancy: 46.8%, YTD 38.2%
- ADR (average daily rate): \$91.80, YTD \$89.17
- RevPar (revenue per available room): \$42.98, YTD \$34.04

INQUIRIES

- The Tourism Office fulfilled 3,440 inquiries during the month of May; 7,891 inquiries YTD.

FINGER LAKES SWEET TREAT TRAIL

- The Trail is now open for the season and runs May 5-November 25, 2018.

LOCAL LAW TO CONTINUE ROOM TAX FOR 3 YEARS

- A public hearing concerning the local law was held on May 22, 2018 at Emerson Park.

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E-MARKETING

- May e-blast, with water-based activities theme sent to 28,282 emails
- 6,103 unique visits to tourcayuga.com for the month of May; 17,712 unique visits YTD (up 33% from 2017)

E-LEARNING PROGRAM

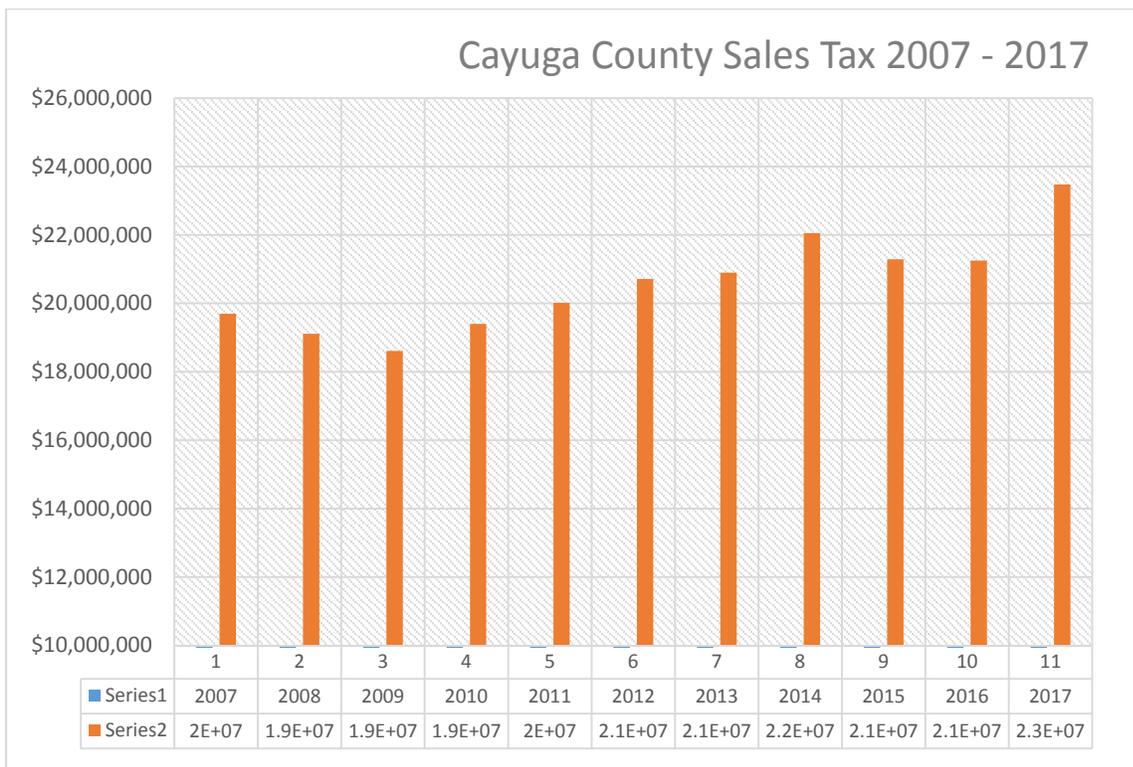
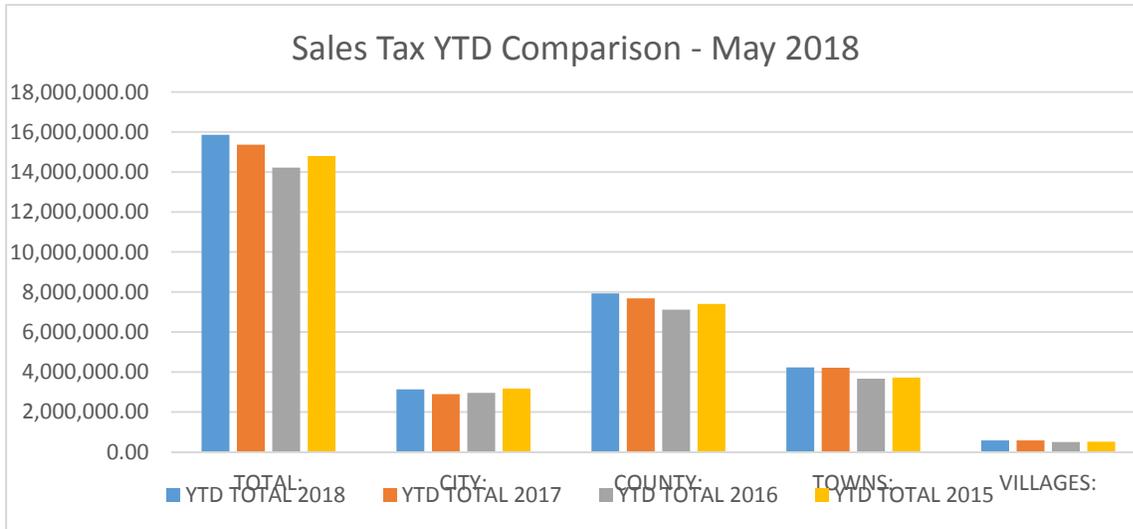
- Presentations were made during the month of May to the Historic & Cultural Sites Commission and Auburn City Council encouraging them and their staff to complete the new tourism e-learning program. To date, 37 people have completed the program. The Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival is in the lead by far with 11 staff completing the program! The Hilton Garden Inn and the Ward O'Hara Agricultural Museum are tied for second place. Thanks to all for promoting the program! <https://www.tourcayuga.com/partners/training-and-education/>

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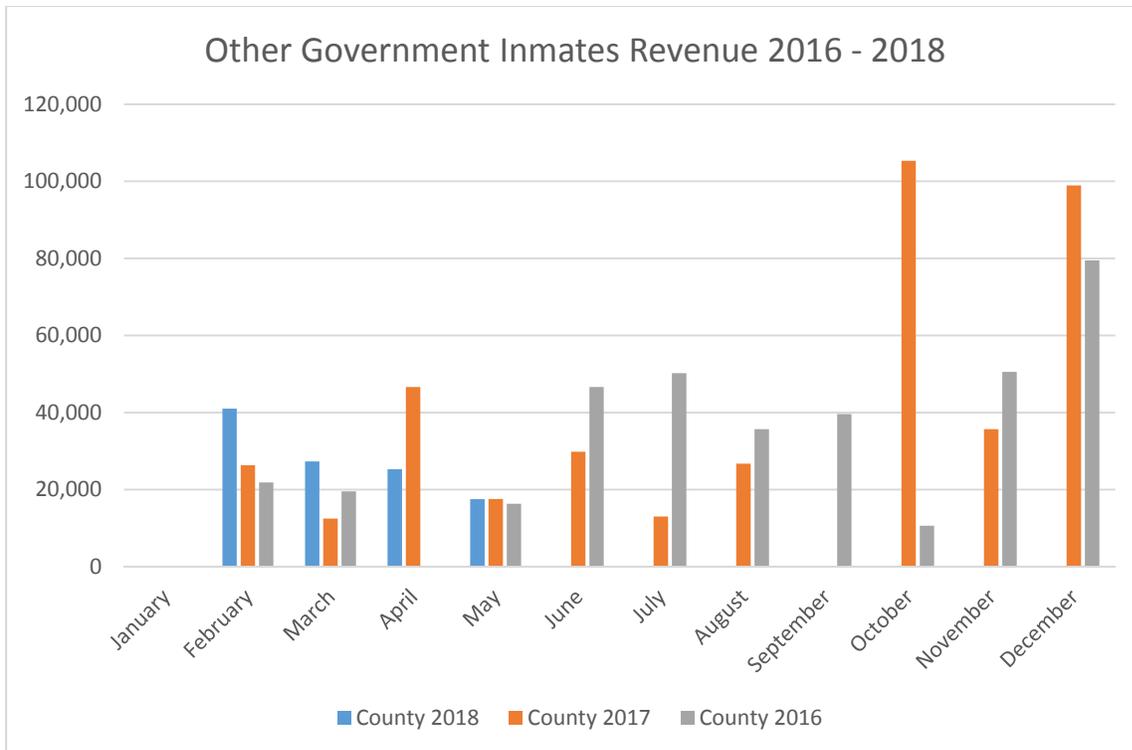
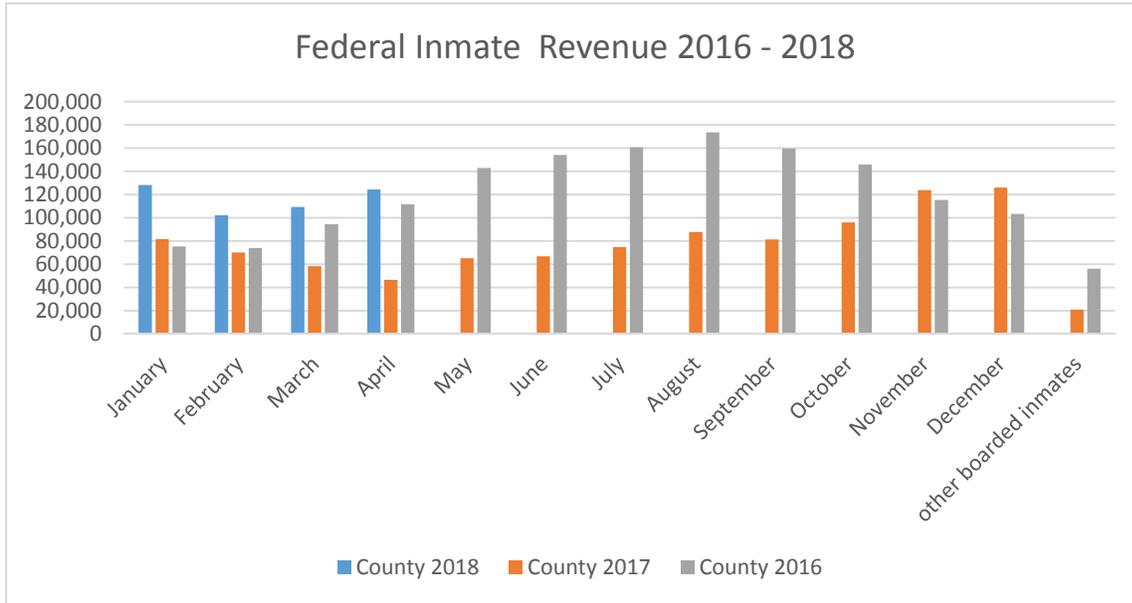
Sales Tax Report



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Federal Inmate Revenue Report



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OUR VIEW

Shared services process requires due diligence

As work progresses toward the goal of establishing a county-wide shared services plan, we urge elected officials from throughout Cayuga County to put in the work necessary to make it as successful as it can be.

New York state has demanded that every county in the state submit a plan outlining specific ways they can produce savings by having municipalities work together. For its part, the state is offering a financial match on savings that counties are able to secure for local taxpayers.

The first local meeting was held last week, and officials talked about some of the ways they are already working together – towns sharing trucks; a town, village and school district fueling their fleets from a single source; and municipalities jointly contracting for code enforcement, dog control and other services.

We know that some officials see this larger plan as nothing more than busywork that won't add up to much, but we hope those feelings will be set aside for the next few weeks so that the process can be given a chance to work.

Cayuga County Administrator J. Justin Woods has done a good job getting a local proposal headed in the right direction. The next three countywide meetings will focus on specific areas – highway and public works; assessment and human resources; and public safety/courts, and purchasing and procurement. To that end, representatives from all municipalities have been asked to come to the next meeting with an inventory of their highway equipment.

Whatever the county comes up with in the end will be the subject of public hearings before being voted on by the Legislature, with a due date of Sept. 15 to submit it to the state. On behalf of the people who put them in office, we expect local officials to work cooperatively through this process so that as many dollars as possible can be shaved off the bills of local taxpayers.

The Citizen – Op-Ed

GUEST COLUMN

Solar the right way to go

The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board is pleased to be assisting municipalities across the region to reduce pollution and energy costs. Through an innovative inter-municipal cooperative procurement approach, our Solarize CNY program will help Cayuga County, the City of Auburn and other municipalities to develop their

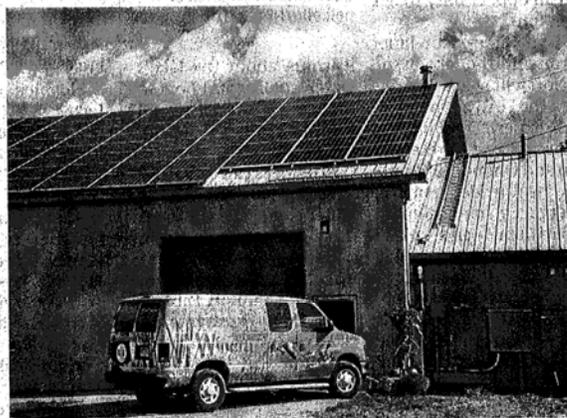
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solar energy resources more efficiently by aggregating the collective buying power of our participating organizations.

From December 2011 to December 2017, New York's solar PV market has grown over 1,000 percent, leveraging more than \$2.8 billion in private investment and supporting 12,000 jobs across the state. There are now more than 78,000 solar projects installed which produce enough electricity for over 159,000 homes. In addition to these completed projects, there are 1,097 megawatts of solar projects currently under development statewide which could power more than 186,000 homes.

This growth shows that solar is a mature technology that has low operating costs and little operational risk. Solar panels have no moving parts and have been deployed by the hundreds of millions worldwide each year. They come with warranties and guarantees from the manufacturers which state that they will produce at least 80 percent as much electricity after 25 years as they do on day one.

To date, our state's solar market has mostly focused on small systems installed on residential rooftops, with an average 900 residential systems installed per month. The state's community solar policy encourages larger



THE CITIZEN FILE

The roof at Montezuma Winery is covered with solar panels.

solar projects and has spurred municipalities, schools and non-profit organizations to install projects that lower their own costs while also providing clean power for our local residents. In recent months, the Buffalo City School District, SUNY New Paltz, Hobart and William Smith Colleges have installed large solar arrays. The cities of Troy and Saratoga Springs have installed solar projects on their landfills to lower municipal expenses and the burden on taxpayers.

Most projects completed by municipalities and non-profit organizations have been developed through a form of public-private partnership known as a Power Purchase Agreement. Through this arrangement, solar developers design, build, own, operate and maintain the solar PV systems and sell the electrical output to the customer at a set price. If the solar PV systems does not meet specified targets, then the developer must compensate the customer. PPAs align the interests of developers and customers because if the system does not perform, then the de-

veloper does not get paid.

PPA contracts have been authorized in 26 states, Washington DC and Puerto Rico and have been used by thousands of customers nationwide. Major corporations like Apple have announced that they will meet all of their electricity needs through instruments like the PPA being considered by our Solarize CNY participating organizations. Here in Central New York, Onondaga County has installed several large solar arrays through a PPA contract.

Municipalities throughout Central New York have an opportunity to join dozens of others throughout the state that have decided to protect taxpayers from rising and volatile utility prices by developing their solar resources through PPA contracts. Our Solarize CNY participating organizations should be applauded for pursuing such projects in a responsible, deliberate manner.

Carrick is Energy Program Manager for the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

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2019 Local Services Plan for Cayuga County

Attached is the 2019 Local Services Plan (LSP) for Cayuga County that was developed over the last few months and submitted to the state on May 31, 2018. New York State Mental Hygiene Law stipulates that Local Government Units (each county in New York State is represented by a Local Government Unit/LGU) develop and submit an annual LSP to three state entities: the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), the Office of Mental Health (OMH), and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The LSP is developed in conjunction with our county's Community Services Board and the three subcommittees (OASAS, OMH, OPWDD) reporting to the Community Services Board. The LSP outlines goals and objectives related to the provision of mental hygiene services and includes over two dozen categories such as housing, transportation, substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, and services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Mental Hygiene Goals and Objectives Form
 Cayuga County Community Services Board (70350)

1. Overall Needs Assessment by Population (Required)

Please explain why or how the overall needs have changed and the results from those changes.

a) Indicate how the level of unmet **mental health service needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same
 Worsened

Please Explain:

The county, over many years, has improved access to mental health services.

- County run clinic operates as an open access clinic with capacity to see crisis walk-ins as well. There is adequate psychiatry for both child/adolescents and adults. The free standing Article 31 is moving in the direction of open access.
- Additional satellite locations are opening at the Child Advocacy Center and on the same floor as FQHC to provide integrated care. That brings the total satellites to 13.
- Mobile Crisis expansion and CIT training Increased access to MST and FFT as home based clinical interventions
- Expanded child and adult respite opportunities
- Jail mental health/transition services implemented
- The county is covered by a CCBHC grant
- The hospital is opening out-patient psychiatry

b) Indicate how the level of unmet **substance use disorder (SUD) needs**, in general, has changed over the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

The county, along with traditional and non-traditional partners, worked to improve access to SUD services and create alternative pathways into treatment.

- The work of the Cayuga County Drug Free Community Coalition has enhanced the cross sector collaboration, advocacy and training opportunities related to SUD. The Coalition has sponsored events such as multiple Narcan trainings and a prevention event at the local high school where students had access to a DUI simulator.
- A local non-profit, Nick's Ride, has significantly enhanced recovery opportunities with its clubhouse that offers multiple meetings and functions as a drop in center for individuals in recovery.
- Regional peer and navigator services are deployed and coordinated.
- Cayuga County is a recipient of COTI services: peers and mobile outreach and treatment
- Local physicians are prescribing Vivitrol
- Jail based SUD services enhanced
- A new outpatient clinic opened
- Hospital planning a 10 bed in-patient unit
- The Regional Open Access Center for Addiction opened in 2017. The center, located in Syracuse, provides 24/7 assessments, access to treatment, referrals to treatment and peer support.

c) Indicate how the level of unmet needs of the **developmentally disabled** population, in general, has changed in the past year: Improved Stayed the Same Worsened

Please Explain:

The level of unmet need has worsened. Youth and adults have no access to crisis services and spend long hours in ER's and long stays in-patient. Discharge planning is difficult as housing/respite remain a challenge. Our region is the last region for a rollout of START and that's slated for 2019.

2. Goals Based On Local Needs

Issue Category	Applicable State Agenc(ies)		
	OASAS	OMH	OPWDD
a) Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Crisis Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Employment/ Job Opportunities (clients)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Prevention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Inpatient Treatment Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Recovery and Support Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

i) Reducing Stigma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) SUD Outpatient Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) SUD Residential Treatment Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Coordination/Integration with Other Systems for SUD clients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Mental Health Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Other Mental Health Outpatient Services (non-clinic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Mental Health Care Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q) Developmental Disability Clinical Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
r) Developmental Disability Children Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s) Developmental Disability Adult Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t) Developmental Disability Student/Transition Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
u) Developmental Disability Respite Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
v) Developmental Disability Family Supports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
w) Developmental Disability Self-Directed Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x) Autism Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
y) Developmental Disability Person Centered Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
z) Developmental Disability Residential Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
aa) Developmental Disability Front Door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ab) Developmental Disability Service Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ac) Other Need (Specify in Background Information)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2a. Housing - Background Information

- As noted in the 2018 Plan, there continues to be only one housing option for individuals with substance abuse/alcohol issues. There is an identified need for separate housing for men and women as well as for women with children. Our population would also benefit from housing options with different levels of care/support that meets their needs where they are at in their recovery.
- Unity House has reported an on-going waiting list of 50-60 individuals in need of non-licensed mental health housing. Treatment apartments have a 90% occupancy rate.
- An average of 50 homeless individuals are housed in shelters, motels and transitional housing a day. Over 70% are experiencing MH or SUD issues.
- There are also a significant number of individuals with developmental disabilities seeking supervised apartments rather than certified settings. An additional group is comprised of those who are in the process of moving from their aging parents' homes into more independent housing. As this population ages, they require more accessibility and medical considerations in residential settings.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

The number of respite units (SUD) and transitional units (MH) will increase and a plan for long term supervised apartments for individuals with developmental disabilities will be developed.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Finalize the conversion of the current half way house into the Part 820 regulations

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Incorporate peer respite into OMH/OASAS Recovery Center.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Develop RFP for additional DSS funded transitional housing services for homeless families.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Central New York Directors Planning Group and regional DSS commissioners will meet with state OPWDD representatives to discuss respite and housing placement needs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: Support DePaul's efforts to purchase and renovate the former Port Byron Middle School apartments and create 30 supported sites and additional affordable housing.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

- Unity House continues to work with the Central New York Care Collaborative (CNYCC) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP) Crisis Stabilization Project to obtain funding for crisis respite. In addition, Unity House has applied for additional respite beds through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. Respite monies from CNYCC are being blended with LGU State Aid to increase respite beds from 1 to 3 with peer supports.
- Unity House opened a new building in 2017--West Middle School. Former classrooms were transformed into thirty-eight one bedroom units and 11 two bedroom units in addition of office space allocated for use by Unity House staff.
- In partnership with the community, the Rescue Mission developed 28 housing units which opened in early 2017. Twenty units are designated for families and women. Eight units provide transitional housing.

2b. Transportation - Background Information

Transportation remains difficult for many individuals, especially considering many rural communities within the county. The county provides transportation services with its SCAT Van which is available to those who are 60+ years of age. Helping Hands is another transportation resource but most people rely on Medicaid transport. Cayuga /Seneca Community Action Agency has started Medicaid transportation with some limited availability for non-Medicaid recipients.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Individuals and families accessing mental health, substance use and/or developmental disability services will be provided with more information on the county's various transportation options.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Information on transportation will be incorporated into the marketing plan developed for mental health, substance use and development disability services.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Members of CSB subcommittees have worked over the last year to advocate for enhancements with bus service, namely the installation of shelters at locations where individuals are travelling to access services. Through the newly opened Regional Open Access Center for Addiction, transportation options have increased for individuals seeking treatment there. Also, as visits by the mobile crisis team increase, this alleviates some transportation needs previously required in a crisis situation.

2c. Crisis Services - Background Information

The continued expansion of crisis services remains a centerpiece of our system of care. The Mobile Crisis Team remains an integral part of service delivery. That, combined with Cayuga County Community Mental Health Services walk-in policy at the outpatient clinic, have helped reduced the number of avoidable emergency department visits. Schools, law enforcement and first responders continue to be encouraged to access and bring people to the walk clinic versus the emergency department when appropriate. Our community continues to see the impact of the opioid crisis and the substance use subcommittee continues to monitor the situation. Multiple Narcan trainings have been conducted by the Drug Free Community Coalition so more community members are now capable to responding to the crisis. In addition, CCCMHS is working in conjunction with the county probation department to implement programs to address the needs of youth who will need to be served due to "raise the age". Additional crisis services are now available for individuals experiencing substance use disorders. The Regional Open Access Center is operational and peers are deployed to the ER and in the community to intervene with individuals in crisis.

Because of the significant growth in treatment and crisis response services in the community, all subcommittee and CSB members agree that a comprehensive marketing campaign is needed to educate the public and other stakeholders on access.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Access to crisis services in the mental health, substance use, and developmentally disabled systems will expand and integrate.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The CSB and subcommittees will develop a comprehensive marketing plan with the assistance of the marketing consultant.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Recovery Center will move into a new building and expand and integrate services to include more treatment options and peer services.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The mobile crisis team will expand services to 24/7/365 and law enforcement will receive a second round of CIT training.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Continue to prepare for START implementation.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 5: Work with Oswego County DCS and OMH to expand the Oswego ACT Team into Cayuga County.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Calls to the mobile crisis team have increased over the year. The Regional Open Access Center for Addiction, shaped by the Central New York Directors Planning Group, opened in 2017. The center provides 24/7 assessments, access to treatment, referrals to treatment and peer support. In addition, in Cayuga County, a recovery center operated by a local non-profit (Nick's Ride) has become an integral part of service delivery in the community. Regional Peer and Family Support Navigator services have been incorporated into the recovery center and discussions among Nick's Ride, Unity House, and Cayuga County Community Mental Health Services continue with the goal of expanding the service. OPWDD announced that the START program is slated to roll out in our region in 2019. An OPWDD representative presented on START during an OPWDD subcommittee meeting. CCCHMC has been meeting with the county probation department to implement the "eConnect" program which is managed by Columbia University that creates linkages to services for youth at various levels of risk for suicide.

2d. Workforce Recruitment and Retention (service system) - Background Information

Representatives on all subcommittees agree that providers county and region-wide struggle with recruiting and retraining qualified staff. Expansion in the substance abuse treatment field is slow due to the difficulty in recruiting, hiring and retaining qualified staff. Similarly, expansion in peer services has slowed due to the same issues.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Collect data on workforce needs and partner with regional stakeholders to develop a strategy of regional efforts in recruitment, training and support.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Leverage private foundation interest in convening the stakeholder forum

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Develop survey and collect data on workforce needs

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Develop action plan based on data analysis

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2e. Employment/ Job Opportunities (clients) - Background Information

The Cayuga County Employment and Outreach Network is a collaboration of organizations committed to increasing employment opportunities. Unity House's PROS Program offers employment services to consumers. The County Department of Social Services has partnered with Loretto to train recipients as CNA's to work at Loretto.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):

Will continue to work to identify employment opportunities for individuals in recovery and will collaborate with Cayuga County Employment and Outreach Network as necessary.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2f. Prevention - Background Information

The Cayuga County Drug Free Communities Coalition is a vibrant and committed group of community stakeholders sector representatives implementing and operationalizing a SAMHSA approved prevention workplan.

SAMHSA System of Care funding trained a staff Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in self regulation and yoga. Self-regulation is a developmental skill learned by mirroring adults and is like a muscle and must be exercised in order to strengthen it. Yoga provides a framework for learning these skills through mind-body awareness to teach children to learn to recognize physical states that contribute to emotional reactivity and offer specific techniques that allow for responses as opposed to impulsive reactions. This will be incorporated into our prevention work in order to (1) Offer on-the-go and immediate interventions for self-regulation (2) Provide a framework for adults to understand how to intervene in various circumstances (3) Increase children's understanding of their physical, emotional and mental states and how to exercise self-control.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

To continue to promote and provide evidence based prevention strategies in the community to build resilience.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Train the UPK staff in self-regulation/yoga and assist them in writing it into their curriculum

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Provide self-regulation/yoga trainings in the community and schools

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Continue to support the work of the Cayuga County Drug Free Communities Coalition

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

The Cayuga County Drug Free Communities Coalition has worked tremendously hard in 2017 and 2018 providing 12 presentations at local schools, colleges and the hospital. The Coalition took part in community events like the Fall Harvest at the local apple orchard and a criminal justice event at the community college. The coalition sponsored a public awareness event with "Chasing the Dragon" and an event at the high school with a DUI simulator and also sponsored two Narcan trainings. The Coalition's Project Coordinator promoted the "United to Fight It" campaign each Monday in January on a local television broadcast and she also oversaw substance use data collection at seven schools in the district and met with all schools to discuss results.

2h. Recovery and Support Services - Background Information

Cayuga County has benefitted from an increase in peer services from the Center of Treatment Innovation grant and regional OASAS funding. We've worked to embed the peers in locations where they can be accessed and incorporated into the work with recipients and have moved them to Nick's Ride Recovery Center in order to support the individuals and families coming to the center.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Integrate peer supports in the treatment system.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Assess and manage regional resources for optimal integration of peer services in Cayuga County.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: As part of the workforce analysis, identify gaps in peer services and training needs and coordinate strategy to grow the field.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Peer services will move and be co-located at Recovery Center

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Blend and braid OMH and private foundation funds to open and staff a recovery center in partnership with Unity House and Nick's Ride for Friends

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2i. Reducing Stigma - Background Information

Stigma continues to have a negative effect on people seeking treatment. Community attitudes will be addressed in a more coordinated manner.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

CSB and subcommittees will build in messaging related to stigma in all marketing materials

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Marketing consultant will help to tailor stigma related messaging for marketing materials

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Subcommittees will plan for event or marketing blitz during awareness months

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2l. Heroin and Opioid Programs and Services - Background Information

The latest data from the DOH county opioid quarterly report suggest that deaths in Cayuga County attributed to opioids remained the same in 2017 (data from last quarter of 2017 not available yet). Trends in the data suggest that visits to the emergency department due to opioids have decreased from 2016 to 2017.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Continue the integration of SUD services and capitalize on the increased capacity to SUD treatment.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Peer services will move and be co-located at Recovery Center

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Drug Free Community Coalition will sponsor/host trainings and public awareness events

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: The number of inmates treated with Vivitrol at county jail will increase

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Educate the community on points of access for the expanded treatment opportunities

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

- The Regional Open Access Center for Addiction opened in 2017
- Implementation of the STR Grant
- Additional Peer services deployed
- Increased SUD services at jail

2m. Coordination/Integration with Other Systems for SUD clients - Background Information

- Continued work with the hospital BHU and ER on crisis and discharge services
- Integration of MAT into FQHC's and primary care
- MAT treatment at Article 31's
- Improving integration and access for law enforcement, corrections and emergency responders with mobile SUD services
- Coordination of regional assets

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):

Work will continue in order to assess community need and opportunities for coordination of regional assets to lead to improved integration of services.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2p. Mental Health Care Coordination - Background Information

Health Home Care Management for individuals with mental health diagnoses is a core component of the service delivery continuum. The Department of Health and Office of Mental Health are aiming to increase the number of HARP enrolled individuals to be linked with HCBS services. There is a need in the county to strategize on how to improve access to HCBS services for those who qualify.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Provide education on and increase access to HCBS services.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: The number of HARP enrollees assessed for HCBS services will increase

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: The number of HARP enrollees linked to an HCBS service provider will increase

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2q. Developmental Disability Clinical Services - Background Information

Psychiatric and mental health treatment for individuals with developmental disabilities remains limited. ARC employs four therapists and has an on-site psychiatrist (one day per week) but demand outweighs the availability of the service.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Increase the availability of psychiatric services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Increase psychiatric services through collaborative efforts between agencies.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2r. Developmental Disability Children Services - Background Information

There are not enough services available for high needs children, particularly for after-school respite.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):
OPWDD needs to allocate resources in order for us to plan.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2s. Developmental Disability Adult Services - Background Information

It is difficult for our aging clients to find appropriate programming and residential opportunities.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):
OPWDD needs to allocate resources in order for us to plan.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2t. Developmental Disability Student/Transition Services - Background Information

ACCES-VR has a strong presence in the community to support the transition. Families and providers are not always aware of the services provided. In addition, as staff turns over at community providers and at schools, new employees need to be acclimated to the services that are available. Regularly scheduled (at least annual) meetings would help to enhance communication and therefore access to transition services.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Increase communication between schools, providers and ACCES-VR when planning for students transitioning from the school setting to

community based programs.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: OPWDD subcommittee will schedule presentation with ACCES-VR one time per year

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: OPWDD subcommittee member will meet with school staff regarding transition on an annual basis

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2u. Developmental Disability Respite Services - Background Information

Respite services for individuals with developmental disabilities remains limited. Unity House provides four slots for planned or emergency respite but more capacity is needed as ER and BHU discharges are held up due to lack of housing.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Opportunities for respite services will be explored.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Central New York Directors Planning Group and regional DSS commissioners will meet with state OPWDD representatives to discuss respite and housing placement needs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2v. Developmental Disability Family Supports - Background Information

There are limited support services for families. The Childhood Network of Comprehensive Education and Support (CHANCES) Program is highly utilized but is limited to serving families of children 21 years or younger with an autism spectrum disorder.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):
OPWDD needs to allocate resources in order for us to plan.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2x. Autism Services - Background Information

Parents as well as providers have identified the need for expanded autism services. There are unique requirements for these participants and programs need to be designed to reflect those including more intensive services, and longer adjustment periods to accept changes. The Arc of Seneca County is actively seeking grant funding for family support services in 2018. These are intended to fund higher levels of respite, higher levels of support, and expanded home based services. Currently funding for evaluations is available for Medicaid recipients. The agency is seeking funding to provide scholarships for non-Medicaid funded individuals in need of diagnostic evaluations.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

Public awareness of the local autism services that are currently provided will increase.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Messaging about autism and services available will be incorporated in marketing plan

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: Autism Committee meeting will be combined with Dual Diagnosis Task Force to encourage more participation

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2z. Developmental Disability Residential Services - Background Information

Demand exceeds supply for housing.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

If "No", Please discuss any challenges that have precluded the development of a goal (e.g. external barriers):
OPWDD needs to allocate resources in order for us to plan.

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

2ab. Developmental Disability Service Coordination - Background Information

As OPWDD moves toward implementation of Health Home Care Management, the community will need to closely monitor the roll out of the services and ensure that individuals and families have access to it.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal (Maximum 5 Objectives per goal)? Yes No

OPWDD subcommittee will monitor implementation of health home care management and assist individuals and families as necessary.

Objective Statement

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3. Goals Based On State Initiatives

State Initiative

Applicable State
Agenc(ies)

OASAS OMH OPWDD

a) Medicaid Redesign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) NYS Department of Health Prevention Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3a. Medicaid Redesign - Background Information

As mentioned in #2p Mental Health Care Coordination, DOH and OMH have started a push for more HARP members to be enrolled in HCBS services. Cayuga County will be working to develop a strategy to improve coordination across all providers involved (Care Management Agencies, HCBS providers, MCOs) so that more individuals will be linked to the service and so that a more efficient system of care is developed.

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

The number of HARP members enrolled in HCBS services will increase.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Assessment of HCBS providers in Cayuga County will take place to better understand service capacity

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: County wide HCBS task force will be formed

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 3: Plan to better educate on services and promote awareness of HCBS will be determined

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 4: Plan to improve engagement with HARP enrollees will be determined

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3b. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program - Background Information

CCCMHS is working to co-locate mental health services and primary care services and to enhance communication with the hospital to improve collaboration on patients who are high utilizers of the ED and inpatients units

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

Mental health, primary care and hospital-based care will become more integrated and connected.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: Mental health services will be co-located at East Hill Family Medical where highest risk patients will be identified and treated

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Objective 2: CCCMHS will connect with various departments at Auburn Community Hospital to inquire about enhancing collaboration with the care of patients with high rates of utilization

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

3c. Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs) - Background Information

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Goal Statement- Is this Goal a priority goal? Yes No

CCMHCS will continue to participate in RPC and work with Central Regional Coordinator on initiatives as needed.

Objective Statement

Objective 1: As state continues to focus on roll out of HCBS services, CCMHCS will coordinate with RPC Central Regional Coordinator to ensure access to services in Cayuga County

Applicable State Agency: (check all that apply): OASAS OMH OPWDD

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

4. Other Goals (Optional)

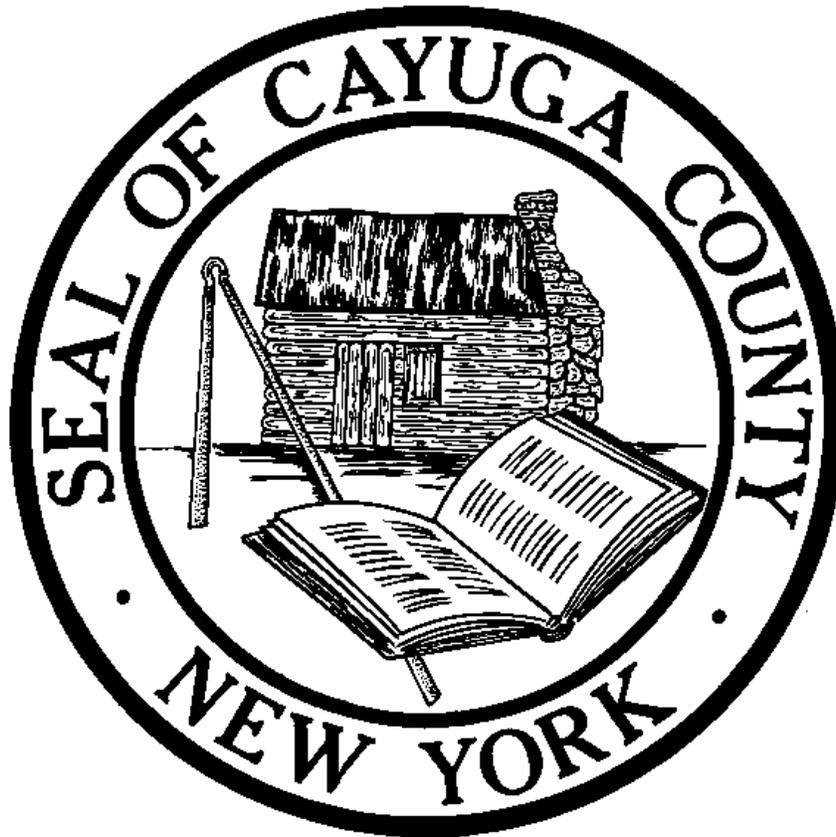
Other Goals - Background Information

Do you have a Goal related to addressing this need? Yes No

Change Over Past 12 Months (Optional)

Attachments
• UH Sch C Attachment LSP 2018.pdf - Additional Unity House Information re Schedule C

2018-19 State Budget Impact Report for Cayuga County



Hon. Patrick Mahunik, Chair, County Legislature



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Dear County Official,

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) developed this report to provide detailed and customized State Budget information unique to your county. This is the only compilation of this state budget data specifically for your county.

This 2018 report is not a comprehensive review of all state spending in your county, but highlights major grant programs, not just to the county, but to other municipalities and school districts as well. Our goal is to give county officials a more complete picture of how state funding flows to different areas of the county and for what purpose.

Most funding from the state to counties is reimbursement-based and is not part of this report. As indicated, county spending occurs largely in fulfillment of state mandated services and programs where the county administers and finances programs in the first instance and then seeks reimbursement from the state for eligible expenses. For the most part, other municipalities do not have this relationship with the State.

The report also includes a description of grant programs (broadly defined by the State) that counties can apply to in support of local initiatives. These grant programs are related to economic development, infrastructure and municipal facilities, and capital equipment and are competitive in nature or secured with support of your state legislative representatives.

I hope you find this customized report of value as you continue to serve the communities in your county.

Sincerely,



MaryEllen Odell,
NYSAC President

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I. Executive Summary

County Highlights in the Final 2018-19 State Budget

The enacted state budget was primarily a status quo budget for counties, but it also included some targeted reductions to New York City for its Close to Home initiative (NYSAC views this program as a precursor to raising the age of responsibility, and the cut is worrisome as a precedent), as well as reductions in state funding for community colleges. Much of our advocacy efforts this year were focused on reversing cuts proposed by the Governor.

Sales Tax

The Governor proposed two major revenue changes that would have benefited counties by increasing sales tax revenues. This included a proposal to modernize the state's sales tax collections process to close a loophole that allows out of state companies selling their products through the Internet to avoid charging sales tax. This places New York based retailers at a competitive disadvantage and has denied significant sales tax revenues for counties and the state. A second proposal from the Governor was the elimination of a sales tax exemption for energy services companies (ESCOs) that has been in place for nearly 20 years. The reasoning by the Executive was that the exemption is no longer necessary as the industry it aids is fully matured. These proposals sought to level the playing field for competitors in the same marketplace, but were rejected in the final budget. Combined, these two proposals would have increased sales tax revenues for counties by up to \$200 million annually according to estimates from the Governor.

Roads and Bridges

Last year, the state budget included a significant increase in road and bridge funding for local governments across the state. The 2018-19 enacted budget supports the prior increases. By maintaining recent increases for roads, bridges, and culverts in this budget the SFY 2018-19 appropriation level for transportation items will be 44 percent higher than it was in 2015-16.

Water Infrastructure

Last year, at the urging of local governments and counties, the State Legislature and Governor agreed to significantly increase funding levels for water quality and safety initiatives. The state has authorized a \$2.5 billion multi-year spending plan for a vast array of water infrastructure programs, from which counties and other municipalities will be eligible to apply for grant funding. Year two of this program is fully funded and detailed grant opportunities will be made available soon.

Indigent Defense Service & Funding Expansion

In 2017, the Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) established a statewide, one-size-fits-all definition of "indigent" for purposes of providing a county financed public defense in criminal cases, and it has impacted many counties. However, the enacted budget provides increased funding to support the expansion of the Hurrell-Harring settlement to all 57 counties, which requires caseload caps for public defenders and counsel at first appearance. This plan calls for a seven-year phase in of this service expansion and, as required under last year's budget, the state must appropriate funding to cover any increased costs before a county is required to expand service delivery in their county. The enacted 2018-19 budget provides the first major installment for the remaining 52 counties with an appropriation of \$51 million to assist counties with the expansion and \$1 million for the Office of Indigent Legal Services to expand their staff to support county efforts. NYSAC will provide additional information to counties as the details of this program change are released by the state.

Challenges Remain

Counties continue to struggle with small funding lapses by the state and other fiscal burdens that can be imposed administratively outside of the budget. For example, state funding to support mandated salary increases for county district attorneys was not included in the state budget for the third year, community college funding fell short, and the budget retains language to allow the Governor to lower appropriations if the federal government cuts Medicaid or other federal funding by more than \$850 million – this does allow the Legislature to develop their own plan before anything happens.

Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility

Additionally, last year's budget changed state laws to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18 over a two-year phase-in beginning October 1, 2018. When fully phased in, the state estimates the program will cost nearly \$400 million on an annual basis with the state supporting most of the costs, but much of this funding will come from counties first and later reimbursed. State reimbursements to counties are linked to each county staying within their property tax cap, but allowances may be made in circumstances where a county is experiencing fiscal stress.

While the state has been working closely with counties on implementing this new law, with a little over four months to go before the law is effective the state has not adopted or even released draft regulations for many parts of the law and state agencies involved. NYSAC will provide additional reports on this initiative as more details become available.

Federal Tax Reform

The total impact of federal tax reforms enacted last year are still unknown for New York taxpayers, but it has been determined that high tax, high property cost states like New York are disadvantaged by the federal reforms compared to other states. Far more New York taxpayers (in total numbers and proportionately) will pay more in federal taxes than taxpayers in other states. This negative impact will increase over time compared to no changes in federal tax laws.

The Legislature and Governor made numerous changes to state tax laws to mitigate the impact on New York taxpayers. These are discussed in more detail in the tax section of this report.

State Financial Plan

The State Budget maintains its voluntary commitment to limit *state operating funds* growth to 2 percent. This, however, leaves out a variety of funding sources and spending accounts including capital, federal, and some state restricted fund sources, and it fails to recognize the state moving operating expenses to capital and moving some spending completely off-budget. When these types of actions are fully accounted for, spending growth would track more closely to the Total State Funds category below, 5.3 percent growth. The enacted SFY 2018-19 budget projects the following through a variety of different accounting measures:

- **State Operating Funds** spending of \$100.1 billion, which is an increase of \$1.94 billion or growth of 2.0 percent over SFY 2017-18.
- **All-Funds** spending of \$168.3 billion, for annual growth of 2.8 percent.
- **Total State Funds** spending (including Operating Funds, Special Revenue Funds and Capital Projects) is projected at \$112.6 billion for growth of \$5.6 billion or 5.3 percent over last year.
- **General Fund** spending is projected at \$75.5 billion, an 8.3 percent increase over last year.

II. Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM)

Recent Events

The SFY 2018-19 Budget level funded AIM. The Senate and Assembly had both proposed increases, but the final budget did not adopt any changes.

AIM Background

State unrestricted aid to local governments has been held flat since 2008, at \$715 million. This is down from a peak of about \$1.1 billion in unrestricted aid provided in 1988-89. Revenue sharing for counties ended in 1989, reducing the unrestricted aid by \$47 million. Nearly \$330 million in annual revenue sharing for New York City ended in 2010.

What Counties Really Lost When the State Eliminated Revenue Sharing

“The elimination of revenue sharing for counties was part of a larger deal with state leaders under which the county share of preschool special education costs would be lowered to 25 percent. This funding deal was never implemented, and the county share of preschool special education remains at 40.5 percent today. If the State had abided by the deal, counties would have spent \$270 million less last year on preschool special education services based on the size of the program today.”

—Stephen J. Acquario, NYSAC Executive Director

Today, about 90 percent of AIM funding is targeted to cities—and the rest goes to towns and villages. For cities, AIM assistance can be a significant portion of their total budget and could approach 30 percent of total revenue for some municipalities. For towns and villages, AIM generally represents a very small portion of local revenues, but remains important.

AIM payments are paid out through varying installments depending on the municipal type:

- **Cities** (\$647.1 million) – Most cities receive installments in September and December. A handful of cities receive payments in March, June or October as well.
- **Towns** (\$47.9 million) and **Villages** (\$19.8 million) receive a single payment in September.

There were minor changes in AIM distributions based on the dissolution of a few villages since December 31, 2016. Upon dissolution, the village’s AIM funding is transferred to the town absorbing the village functions, these include:

- The Village of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, dissolved effective December 31, 2016. The former Village's AIM will henceforth be paid to the Town of Hermon.
- The Village of Port Henry, Essex County, dissolved effective March 31, 2017. The Village's AIM will henceforth be paid to the Town of Moriah.
- The Village of Macedon, Wayne County, dissolved effective March 31, 2017. The Village's AIM will henceforth be paid to the Town of Macedon.
- The Village of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County, dissolved effective December 31, 2017. The Villages AIM will henceforth be paid to the Town of Cherry Creek.

- The Village of Barneveld, Oneida County, dissolved effective December 31, 2017. The Villages AIM will henceforth be paid to the Town of Trenton.

Below is a chart of AIM payments to local governments in your county for SFY 2018-19.

Cayuga County			
Aid and Incentives for Municipalities			
Municipality	2018-19 Budget	Municipality	2018-19 Budget
City of Auburn	\$4,982,093	Town of Sennett	\$13,182
Town of Aurelius	\$19,265	Town of Springport	\$11,962
Town of Brutus	\$28,767	Town of Sterling	\$19,955
Town of Cato	\$13,080	Town of Summer Hill	\$5,703
Town of Conquest	\$12,510	Town of Throop	\$18,001
Town of Fleming	\$13,273	Town of Venice	\$9,129
Town of Genoa	\$10,825	Town of Victory	\$8,982
Town of Ira	\$14,974	Village of Aurora	\$10,206
Town of Ledyard	\$10,288	Village of Cato	\$3,765
Town of Locke	\$9,132	Village of Cayuga	\$4,949
Town of Mentz	\$17,289	Village of Fair Haven	\$4,675
Town of Montezuma	\$5,998	Village of Meridian	\$4,656
Town of Moravia	\$17,908	Village of Moravia	\$11,779
Town of Niles	\$5,490	Village of Port Byron	\$10,829
Town of Owasco	\$27,099	Village of Union Springs	\$7,511
Town of Scipio	\$7,579	Village of Weedsport	\$15,701
Town of Sempronius	\$4,574	COUNTYWIDE AIM	\$5,361,129

III. CHIPS and Other Road and Bridge Funding

Counties have been calling for increased investment in local roads and bridges for several years. The Great Recession, state funding cuts, slow sales tax growth and the property tax cap have conspired against needed investments in local roads and bridges.

Starting in the 2016-17 State Budget, significant and recurring increases in funding for local roads and bridges have occurred through the creation of two new programs, PAVE-NY (\$100 million) and BRIDGE-NY (\$100 million). These new funding streams were in addition to the existing CHIP and Marchiselli programs.

For SFY 2017-18, the full funding of all local government assistance road programs was continued, plus an additional one-time appropriation of \$65 million was included to address harsh winter conditions to be apportioned using the CHIPS formula.

The 2018-19 state funding for local roads and bridges is continued under the model defined in the prior two budgets and includes:

- 1) \$438.1 million in base CHIPS aid is maintained.
- 2) \$65 million in one-time “Extreme Winter Recovery” repair funding.
- 3) \$100 million for the PAVE-NY program for local road projects.
- 4) \$100 million for the BRIDGE-NY program for local bridge projects. This program does not use the CHIPS formula to allocate funding, but envisions input from county and other local officials on priority bridge and culvert projects in their communities.
- 5) \$50 million addition to BRIDGE-NY for SFY 2017-18 & 2018-19 combined that includes \$20 million for culverts, and DOT has agreed to lower the minimum award for culverts from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

“In total, when including the \$65 million in one-time winter weather funding in this year’s Budget, total state funding to support local roads and bridges will be \$703 million, representing a 44 percent increase over the 2015-16 level of \$488 million.”

—Stephen J. Acquario, NYSAC Executive Director

For a typical county the funding for 2018-19 will be about the same as last year (not accounting for BRIDGE-NY funding). However, due to how funds are distributed under the CHIPS formula, annual increase can vary among counties (see next page).

The 2018-19 base CHIPS will be distributed as follows (*numbers may not add due to rounding*):

2018-19 CHIPS Base Funding		
Distribution by Municipal Type		
Municipality	Base CHIPS	% of Total
New York City	\$86M	19.6%
Counties	\$149.2M	34.1%
Cities	\$40.8M	9.3%
Towns	\$130.7M	29.8%
Villages	\$31.4M	7.2%
TOTAL	\$438.1M	100%

State Rules for Allocating CHIPS Funds

Individual apportionments to municipalities for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) are calculated annually according to a formula specified in Section 10-c of the State Highway Law. While several other factors are considered (municipality "funding levels" and historical percentages for counties, cities, towns and villages), the two most important data inputs are local highway inventory (LHI) mileage (for all municipalities) and motor vehicle registrations (for counties and New York City) that are reported annually to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

Capital projects are first-instance funded by individual municipalities. The municipality then requests reimbursement from the State for its local cash expenditures made for highway-related capital projects. Reimbursements are provided by the state on a quarterly basis. Municipalities must certify on their reimbursement request forms that project disbursements were

- A. Made during the specified authorized reimbursement period,
- B. Have a minimum ten-year service life, or
- C. Targeted for:
 - a. Micro-surfacing;
 - b. Paver placed surface treatment;
 - c. Single course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil and stone; or
 - d. Double course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil and stone.

The following chart summarizes CHIPS and other state supported road funding for all municipalities within your county for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 state fiscal years. The last column shows each jurisdiction's change in funding for 2018-19 compared to 2017-18.

Cayuga County CHIPS & Road Funding									
Local Government	SFY 2017-18 Funding			SFY 2018-19 Funding				Dollar Change from Prior Year	Percent Change from Prior Year
	CHIPS SFY 2017-18	Extreme Winter Recovery Funding	PAVE-NY SFY 2017-18	CHIPS SFY 2018-19	Extreme Winter Recovery Funding	PAVE-NY SFY 2018-19	Total Road Funding SFY 2018-19		
County of Cayuga	\$3,270,567	\$495,297	\$746,539	\$3,261,868	\$495,297	\$744,883	\$4,502,048	(\$10,355)	-0.2%
City of Auburn	\$612,990	\$92,090	\$139,921	\$609,910	\$92,090	\$139,181	\$841,182	(\$3,820)	-0.5%
Town of Aurelius	\$53,774	\$10,036	\$12,275	\$54,021	\$10,036	\$12,330	\$76,387	\$302	0.4%
Town of Brutus	\$72,206	\$13,857	\$16,482	\$72,509	\$13,857	\$16,549	\$102,916	\$371	0.4%
Town of Cato	\$76,270	\$14,739	\$17,409	\$76,576	\$14,739	\$17,478	\$108,792	\$374	0.3%
Town of Conquest	\$81,852	\$14,775	\$18,684	\$81,852	\$14,775	\$18,684	\$115,311	\$0	0.0%
Town of Fleming	\$44,983	\$8,739	\$10,268	\$45,156	\$8,739	\$10,306	\$64,201	\$212	0.3%
Town of Genoa	\$103,502	\$19,747	\$23,625	\$103,935	\$19,747	\$23,723	\$147,405	\$531	0.4%
Town of Ira	\$96,257	\$18,135	\$21,972	\$96,682	\$18,135	\$22,068	\$136,885	\$521	0.4%
Town of Ledyard	\$81,336	\$15,675	\$18,566	\$81,655	\$15,675	\$18,638	\$115,968	\$392	0.3%
Town of Locke	\$56,680	\$11,090	\$12,938	\$56,887	\$11,090	\$12,984	\$80,961	\$253	0.3%
Town of Mentz	\$33,456	\$6,497	\$7,637	\$33,585	\$6,497	\$7,666	\$47,748	\$158	0.3%
Town of Montezuma	\$23,860	\$4,621	\$5,446	\$23,954	\$4,621	\$5,467	\$34,042	\$115	0.3%
Town of Moravia	\$45,204	\$8,447	\$10,318	\$45,427	\$8,447	\$10,368	\$64,241	\$273	0.4%
Town of Niles	\$93,604	\$17,670	\$21,366	\$93,995	\$17,670	\$21,455	\$133,120	\$481	0.4%
Town of Owasco	\$53,871	\$9,825	\$12,297	\$54,142	\$9,825	\$12,358	\$76,325	\$332	0.4%
Town of Scipio	\$92,525	\$17,619	\$21,120	\$92,912	\$17,619	\$21,207	\$131,738	\$474	0.4%
Town of Sempronius	\$82,915	\$16,286	\$18,296	\$83,196	\$16,286	\$18,990	\$118,472	\$344	0.3%
Town of Sennett	\$61,730	\$11,712	\$14,091	\$62,009	\$11,712	\$14,153	\$87,874	\$341	0.4%
Town of Springport	\$47,261	\$9,159	\$10,788	\$47,447	\$9,159	\$10,829	\$67,435	\$227	0.3%
Town of Sterling	\$116,178	\$22,665	\$26,519	\$116,612	\$22,665	\$26,616	\$165,892	\$531	0.3%
Town of Summerhill	\$71,114	\$13,304	\$16,232	\$71,428	\$13,304	\$16,304	\$101,036	\$386	0.4%
Town of Throop	\$55,653	\$10,776	\$12,703	\$55,873	\$10,776	\$12,752	\$79,401	\$269	0.3%
Town of Venice	\$113,314	\$21,825	\$25,865	\$113,769	\$21,825	\$25,967	\$161,561	\$557	0.3%
Town of Victory	\$97,669	\$18,697	\$22,294	\$98,071	\$18,697	\$22,384	\$139,152	\$493	0.4%
Village of Aurora	\$6,090	\$1,112	\$1,390	\$6,088	\$1,112	\$1,389	\$8,590	(\$3)	0.0%
Village of Cato	\$8,526	\$1,542	\$1,946	\$8,523	\$1,542	\$1,945	\$12,010	(\$4)	0.0%
Village of Cayuga	\$11,057	\$2,049	\$2,524	\$11,053	\$2,049	\$2,523	\$15,625	(\$5)	0.0%
Village of Fair Haven	\$50,153	\$8,939	\$11,448	\$50,134	\$8,939	\$11,442	\$70,515	(\$25)	0.0%
Village of Meridian	\$4,490	\$819	\$1,025	\$4,488	\$819	\$1,024	\$6,332	(\$2)	0.0%
Village of Moravia	\$19,850	\$3,689	\$4,531	\$19,843	\$3,689	\$4,529	\$28,061	(\$8)	0.0%
Village of Port Byron	\$26,753	\$4,889	\$6,107	\$26,744	\$4,889	\$6,104	\$37,737	(\$12)	0.0%
Village of Union Springs	\$36,333	\$6,734	\$8,293	\$36,322	\$6,734	\$8,290	\$51,345	(\$15)	0.0%
Village of Weedsport	\$31,138	\$5,533	\$7,107	\$31,126	\$5,533	\$7,104	\$43,762	(\$16)	0.0%
Countywide Total	\$5,733,159	\$938,589	\$1,308,651	\$5,727,792	\$941,715	\$1,304,563	\$7,974,070	(\$6,328)	-0.1%

Transit System Funding

Most counties provide mass transit services, or are served by a regional transit authority. Overall, non-MTA transit systems across the state were provided about \$1.06 billion in state funding, a 1.3 percent increase over the prior year in the SFY 2018-19 budget.

Below is a chart that highlights mass transit system funding for your county and any regional authorities that operate within the county.

Central New York (Centro)*								
Year	Local Assistance - Mass Transit Accounts/Funds					Capital Projects	Total	Percent Change from 2016-17
	10000	20853	20852	21402	21401	17551514		
SFY 2017-18	\$11,226,000	\$9,469,600	\$0	\$0	\$12,564,700	\$3,282,600	\$36,542,900	
SFY 2018-19	\$10,901,300	\$9,469,600	\$0	\$0	\$13,546,700	\$3,282,600	\$37,200,200	3.6%

* Services Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego

IV. Community College Funding

State Base Aid

State support for community college base aid is essentially at the same level it was in 2008. This is a function of enrollment at individual campuses, state cuts and partial restorations since the Great Recession.

In the SFY 2018-19 budget the Governor proposed a per student state contribution of \$2,747, or total funding of \$441.4 million, which is a 4.4 percent reduction. The Legislature added to this slightly and the final budget came in at \$453.5 million, or a per student rate of \$2,847. While this per student aid is higher than it has been in the past, current student enrollment is below pre-recession levels. The decline in state dollars is due to fewer community college students. The chart below provides state per student funding support over the last decade.

Community College State FTE Rates			
Year	State FTE \$	% Change	\$ Change
2007-08	\$2,675	5.9%	\$150
2008-09	\$2,675	0.0%	\$0
2009-10	\$2,675	0.0%	\$0
2010-11	\$2,260	-15.5%	(\$415)
2011-12	\$2,122	-6.1%	(\$138)
2012-13	\$2,272	7.1%	\$150
2013-14	\$2,422	6.6%	\$150
2014-15	\$2,497	3.1%	\$75
2015-16	\$2,597	4.0%	\$100
2016-17	\$2,697	3.9%	\$100
2017-18	\$2,747	1.8%	\$50
2018-19	\$2,847	3.6%	\$100

These state aid rates fall short when measured against inflation over the same time frame. Had the state aid FTE rates kept pace with inflation since 2008, the rate for 2018-19 would amount to \$3,171.

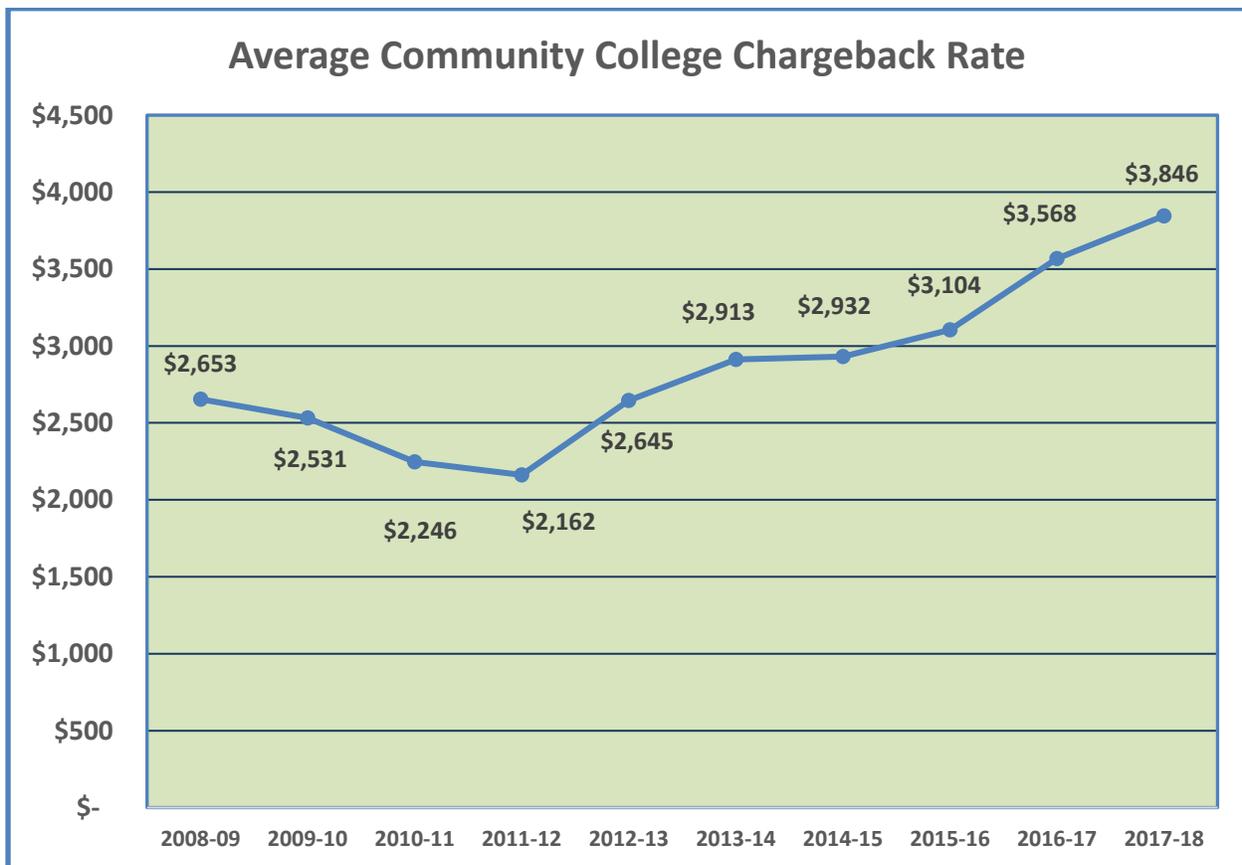
Chargebacks

As indicated, even though the state per student rate amounts may have increased, the drop in enrollment could mean less state support overall at individual campuses. This combination of falling

student enrollment and declines in total funding from the state can create shortfalls at certain schools that could lead to increased chargeback amounts between counties because of how the current chargeback methodology works.

While the state enacted reforms a few years ago to change the chargeback methodology with a goal of reducing large year-to-year swings, and to promote equal fiscal support per student for sponsors and to those counties paying through chargebacks – this budget repealed the requirement to enact these chargeback reforms.

The next chart provides a snapshot of average community college chargeback rates over the last decade.



V. Economic Development Funding

Regional Economic Development Council Funding

Round VIII of the REDC initiative will include \$750 million to fund regional priority projects. The application opens May 1, and the deadline for applications is Friday, July 27th at 4pm. More information is available at www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov.

The ten REDC regions are as follows:

REDC Region	Counties
Western New York	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara
Finger Lakes	Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Southern Tier	Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins
Central New York	Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego
Mohawk Valley	Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie
North Country	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence
Capital Region	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Warren, Washington
Mid-Hudson	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester
New York City	Bronx, Kings, New York, Richmond, Queens
Long Island	Nassau, Suffolk

The table below indicates funding awards for each of the 10 regions over the seven years that the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) have been operating, as well as the total each region has been awarded.

REDC Awards (in Millions)								
Region	Round I (2011)	Round II (2012)	Round III (2013)	Round IV (2014)	Round V (2015)	Round VI (2016)	Round VII (2017)	TOTAL
Western NY	\$100.3	\$52.8	\$60.8	\$58.6	\$83.9	\$62.0	\$68.8	\$487.2
Finger Lakes	\$68.8	\$96.2	\$59.8	\$80.7	\$120.1	\$80.5	\$63.9	\$570.1
Southern Tier	\$49.4	\$91.1	\$81.9	\$80.8	\$117.0	\$60.4	\$67.3	\$547.9
Central NY	\$103.7	\$93.8	\$66.9	\$80.2	\$122.4	\$62.2	\$86.4	\$615.5
Mohawk Valley	\$60.2	\$59.7	\$82.4	\$59.6	\$100.3	\$81.9	\$85.5	\$529.6
North Country	\$103.2	\$90.2	\$81.3	\$63.4	\$85.1	\$61.4	\$64.9	\$549.5

Region	Round I (2011)	Round II (2012)	Round III (2013)	Round IV (2014)	Round V (2015)	Round VI (2016)	Round VII (2017)	TOTAL
Capital Region	\$62.7	\$50.3	\$82.8	\$60.0	\$98.1	\$83.0	\$85.0	\$521.9
Mid-Hudson	\$67.0	\$92.8	\$59.6	\$82.8	\$90.4	\$83.3	\$84.8	\$560.7
NYC	\$66.2	\$51.4	\$57.4	\$61.2	\$84.1	\$80.2	\$64.8	\$465.1
Long Island	\$101.6	\$59.7	\$83.0	\$81.9	\$98.3	\$62.0	\$84.3	\$570.8

VI. Gaming Revenues - Casino

Commercial and Native American Casino Revenue

On November 5, 2013 voters approved an amendment to the State Constitution to allow for private casino gaming in New York. This change allowed the State of New York to enact legislation requiring the sharing of revenue made by both commercial and Native American casinos (the latter through compacts that were adopted in State law).

The State distributes 80 percent of the net gaming revenues retained by the State for state education aid above the state education formula. The host municipalities (city/town and county) share 10 percent. The remaining counties within each region share the final 10 percent.

In State fiscal year 2017-18, all casinos combined, contributed \$249 million to school districts, counties and host communities. Of this amount \$173 million was for schools, and \$76 million was for counties and host communities.

Each counties' amount is determined by their proportionate share of the gaming region's total population (not including the host communities). Below are the annual revenue amounts your county has received since 2015 for Native American gaming zones, or for counties in commercial gaming zones the revenue is highlighted as it accrues on a monthly-basis since these facilities have opened. For counties in commercial casino zones you can track monthly amounts due to your county at <https://www.gaming.ny.gov/gaming/index.php?ID=1> The revenue from both commercial and Native American casinos is paid out to counties on a quarterly basis.

Initial DOB Estimate (2013)	Oneida Nation Region	2015 Total	2016 Total	2017 Total	2018 Total	Total 2015-2018
\$431,901	Cayuga	\$359,827	\$486,093	\$532,551	\$520,737	\$1,899,208

In 2013, the NYS Division of Budget provided county by county estimates of possible revenue amounts. Average annual results in the Oneida region are running slightly higher than estimated.

VII. K-12 Education Funding

For SFY 2018-19, total preschool through 12th grade state aid is \$26 billion, which is a 3.4 percent increase. This is comparable to a 3.7 percent increase in SFY 2017-18. The share of funding set aside for New York City was \$10.54 billion, which is 3.3 percent higher than last year.

While the total funding change is 3.4 percent in this year’s budget, the change by school district and across counties can vary dramatically. Typically, if a school district’s funding share is negative or shows a large increase (5+ percent) there is a good chance the funding level was impacted in either direction by a change in building aid (related to capital projects) or BOCES funding.

In 2008-09, K-12 school aid was about \$20.7 billion after mid-year cuts imposed due to the onset of the Great Recession. It took five years before state aid for K-12 would return to the 2009 levels. The school aid funding history since the Great Recession has been marked by funding cuts in the early years followed by marked improvement in the last several years. State funding for schools has exceeded the statutorily imposed cap linked to the growth in personal income for six consecutive years including SFY 2018-19. State school aid funding is up 34 percent since 2012. The table below highlights state aid for schools over the last 10 years (does not include federal funds).

State School Aid Funding 2009 through 2017		
Year Ending in	Funding Level	Percent Change
2008	\$19.3 billion	
2009	\$20.7 billion	5.0%
2010	\$20.4 billion	-1.6%
2011	\$19.9 billion	-2.1%
2012	\$19.4 billion	-2.9%
2013	\$19.9 billion	2.7%
2014	\$20.8 billion	4.6%
2015	\$21.8 billion	4.6%
2016	\$22.9 billion	5.0%
2017	\$24.3 billion	5.9%
2018	\$25.2 billion	3.7%
2019¹	\$26.0 billion	3.4%

¹2018-19 Estimate provided by New York State Education Department.

The chart on the next page provides a projection of how school districts in your county fared in receiving general state aid for schools in SFY 2018-19 and how that compares to prior state aid funding changes.

2018-19 State School Aid – Cayuga County

School District	2016-17 Total Allocation	2016-17 Percent Change	2017-18 Total Allocation	2017-18 Percent Change	2018-19 Estimated Allocation ¹	2018-19 Percent Change
Auburn	\$39,674,194	3.53%	\$40,703,691	2.59%	\$42,255,331	3.81%
Weedsport	\$10,143,588	10.26%	\$10,396,020	2.49%	\$10,762,611	3.53%
Cato Meridian	\$13,603,668	5.07%	\$13,945,043	2.51%	\$14,525,081	4.16%
Southern Cayuga	\$8,723,599	8.01%	\$8,741,517	0.21%	\$9,099,507	4.10%
Port Byron	\$13,312,319	5.37%	\$14,069,842	5.69%	\$13,400,772	-4.76%
Moravia	\$12,513,144	5.85%	\$13,070,263	4.45%	\$13,890,918	6.28%
Union Springs	\$9,920,225	6.12%	\$10,038,433	1.19%	\$10,488,508	4.48%
Countywide Total	\$107,890,737	5.42%	\$110,964,809	2.85%	\$114,422,728	3.12%

¹ Estimate provided by New York State Education Department.

VIII. Medicaid

Background

Counties have lobbied for decades regarding the extreme burden that paying for the State’s Medicaid program places on local budgets and property taxpayers – especially compared to other states. In recognition of these concerns, the state imposed two separate county Medicaid growth caps in the last 13 years. In the absence of these changes, county costs would be billions of dollars higher today.

Three Percent Medicaid Growth Cap

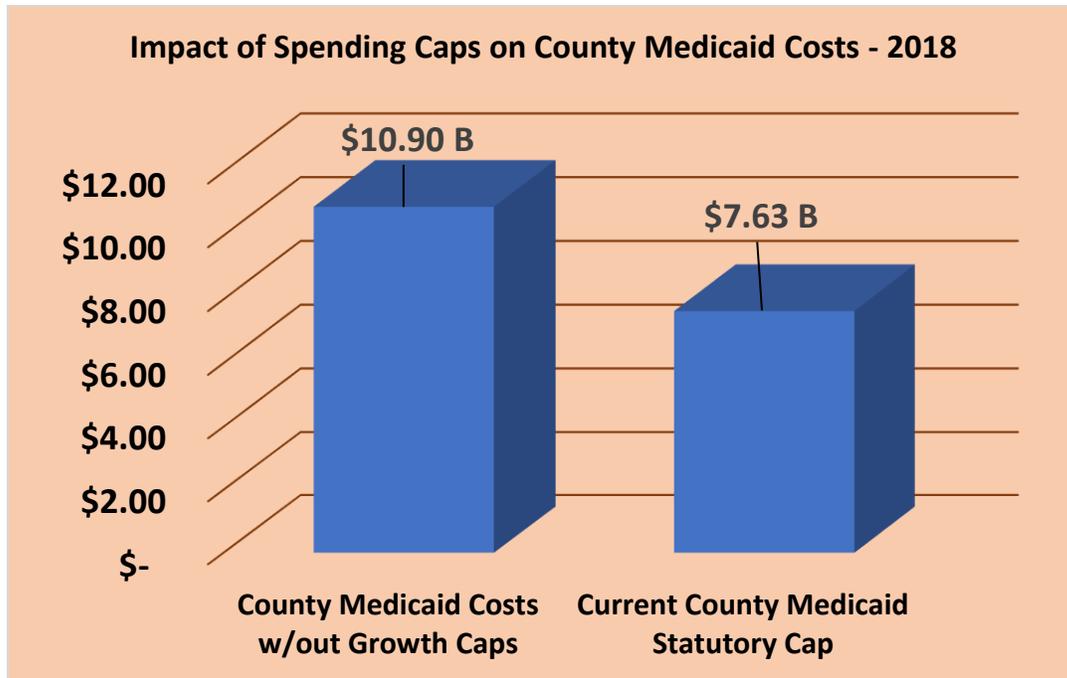
In 2005, the state enacted a cap on the annual growth of county Medicaid expenses to no more than 3.5 percent of the designated base year, which ratcheted down to annual growth of no more than 3 percent of base year costs by 2008.

Prior to this time the county share of Medicaid costs was a set percentage of each Medicaid service delivered. These rates varied from zero percent to 50 percent of the nonfederal share. County costs would generally rise each year based on state imposed provider rate increases, and recipient benefit or eligibility expansions. A large expansion of Medicaid benefits and eligibility in 2002 caused county costs to spike and the State enacted a growth cap on county Medicaid costs in 2005.

Zero Percent Medicaid Growth Cap

In 2012, the enactment of a state-imposed local property tax cap led to a second growth cap on county Medicaid costs that slowly lowered the three percent annual growth rate in effect to zero percent by 2015. Since enactment of the zero percent Medicaid growth cap counties are spending about \$1.05 billion less today on Medicaid than if the zero percent cap were not enacted.

The State estimates that if these two caps had not been enacted, county Medicaid costs would be \$3.3 billion higher today.



Federal Affordable Care Act Reduces County Medicaid Costs

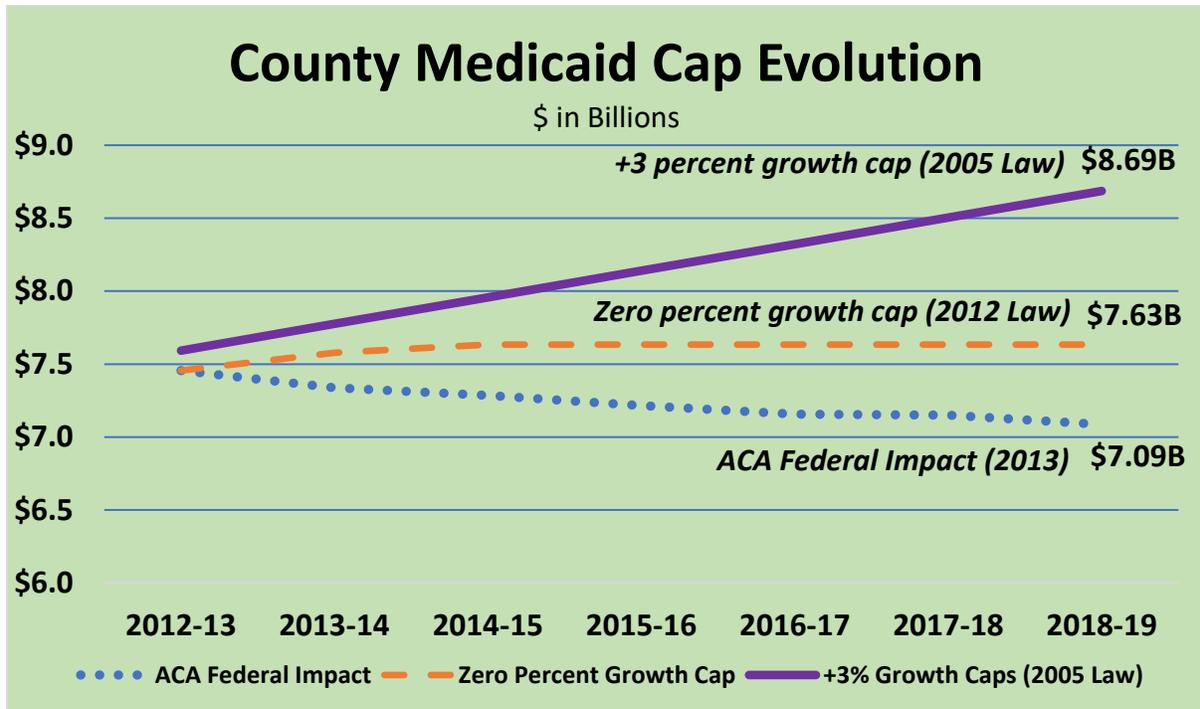
Additionally, counties also receive Medicaid cost reductions from the federal government through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Under the ACA, the federal government began phasing in enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates for certain enrollees that will grow from a 50 percent federal match to a 90 percent federal match by calendar year 2020. Under the federal law these enhanced federal payments provide direct fiscal relief to the state of New York and its counties. These federal savings began flowing to counties in 2014 – the state has passed through the federal savings to counties by lowering each counties’ weekly Medicaid payments.

While these federal savings vary, a typical county is spending about 6.6 percent less (ranging from 4.5 percent to 8.3 percent less) for Medicaid than the State’s zero percent statutory cap requires. In the 2018-19 state fiscal year counties statewide will spend about \$547 million less than their respective state statutory caps because of the Affordable Care Act.

It is important to note that the fiscal benefits from the ACA will begin to plateau for nearly all counties in the next year or two as the enhanced federal matching rates reach their maximum level. Future benefits will vary based on caseload changes in each county compared to the rest of the state, which could result in small fiscal increases or decreases from year to year.

Another key factor that remains unknown is the impact of federal changes to the ACA. Congress has tried to repeal the law and the President continues to maximize his administrative authority to dismantle as much of the law as possible. These actions could cause enrollment to decline (which can reduce fiscal benefits for New York), or even cause the law to eventually fail – if this occurs, the fiscal benefits currently provided would be reversed.

The chart below highlights that in SFY 2018-19, counties will spend \$1.6 billion less through the combined impact of the zero percent growth cap and the ACA enhanced federal Medicaid match. This equals county cost avoidance of 18 percent since 2013, in the absence of these two changes.



Total Impact of Recent Changes on a County’s Medicaid Costs

The gross impact of these important Medicaid financing changes on each county varies based on the population served upon enactment of the first cap in 2005 and the caseload mix experienced by each county since then. See the chart below for the cost reductions experienced in your county from these cumulative changes. There are a variety of potential offsets the state may enforce related to other Medicaid costs owed to the state that can impact the net fiscal benefit for each county in any given year. These offsets could include funding reserves against future federal disallowances, audit findings, or differences resulting from annual Medicaid reconciliations.

Cayuga County Medicaid Costs Evolution - SFY 2013- 2019							
Description	SFY 2012-13	SFY 2013-14	SFY 2014-15	SFY 2015-16	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19
(2005) County costs under 3% growth cap	\$14,390,606	\$14,743,029	\$15,095,452	\$15,447,875	\$15,800,298	\$16,152,721	\$16,505,144
(2012) County costs under 0% growth cap	\$14,390,606	\$14,625,021	\$14,734,435	\$14,734,435	\$14,734,435	\$14,734,435	\$14,734,435
Cost Reduction due to 0% growth Cap	\$0	(\$118,008)	(\$361,017)	(\$713,440)	(\$1,065,863)	(\$1,418,286)	(\$1,770,709)
(2013) ACA cost reductions	N/A	(\$459,736)	(\$655,815)	(\$765,024)	(\$872,733)	(\$890,540)	(\$954,929)
Net County Medicaid Costs	\$14,390,606	\$14,165,285	\$14,078,620	\$13,969,411	\$13,861,702	\$13,843,895	\$13,779,506
Total Reductions	\$0	(\$577,744)	(\$1,016,832)	(\$1,478,464)	(\$1,938,596)	(\$2,308,826)	(\$2,725,638)

IX. Funding 9-1-1 Systems

There have been significant changes in recent years in the way the state provides funding for 9-1-1 systems. The primary state funding method remains the \$1.20 state, and \$.30 local, surcharge that is assessed on most cellular devices. Originally, this surcharge was known as the *9-1-1 Cellular Surcharge*, but the name was later changed to the *Public Safety Communications Surcharge* by the state in recognition that funds raised were not being used for just 9-1-1 purposes.

Until recently, the state dispersed the revenue raised from the \$1.20 Public Safety Communications Surcharge (\$187.7 million in SFY 2017) as follows:

- 42 percent (\$79 million) goes to the State's General Fund
- 13 percent (\$24 million) goes to state agencies for direct public safety purposes
- 5 percent (\$9 million) to county public safety answering points (PSAPs)
- 40 percent (up to \$65 million) set aside for *competitive* grants to improve interoperability of county 9-1-1 systems

Public Safety Surcharge Changes in SFY 2017-18 Budget

Prepaid Surcharge

The SFY 2017-18 Budget authorized a public safety surcharge to be applied on *prepaid* cellular devices for the first time. NYSAC has provided research to the state that the old surcharge model needed to be updated and that a sizable number of cellular users were not paying any surcharge. NYSAC concluded that up to 25 percent of surcharges were not being collected because of changes in consumer behavior and the marketing practices of major cellular service providers.

The prepaid public safety surcharge authority is effective December 1, 2017 and thereafter. This legislation requires sellers to collect a surcharge on the sale of each prepaid wireless communications service or device sold within the state using a vendor-based sales tax collection model. The state is authorized to collect \$.90 on each transaction. In addition, each county has the authorization to impose a \$.30 local surcharge on prepaid wireless devices. The surcharge does not apply to "Lifeline" devices. As of the release of this report all counties except Columbia, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence have enacted this surcharge.

Postpaid Surcharge

In addition, this legislation allows New York City and all counties the authority to continue to charge, or establish, a \$.30 local public safety surcharge on all *postpaid* cellular devices, without going through the state legislative process. As of the release of this report all counties except Columbia, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence have enacted this surcharge.

New Centralized Surcharge Collection Process

Under the new surcharge authority, the state is also centralizing the administration and collection of surcharges through the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance. Effective December 1, 2017 and for all sales tax quarters thereafter the state is collecting this revenue and dispersing it back to counties on a quarterly basis. For the first sales tax quarter (December 2017 through February 2018) subject to the new model, the state collected \$14.5 million in local surcharges (prepaid and postpaid). The chart below highlights these first quarter collections by county.

County Cellular Surcharge Collections			
(December 2017 through February 2018)			
County	Net Receipts	County	Net Receipts
Albany County	\$227,547	Onondaga County	\$334,786
Allegany County	\$23,081	Ontario County	\$76,174
Broome County	\$132,434	Orange County	\$294,050
Cattaraugus County	\$54,807	Orleans County	\$26,801
Cayuga County	\$54,641	Oswego County	\$77,482
Chautauqua County	\$80,427	Otsego County	\$36,022
Chemung County	\$57,830	Putnam County	\$78,077
Chenango County	\$29,902	Rensselaer County	\$152,451
Clinton County	\$46,381	Rockland County	\$233,970
Columbia County	\$0	St. Lawrence County	\$0
Cortland County	\$27,576	Saratoga County	\$163,983
Delaware County	\$32,571	Schenectady County	\$114,822
Dutchess County*	\$0	Schoharie County	\$18,802
Erie County	\$660,657	Schuyler County	\$17,696
Essex County	\$23,317	Seneca County	\$21,913
Franklin County	\$24,051	Steuben County	\$66,137
Fulton County	\$30,001	Suffolk County	\$1,227,527
Genesee County	\$42,147	Sullivan County	\$44,968
Greene County	\$28,513	Tioga County	\$31,392
Hamilton County	\$0	Tompkins County	\$60,976
Herkimer County	\$42,214	Ulster County	\$120,694
Jefferson County	\$71,893	Warren County	\$49,840
Lewis County	\$13,523	Washington County	\$35,727
Livingston County	\$37,835	Wayne County	\$59,814
Madison County	\$42,968	Westchester County	\$762,114
Monroe County	\$540,560	Wyoming County	\$25,184
Montgomery County	\$27,644	Yates County	\$14,353
Nassau County	\$1,105,579	ROS Subtotal	\$7,757,937
Niagara County*	\$0	City of New York	\$6,758,905
Oneida County	\$154,086	GRAND TOTAL	\$14,516,842

Interoperability Communications Program

The final budget includes \$75 million for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (SICG). The program provides \$65 million for the development, consolidation or operation of public safety communications systems or networks designed to support statewide interoperable communications for first responders with most of the funding being distributed by a formula (\$45 million) and the rest to be used by the state to fill gaps in 9-1-1 systems where they exist. The remaining

\$10 million is distributed via a formula to help cover operating expenses of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in each county.

Statewide Interoperable Communications Grants (SICG)

In 2010, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), through its Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC), issued a grant program to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or operation of public safety communications and networks designed to support statewide interoperable communications for first responders. The grants were competitive and awarded to counties after filling out an application. These competitive grants were not intended to be recurring and usually helped pay for major capital expenditures.

As of 2016, the OIEC transformed the competitive grant process to a formula-based model. The SICG-Formula Program focuses on further minimizing gaps in interoperable communications by aligning technology acquisitions with operational use by first responders, which provides the foundation necessary to accomplish a high level of interoperability. The new grant program is intended to provide recurring annual awards with a goal of improving interoperability, administration and enhancements of 9-1-1 communication systems in New York State. The switch to a formula based system for a large share of the interoperability funding will provide a more stable source of revenue to counties to support and upgrade their 9-1-1 systems, and prepare for NextGen 9-1-1 system development.

The Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) program distributions have been as follows:

2010-11 Round 1 SICG (Competitive)	Total Awarded: \$20,000,000
2011-12 Round 2 SICG (Competitive)	Total Awarded: \$102,000,000
2012-13 Round 3 SICG (Competitive)	Total Awarded: \$75,000,000
2014-15 Round 4 SICG (Competitive)	Total Awarded: \$50,000,000
2016-17 Round 5 SICG (<i>Formula</i>)	Total Awarded: \$45,000,000
2017-18 Round 6 SICG (<i>Formula</i>)	Total Awarded: \$45,000,000

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) Funding

In addition, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services awards grants to counties across the State on a formula basis to reimburse for costs associated with Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) operations, consolidation, and improvements.

The most recent interoperability (SICG) and PSAP awards for your county are listed below:

Cayuga County		
	PSAP	SICG
2010-11		\$0
2011-12		\$0
2012-13	\$0	
2013-14	\$0	\$5,251,690
2014-15	\$168,619	\$2,525,492
2015-16	\$170,907	
2016-17	\$173,311	\$838,244
2017-18	\$202,548	\$778,135
Total	\$715,385	\$9,393,561

Shading denotes no award

X. Federal Tax Reform & the State's Response

While the impact of federal tax cuts and reforms do not involve grant funding or cash inflows for counties, it is a critically important issue for the state overall. This section provides general descriptions of key changes that will impact taxpayers in your county, while also highlighting two optional programs available to counties to help your taxpayers avoid some of the negative impact of the federal reforms. The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is working on additional guidance related to these local options and NYSAC will provide updates as we know more.

State Actions to Decouple from the Federal Tax Code

These actions were taken to prevent the State from experiencing dramatic revenue losses in the Financial Plan or to prevent New York tax filers from dramatic increases in their state income tax liability because of federal tax law changes.

Empire State Child Credit

The State's child tax credit is linked to the federal child credit and is equal to the higher of \$100, times the number of children who qualify for the federal child tax credit, or 33 percent of the allowed federal credit. The federal child tax credit was doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per child and the income threshold was raised from \$110,000 to \$400,000 for joint filers. Because the state credit is linked to the value of the federal credit the federal change would require the state to greatly expand the value of the state credit costing the state \$500 million annually. Approximately 1.5 million state taxpayers claimed the Empire State Child Credit for a combined benefit of \$647 million in 2015.

The adopted budget maintains the Empire State Child Credit by delinking it from the federal child tax credit – this is done by requiring that the state tax credit be calculated based on the federal tax laws in place prior to December 2017 before they were changed.

State Tax Code Decoupled from Certain Personal Income Tax Provisions in the Federal Tax Code

Numerous changes were made to the federal tax code in areas where the State directly links to the federal code as the starting point to determine state income tax liability. As federal deductions are reduced or eliminated it increases taxable income for state income tax purposes, and vice versa, absent any changes to the state tax code.

The enacted budget decouples from the federal tax code to allow taxpayers to utilize itemized deductions that were available prior to the federal changes. Additionally, the provision would preserve the standard deduction for single filers. These combined state budget actions reduce future state revenues by \$1.525 billion in state fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and by \$1.55 billion annually thereafter (i.e., this prevents the imposition of an increase in taxpayers' liability for state income taxes by the same amount). This would have impacted most New York taxpayers had the state law not been changed.

State Actions Designed to Mitigate the Loss of Federal Income Tax Deductions for State and Local Taxes (SALT)

These changes were enacted to provide an opportunity for New Yorkers to reduce the negative impact of caps placed on the federal deductibility of state and local taxes (SALT). This applies to state/local income and property taxes. Prior to the federal tax reform, taxpayers who itemized their deductions could reduce their federal taxable income by deducting the amount they pay in state and local taxes. This lower federal taxable income level became the starting point for calculating state income tax liability.

In New York State (pre-federal tax reform), about 35 percent of tax filers itemized, and the average amount claimed was nearly \$37,000. This was the highest in the nation, with about two-thirds of this amount related to state and local income taxes, and property taxes. This deduction is now limited to \$10,000 for SALT.

Enacting an Employer Compensation Expense (Payroll) Tax

In response to changes in the federal tax code, the Governor proposed and the Legislature accepted the creation of an employer compensation expense tax, or payroll tax, as a partial alternative to the state income tax. The general concept of the proposal is that employers could (at their option) institute a multi-year transition to a 5 percent payroll tax for their employees that would partially offset the state income tax liability for workers. Under the federal tax changes, payroll taxes are still deductible for the employer. The payroll tax paid on behalf of the worker would be accompanied by a state income tax credit to the employee, reducing a portion of the individual’s state income tax liability.

The state tax law change is targeted to employees with annual wages in excess of \$40,000 and in most cases, would not fully eliminate an employee’s state tax liability. The imposition of the employer compensation expense tax is optional for employers – an example is below.

What a payroll tax may look like.			
<i>Example: The State of Cash currently has a flat 5% income tax.</i>			
State Income Tax Model			
<i>Employee Gross Income</i>	<i>Employee Paid Income Tax @ 5%</i>	<i>State Tax Received</i>	<i>Employee Take-Home Pay*</i>
\$1,000	\$50	\$50	\$950
Employer Based Payroll Tax Model			
<i>Employee Gross Income</i>	<i>Employer Paid Payroll Tax @ 5.26%</i>	<i>State Tax Received</i>	<i>Employee Take-Home Pay*</i>
\$950	\$50	\$50	\$950
* Before Federal Taxes			

In this payroll tax example, the employer would still have a \$1,000 federal income tax deduction, or wage expense: \$950 in wages + \$50 in state payroll taxes. It is important to note that as gross income changes for the employee, it could trigger a variety of events:

- it could lower their federal income tax rate because it lowers their gross pay;
- it will also impact employer contributions for social security, Medicare and pensions;
- this would, in turn, impact future social security benefits and pension payments received by the employee.

Public employers and not-for-profits do not pay federal taxes so the feasibility of this option for these entities would require more substantial research and analysis.

Currently there is no official position from the IRS on whether this payroll tax model would satisfy federal tax criteria for deductibility against an individual's income tax liabilities.

Charitable Trust for State Government Programs

Again, in response to changes in the federal tax code the State budget authorizes the creation of new charitable trusts at the state government level to partially offset state income tax liabilities for taxpayers.

The final budget allows the state to create charitable trusts to benefit statewide health and education programs. Taxpayers making contributions to the state administered charitable trusts would be provided an 85 percent credit against their state tax liability in the following tax year. Any donations require the State to provide a tax receipt.

Currently there is no official position from the IRS on whether donations to this type of state administered charitable trust would satisfy federal tax criteria for deductibility against an individual's income tax liabilities.

While the IRS has yet to take a formal position on the expansion of state charitable trusts (post federal tax reform), several states have these types of charitable trusts in place today that also provide direct state income tax credits for contributions made to the state sponsored trusts. The State of New York also currently maintains numerous charitable trusts/funds that state taxpayers can donate to – but they do not provide a reciprocal state income tax credit. These funds include:

- Return a Gift to Wildlife
- Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse (MECC) Fund
- Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund
- Alzheimer's Disease Fund
- United States Olympic Committee/Lake Placid Olympic Training Center
- Prostate and Testicular Cancer Research and Education Fund
- National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center
- Volunteer Firefighting and Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Fund
- Teen Health Education Fund
- Veterans Remembrance and Cemetery Maintenance and Operation Fund
- Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund
- Mental Illness Anti-Stigma Fund
- Women's Cancers Education and Prevention Fund
- Autism Awareness and Research Fund
- Veterans' Home Assistance Fund

However, what New York enacted into law is at a much larger scale than anything done so far.

Charitable Trust for Local Government Programs

The enacted state budget allows school districts and general municipal governments to establish trusts for charitable purposes. The rules are generally the same but vary slightly regarding the timing for spending, and the use of donated funds. In each case, the local government is required to provide a tax

receipt to the donor. School districts, New York City and all other cities, villages, towns and counties are authorized to create these new trusts.

New York City and Counties

The parameters for creating, maintaining and utilizing these new trusts for New York City and counties are slightly different than for other municipalities, but they are essentially the same. For other municipalities the “shall” (emphasis added below) is a “may”. Regardless, all municipalities can draw funds from their charitable accounts for charitable purposes as needed during the budget year. The bill language is below, the intent of the State is that there will be requirement that counties and New York City clear out the account each year, no later than 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.

*“At the end of the fiscal year, the governing board of the county or New York City, within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year, **shall** transfer the funds to the general fund or other fund of the municipal corporation, so that the funds may be used for charitable purposes.”*

If New York City or a county establishes a charitable trust, it would be authorized to provide a credit up to 95 percent of an individual’s property tax liability for contributions made by that individual in the tax year the contribution was made.

Currently there is no official position from the IRS on whether donations to these types of local government charitable trusts would satisfy federal tax criteria for deductibility against an individual’s income tax liabilities.

Ramifications for Counties

As counties review their options around creating charitable trusts they will need to consider:

- Administrative complexity over the charitable funds and their use.
- Collection of contributions across municipal jurisdictions.
- IRS implications for taxpayers.
- Identifying what share of the total state and local tax burden is related to the county property tax levy – statewide, county property taxes represent only 8 percent of total state and local taxes assessed. However, this will vary significantly by county.
- The number of households likely to itemize in the county, how much they are deducting, and what are their specific deductions.
 - In regard to federal deductions utilized, the break down between state and local income taxes, property taxes, mortgage interest, charitable contributions, etc. will be important to understand. The NYS Comptroller has put a report together that highlights some of this information and it can be found at <http://osc.state.ny.us/reports/economic/federal-tax-reform.pdf>
 - It is expected that because of the changes in the federal tax code (mainly, doubling the standard deduction) the number of people that will itemize nationwide in the future will drop from about 30 percent to less than 10 percent. The table below provides an estimate from the Joint Committee on Taxation of the number of tax filers nationwide that will elect to itemize in the future. Since New Yorkers itemize at a higher rate than the national average, the percent changes will likely be slightly smaller in New York. NOTE: the tax cuts are temporary though 2025, so by 2026 (if they are not extended) the number of itemizers will rise compared to immediately preceding years.

Change in Distribution of Taxpayers Who Elect to Itemize Deductions

Income Category (AGI)	Returns (in 000s)						
	2017	2018*		2024		2026	
	Filers that Itemize	Filers that Itemize	(% change) from 2017 pre-tax reform level	Filers that Itemize	(% change) from 2017 pre-tax reform level	Filers that Itemize	(% change) from 2017 pre-tax reform level
Less than \$10,000	184	65	-64.7%	63	-65.8%	196	6.1%
\$10,000 to \$20,000	547	154	-71.8%	100	-81.7%	360	-51.9%
\$20,000 to \$30,000	1,009	237	-76.5%	185	-81.7%	622	-62.2%
\$30,000 to \$40,000	1,671	410	-75.5%	250	-85.0%	904	-84.8%
\$40,000 to \$50,000	2,356	635	-73.0%	408	-82.7%	1,333	-76.7%
\$50,000 to \$75,000	6,933	2,136	-69.2%	1,753	-74.7%	4,890	-41.8%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	6,752	2,442	-63.8%	2,224	-67.1%	5,844	-15.5%
\$100,000 to \$200,000	17,790	6,513	-63.4%	7,676	-56.9%	20,821	14.6%
\$200,000 and over	9,271	5,419	-41.5%	8,352	-9.9%	19,254	51.8%
Total All Taxpayers	46,513	18,011	-61.3%	21,011	-54.8%	54,224	14.2%

Source: Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, *2018 tax year is the first under new federal law.

In addition, NYSAC compiled the chart below from IRS data for tax year 2015. It provides a breakdown for your county of the number of taxpayers that itemize, by income bracket, and the average deductions by major category (under the old tax code). This provides a baseline of how taxpayers in your county filed their federal taxes under the old system. A wide variety of other IRS tax data **by county** can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-county-data-2015>. This data is also available **by zip code**, but take caution when reviewing this data as zip codes often cross municipal and county lines <https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-individual-income-tax-statistics-2015-zip-code-data-soi>

CAYUGA COUNTY Individual Tax Returns: Selected Items, Tax Year 2015

Size of adjusted gross income by county	Number of Returns	Tax Filers Itemizing			(S.A.L.T.)				Mortgage Interest Deducted		Charitable Contributions	
					State/Local Income Tax Deducted		Real Estate Tax Deducted					
		Number of returns	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Average of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount
Cayuga County	35,430	8,480	23.9%	\$20,454	20.1%	\$7,011	22.1%	\$5,246	17.8%	\$4,756	19.0%	\$3,100
Under \$1	400	-	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0
\$1 under \$10,000	5,390	150	2.8%	\$15,547	0.7%	\$1,125	2.0%	\$4,773	1.1%	\$3,800	1.5%	\$850
\$10,000 under \$25,000	7,870	460	5.8%	\$14,957	2.4%	\$1,021	4.8%	\$4,187	3.0%	\$4,021	3.8%	\$1,713
\$25,000 under \$50,000	8,700	1,310	15.1%	\$13,472	11.4%	\$1,874	12.9%	\$4,005	10.1%	\$3,870	10.2%	\$1,958
\$50,000 under \$75,000	5,440	1,860	34.2%	\$14,888	28.9%	\$3,041	31.3%	\$4,302	25.7%	\$4,191	25.6%	\$2,124
\$75,000 under \$100,000	3,350	1,490	44.5%	\$17,901	39.7%	\$4,326	41.8%	\$4,761	35.5%	\$4,841	36.1%	\$2,466
\$100,000 under \$200,000	3,710	2,670	72.0%	\$22,103	67.4%	\$6,965	70.1%	\$5,907	59.0%	\$5,207	63.3%	\$3,124
\$200,000 or more	570	540	94.7%	\$61,506	89.5%	\$39,124	89.5%	\$9,976	63.2%	\$6,744	89.5%	\$10,310

As demonstrated earlier, the near doubling of the federal standard deduction effective in tax years 2018 through 2025 will significantly reduce the number of tax filers that itemize statewide and in your county.

Below is the statewide comparison for 2015.

NEW YORK STATE
Individual Tax Returns: Selected Items, Tax Year 2015

Size of adjusted gross income by county	Number of Returns	Tax Filers Itemizing			(S.A.L.T.)				Mortgage Interest Deducted		Charitable Contributions	
					State/Local Income Tax Deducted		Real Estate Tax Deducted					
		Number of returns	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Average of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount	Percent of Total # of Returns	Average \$ Amount
NEW YORK STATE	9,614,110	3,328,650	34.6%	\$36,676	30.4%	\$17,689	24.9%	\$8,731	20.5%	\$8,727	29.0%	\$6,862
<i>Under \$1</i>	121,040	-	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0
<i>\$1 under \$10,000</i>	1,481,360	48,910	3.3%	\$16,310	1.0%	\$2,884	2.2%	\$6,444	1.5%	\$6,972	1.8%	\$1,124
<i>\$10,000 under \$25,000</i>	2,071,980	148,800	7.2%	\$15,760	3.5%	\$1,697	4.8%	\$5,973	3.2%	\$6,484	4.8%	\$1,751
<i>\$25,000 under \$50,000</i>	2,091,330	445,790	21.3%	\$16,149	16.6%	\$2,429	12.7%	\$5,785	9.9%	\$6,253	16.2%	\$2,241
<i>\$50,000 under \$75,000</i>	1,274,000	566,050	44.4%	\$17,817	38.6%	\$4,049	28.7%	\$5,869	23.4%	\$6,340	36.3%	\$2,466
<i>\$75,000 under \$100,000</i>	817,450	537,760	65.8%	\$20,167	59.5%	\$5,772	45.1%	\$6,522	37.8%	\$7,017	54.5%	\$2,646
<i>\$100,000 under \$200,000</i>	1,230,680	1,064,040	86.5%	\$27,659	81.4%	\$9,339	68.0%	\$8,157	58.0%	\$8,528	76.2%	\$3,237
<i>\$200,000 or more</i>	526,270	517,300	98.3%	\$118,650	96.3%	\$72,038	81.0%	\$16,879	66.6%	\$14,670	90.5%	\$26,890

There are two items to note regarding differences between New York City and the ROS – in short, the huge concentration of wealth in the City, and how individuals file their taxes there, skew statewide averages.

NYC – ROS Difference on Filing Status

First, New York City has higher proportions of “single” and “head of household” filers, while the proportion of “joint” filers is more prominent ROS. This skews the statewide averages toward the City.

The filing status breakdown statewide is:

- 51 percent “Single”
- 31 percent “Joint”
- 16 percent “Head of Household”

The filing status breakdown for NYC is:

- 55 percent “Single”
- 24 percent “Joint”
- 21 percent “Head of Household”

When compared to New York City’s 2 to 1 ratio of single filers to joint filers, ROS “single” filers are still the highest proportion, but it is by a much narrower margin than in NYC. For ROS, “head of household” filers are the smallest category by far (usually hovering around 10-12 percent of the total in each county vs. 21 percent in NYC).

NYC – ROS Differences for Deducting Income Tax

Second, New York City filers deduct a much higher proportion of their local taxes as income related. This is largely due to very high incomes, and the presence of a New York City income tax in addition to the progressive state income tax. The ratio in New York City is 3 to 1, income to real estate taxes deducted. While it varies for ROS, the typical ratio for deducting income and real estate taxes is closer to 50/50.

Given the amount of wealth in New York City, tax rates and claiming patterns; the statewide average deductions for income taxes and real estate taxes is also skewed toward the City.

XI. County Line Items in the State Budget

This section of the report highlights a variety of state budget items that will be dispersed in your county, or will be shared among several counties in your region. This list is not comprehensive, it focuses on specific line item appropriations in the recently enacted state budget to significant institutions and/or initiatives in Cayuga County.

Additional Budget Items for Cayuga County	
Program or Purpose	Amount
Cayuga County Arts Council	\$60,000
Total	\$60,000

XII. Other Grant Funding Opportunities in the State Budget

In addition to direct line item appropriations, the recently enacted state budget provides large lump sum appropriations that can provide funding opportunities for a variety of county infrastructure and economic development needs.

Below we describe these major grant programs and the types of projects that are targeted for funding under each grant. Where details are known we provide information regarding appropriate state contacts to reach out to, but other programs are still in the planning stages and we will provide more information when it becomes available.

State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM)

The State Capital Projects budget continues this program for a sixth year and provides up to \$475 million (a \$90 million increase from the prior year) to fund capital costs of construction, improvement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of facilities owned by eligible entities (including the state and any municipal entity, among other public entities). This funding can also be used for the acquisition of capital assets with a useful life of no less than 10 years. For SFY 2018-19, out of this appropriation \$40 million is set aside for expenses related to Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Seaway Flooding that may have been incurred prior to April 1, 2018. Total funding appropriated for SAM since inception now stands at \$2.4 billion, with some prior year funding still available for allocation.

Road construction, off ramps, and similar transportation infrastructure have also received funding through this program. In addition, projects related to county-owned properties such as parks, airports, memorials, arts and cultural facilities, and arenas have been funded. Priority will be given to projects that meet certain economic development goals that will create or retain jobs. Project awards have ranged from \$50,000 to over \$10 million.

Three years ago, the program was modified to expand the types of projects eligible to include fixed capital assets, as well as items including but not limited to heavy duty road maintenance and construction vehicles, pavers, snowplows, street sweepers, heavy duty fire & emergency response vehicles, and law enforcement vehicles.

This program is controlled by state elected representatives and *we urge county leaders to compile lists of appropriate potential project and equipment needs and work with your state elected representatives and the Governor's Office to secure funding for your projects.*

<https://www.nysenate.gov/open-data/new-york-state-and-municipal-facilities-program-project-nomination> or <http://assembly.state.ny.us/statemunicipal/>

The types of projects awarded grants is very expansive. Examples of projects include:

- \$250,000 for renovations to a county facility for veterans' services
- \$125,000 for construction of an amphitheater at a county park,
- \$100,000 for establishment of a new county water district,
- \$500,000 for the construction of three radio towers,
- \$250,000 for walking trail upgrades and development,
- \$110,000 for small project road resurfacing and reconstruction, markings and bicycle traffic,
- \$285,000 for police/sheriff training facilities,
- \$2.7 million for the acquisition and renovation of a building for court space,
- \$250,000 for roof repairs on a municipal building,
- \$1.5 million for road improvements to promote residential and commercial development,
- \$500,000 for bridge demolition and reconstruction,
- \$100,000 for purchasing excavating equipment to facilitate public infrastructure maintenance and repair,
- \$1.25 million for construction of a storm water drainage system,
- \$100,000 for ADA accessibility improvements, and
- \$650,000 for county flood mitigation projects.

Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017

The enacted budget includes \$2.5 billion to support a wide variety of clean drinking water and wastewater initiatives, including:

- Water Infrastructure Improvement Grants;
- A new inter-municipal water infrastructure grant program;
- Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grants, including grants to address:
 - Salt management;
 - Green infrastructure; and
 - New source water protection land acquisition grants;
- Compliance with Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO); and
- IT investments and additional funding for Superfund, among other items.

The chart on the next page provides a summary of the major programs, state agency manager, statutory cites, total funding amounts, and the amount of funding that was obligated in 2017. More details on some of these key initiatives follow the chart.

Program Name	Agency	New/Existing	Total Funding	2017 Funding
Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA)	EFC	New - Section 6 of Part T of Health and Mental Hygiene, S. 2007-B/A.3007-B	\$1 billion	\$50M
Inter-municipal water infrastructure projects	EFC	New- §1285-s of public authorities law (PAL)	\$150M	\$30M
WQIP	DEC	Existing authority limited to non-point source, WWT, & municipal storm sewer project	\$245M	\$60M
Salt management	DEC		\$25M	\$5M
Green infrastructure	DEC/EFC	Existing authority	\$50M	\$5M
Land Acquisition for source water protection	DEC	New - Title 33 of ECL Art. 15	\$110M	\$15M
CAFO	Ag & Markets	Existing authority	\$50M	\$50M over 3 years
Superfund- solid waste & drinking water response	DEC/DOH	Existing authority plus a new Title 12 of ECL Art. 27	\$130M	\$20M
Lead service lines	DOH	New - §1114 of Public Health Law (PHL)	\$20M	\$20M
NYC watershed projects	DEC	Existing authority	\$200M	\$0
Septic system replacement	EFC	New - PAL §1285-u	\$75M	\$15M
Water Infrastructure emergency loans	EFC	New - PAL §1285-t	\$10M	\$3M
IT	DEC/DOH	Amended ECL §3-0315- includes requirement for EFC report on integrated database on infrastructure projects	\$10M	\$10M
Other water quality projects	EFC	Existing authority	\$100M	\$0
Clean Water Infrastructure Projects after SFY 2021-22	TBD	TBD	\$350M	N/A
TOTAL			\$2.5 Billion	\$283 Million

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA)

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 invests at least \$1 billion in clean and drinking water infrastructure projects and water quality protection across New York. Under this program, EFC

provides grants to assist municipalities in funding water quality infrastructure projects for the replacement or repair of infrastructure or for compliance with relevant environmental and public health laws. Awardees will receive grants of either 25 percent of eligible project costs or \$5 million, whichever is less, for wastewater infrastructure projects. Drinking water project awardees will receive 60 percent of eligible project costs or \$3 million, whichever is less.

In October 2017, Governor Cuomo announced the municipalities receiving grants. The grant funding awarded for water infrastructure improvements in each region is as follows:

- \$20 million for Western New York;
- \$30 million for the North Country;
- \$22 million for the Finger Lakes Region;
- \$23 million for the Southern Tier;
- \$30 million for the Mohawk Valley;
- \$27 million for Central New York;
- \$44 million for the Capital Region;
- \$34 million for the Mid-Hudson Valley; and
- \$27 million for Long Island.

For more information about the awards, visit www.efc.ny.gov/NYSWaterGrants.

The next round of funding for the WIIA program has not yet been announced. Visit the EFC website at www.efc.ny.gov for updates, including deadlines and application information.

Inter-Municipal Grant Program (IMG)

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 provides at least \$150 million to fund the new IMG, with \$30 million made available in 2017. Under this program, EFC will provide grants for water quality infrastructure projects to be undertaken by two or more cooperating municipalities. IMG funding will be awarded to projects for the construction, replacement or repair of water quality infrastructure or for compliance with environmental and public health laws. Projects may include shared water quality infrastructure or interconnection of multiple municipal water systems. To be eligible, cooperating municipalities must have a current, executed inter-municipal agreement pertaining to the project to be funded. Successful applicants will receive 40% of eligible project costs or \$10 million, whichever is less. The IMG application period is currently closed. Winners have not yet been announced.

The next round of funding for the IMG program has not yet been announced. Visit the EFC website at www.efc.ny.gov/grant-programs for updates, including deadlines and application information.

Septic System Replacement

This program provides \$75 million for upgrades and replacements of septic systems and cesspools. The program is intended to be county administered subject to guidelines and rules established by the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

The program is designed to operate closely with counties (and DEC and DOH) to determine the most vulnerable geographic areas. In the absence of county information, the identification of eligible septic system projects will be based on an area's vulnerability to contamination, including the presence of a sole source aquifer, or known water quality impairment, population density, soils, hydrogeology, climate, and reasonable ability for septic system projects to mitigate water quality impacts. DEC may delegate to a participating county the identification of priority geographic areas. Awards of funding for

this program shall be made by the DEC, in consultation with participating counties in which priority areas have been identified, with the amount of money from the fund to be provided to each participating county based on density, demand for reimbursement from the fund, and the criteria used to establish the priority geographic areas.

The new program went into effect on October 17, 2017. Counties must affirmatively apply to manage the disbursement of funds within the county. Nearly \$15 million was allocated to counties in the first year for this program.

The priority geographic areas within your county and first year funding allocations include:

Priority Waterbody	First Year Funding Allocation
Cayuga, Owasco and Skaneateles Lakes	\$225,000

Questions about the EFC programs above can be directed to:
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Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

Using resources from the Clean Water Infrastructure Act and the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), the State will implement a new \$65 million initiative to combat harmful algal blooms (HABs) in impacted water bodies. The resources will be used to develop action plans to reduce sources of pollution that spark algal blooms and provide grant funding to implement the action plans. This will include grant funding for the installation of new monitoring and treatment technologies.

The enacted budget does not include a line item for this initiative; instead, the EPF identifies a number of the lines that will be used. This includes agriculture non-point source, WQIP (also included in the Clean Water Infrastructure Act), environmental health, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Hudson River Estuary Program, and Oceans Great Lakes. The grants will be available to all waterbodies impacted by HABs and go through normal grant programs. For example, WQIP funding will run through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

NYSAC will keep county leaders apprised of announcements and guidance related to this initiative.

Matching Funds for Shared Services Savings (CWSSI)

The enacted budget includes \$225 million in state matching funds for payment to local governments. The State will match net savings that are actually and demonstrably realized from new actions that were included in an approved county-wide shared services property tax savings plan finalized and submitted to the Division of Budget pursuant to the statute.

The enacted budget extends the County-wide Shared Services Initiative until December 31, 2021. School districts, boards of cooperative services (BOCES), fire districts, fire protection districts, and special improvement districts will have the option to participate. School districts and BOCES can participate in shared services agreements without the opinion or approval of the State Department of Education.

After having convened at least two meetings in a calendar year, a panel can decide that it is not in the best interest of taxpayers to revise and update a previously approved plan or develop a new plan that year. New shared services actions not included in a previously approved or submitted plan may be eligible for State matching funds, subject to available appropriation.

The Department of State is required to prepare a report by June 13, 2022 that includes a detailed summary of projects included in the shared services plans, a detailed summary of each county's plan, and the anticipated savings for each plan. The Secretary of State may solicit from the panels advice and recommendations concerning matters related to the operations of local governments and shared services initiatives.

Capital Assistance Program

There is a \$122 million set aside for targeted infrastructure projects. The program is described as:

“...the New York State Capital Assistance Program for Transportation, Infrastructure, and Economic Development. Funds appropriated herein shall be for services and expenses, grants, and costs of program administration for projects related to capital investment in: transportation; aviation; water and sewer infrastructure improvements; industrial and manufacturing water supply infrastructure renovations and improvements; and other economic development purposes. Individual grants issued pursuant to this appropriation shall be in an amount no less than \$125,000.”

We encourage counties to reach out directly to your state representatives and the Governor's Regional Offices for project funding opportunities for specific county projects.