



SULLIVAN  
RENAISSANCE

*Building beautiful, active communities*



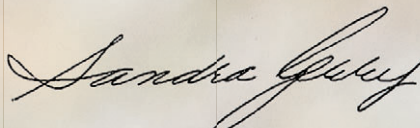
## *Where has the time gone?*

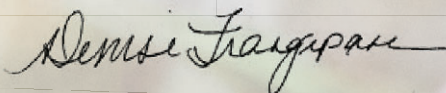
Here we are in 2021, two decades and a year since we first invited you to join the effort to enhance the appearance of Sullivan County while building community pride and spirit. Not only did you accept this invitation, but this effort was brought to a whole new level with our tidy towns, colorful gardens, miles of trails, and enjoyable parks. For 21 years you have worked tirelessly to bring the vision for your communities alive for all to enjoy.

Throughout this time you encouraged your children to volunteer. Your children became interns; and these interns are now adults who are taking the reins to lead. Long standing volunteers have moved on; and new volunteers have stepped in with great enthusiasm to carry the torch. This is the evolution of a grassroots movement that is sustainable because it is deeply rooted. What more could we ask for!

We are delighted that Sullivan Renaissance has been able to support your efforts to bring projects to fruition. You have made Sullivan County a welcoming place for all; and a community we are proud to call home. For this and so much more, we thank you.

Most Sincerely,

  
Chair, Sullivan Renaissance

  
Executive Director



## MAKING AN IMPACT SINCE 2001

**Over \$5 Million  
in Grants Awarded**

to community organizations,  
businesses, schools and  
municipalities in  
Sullivan County.

**\$13 Million  
Leveraged**

in beautification, healthy  
initiatives and community  
development projects.

**\$2.6 Million  
Additional Secured**

in Federal and NY State grants  
for downtown revitalization,  
municipal & community  
development projects.

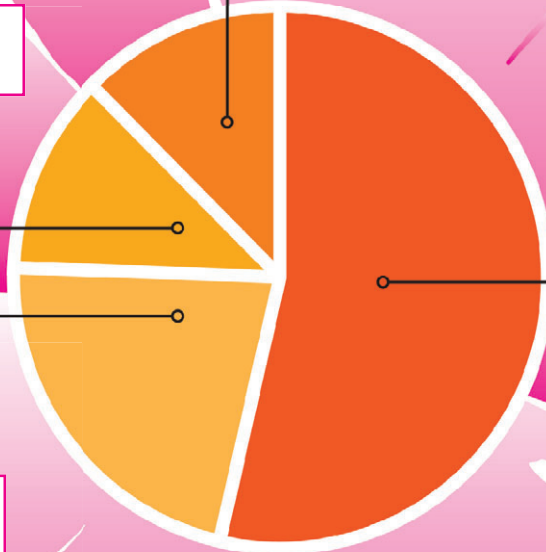
## 2021 GRANTS

**\$31,232**  
Healthy Community Initiatives

**\$41,632**  
Beautification

**\$23,930**  
Business Assistance

**\$285,384**  
Municipal Partnership,  
Community Impact &  
Neighborhood Revitalization





# WE ARE SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development initiative of the Gerry Foundation. We believe that beautification builds community pride; and that partnerships and grassroots volunteerism build beautiful, active communities. Through a competitive grant process, Sullivan Renaissance offers funding, technical assistance and other resources in support of this mission.

## Staff



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Founder and Chairwoman



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# SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE STEERING COMMITTEE

Despite any obstacles that carried over into 2021, the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee continued to champion and cheer on our volunteers in many ways. Steering Committee members supported G2R - Get Ready to Renaissance, our annual kick-off event. They participated regularly in grant review, joined in our campaign to combat litter and accompanied us for Clean Sweeps and seminars. They continue to bring fresh ideas to the table and offer ongoing support to our communities. We are forever grateful to them for helping the mission of Sullivan Renaissance to remain relevant and impactful.

Leni Binder  
Daniel Briggs  
Kathy Davidoff  
Gay Donofrio  
Cora Edwards  
John Evans  
Hon. Josephine V. Finn  
Foster Supply Hospitality  
- Sarah Banks  
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Gerald J. Skoda  
Nicole Slevin Nikolados  
Fred Stabbert III  
Anna Lise Dyhr Vogel  
Rabbi Larry Zierler



Photos: John Evans, Leni Binder and Cora Edwards attend a Steering Committee Meeting; Rennie the Rooster catches up with Fred Stabbert on a visit to Callicoon; Anna Lise Dyhr Vogel lends her horticulture knowledge to the crew; Barry Lewis shows off his Sullivan Renaissance swag; Steve Melendez reminds volunteers how we feel about them; Rabbi Larry Zierler lends a hand litter plucking at the Fallsburg Clean Sweep.



# SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE OUT... AND ABOUT



This year we decided to take the show on the road! We look forward to connecting with you. Look for us in your community. You can't miss us in our new van!



Sullivan Renaissance and White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First hosted a bulb planting seminar at the Methodist Church's newly installed garden.



Maiden voyage to the Narrowsburg Union for a staff meeting, a tour of the building and the many services they offer.



Sleepy Hollow Trail Clean Up Day resulted in a safe path for children making their way to and from Monticello School. "Dry shoes and positive affirmations" was the mantra for the day, set by Shanita Artson, resident and community volunteer.



Sullivan Renaissance staff, joined by Steering Committee member, Dan Briggs, weeded gardens and pruned shrubs at the Long Eddy Hose Company to honor first responders in a National Day of Service project.





Parksville Clean Sweep was a day of sprucing up the rail trail entrance gardens and Veterans Memorial.

Reverend Francis Waite of Livingston Manor United Methodist Church gave his smile of approval for the new van.



When you spot the van near a garden, you can be sure that Sullivan Renaissance is on the job checking in with volunteers, or visiting for a proposed project.



Rabbi Zierler, Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee Member, assists with mulching during Clean Sweep in South Fallsburg.



We will be on the road in 2022- recruiting volunteers, holding onsite seminars, and sharing information about our programs and resources. See you out there!



# WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

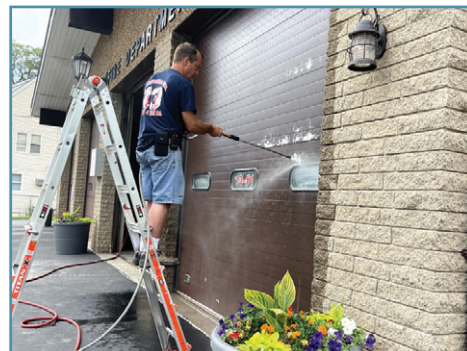
The actions of Sullivan Renaissance Volunteers lead to a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful Sullivan County. This season over 400 volunteers contributed over 5250 hours to Sullivan Renaissance projects. They demonstrated environmental stewardship by removing litter and debris; planted trees, flowers, and gardens to strengthen our green spaces; cleaned and restored trails and parks to encourage play and physical activity. Here is just a snapshot of the dedication of our community volunteers!



Hurleyville Sullivan First planting day



Cub Scouts litter pluck Main Street, Livingston Manor



Kauneonga Lake Fire Department



Narrowsburg Beautification Group tree planting



Town of Lumberland volunteers



White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First deadheading container plantings at the United Methodist Church



Jeffersonville JEMS mentoring the new generation of community volunteers



Workday at Mamakating Environmental Education Center



Youngsville Busy Beavers 4-H group tending their pollinator garden



# OUR VOLUNTEERS LOVE US BACK!

Volunteering to create and maintain beautiful spaces makes an impact; not only on the observer or participant in the space, but also on the volunteer that contributes their most precious resources - time and energy. Below you will read how our volunteers feel about the work being done in Sullivan County. If you would like to learn more, please visit [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org) or call Anne-Louise, Volunteer Program Manager at 845-295-2445.

*"We believe our gardens beautify our neighborhood and create a space where our neighbors and visitors will be able to relax and enjoy the exterior of the library. Community outreach is a core value to our library and we feel these gardens and spaces are both a physical representation of that value and evidence of the care and time our volunteers put into their work. We strongly recommend any community or organization in Sullivan County get involved with Sullivan Renaissance."*

~ Pamela Rice, Mamakating Library



*"Our Beautification Grant is the ongoing impetus for us to join together for the common goal of making White Sulphur Springs a welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable community. We are a part of something bigger, not just a hamlet on its own. This grant, and the ones received all around Sullivan County create a force. It is impressive, especially when we can gather after the projects are finished and see what has been accomplished by all of the volunteers, county-wide. We are part of the change."*

Marian Hosking, White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First

*"Our volunteer group increased this year. Several individuals came to us via inquiries made to Sullivan Renaissance. Some learned of us from our facebook page and one through personal contact. Three of our new volunteers have recently moved into the area. This year we have three young adults who, in past years, were employed by Sullivan Renaissance as interns and now volunteer with us."*

~ Diane Foster, Livingston Manor Renaissance





# BEAUTIFICATION

## Mini Grants

Two groups stepped into the Sullivan Renaissance Beautification program with a Mini Grant to start their beautification journey.

- \* Western Sullivan Public Library Delaware Free Branch beautified their entrance.
- \* St. John's Street Cemetery, Inc. in Monticello installed a new sign with plans to add a garden.

### *Project Highlight:*

*Western Sullivan Public Library* used their mini grant to create a welcoming entrance at their Callicoon location.



*"This grant gave the library the chance to work with a professional garden designer. We were able to incorporate native perennials and other plants that would thrive in the spaces."*

*~ Audra Everett, Library Director*



# BEAUTIFICATION

## Garden Grants

These projects consisted of new entrance gardens, containers, foundation plantings to create welcoming entrances. Three of the projects are first year participants.

- \* Daniel Pierce Library
- \* Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School
- \* Forestburgh Playhouse
- \* Kauneonga Lake Fire Department
- \* Mamakating Environmental Education Center
- \* Mamakating Library

### *Project Highlight:*

*Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School* returned to the program this year since 2012 to beautify the school entrance. The Ecology Club and student volunteers transformed the entrance from lackluster space to an inviting place.

*"The gardens have put a wonderful focus on a frequently used space. We have received many compliments!"*  
~Kristen Meyers, Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School



Ecology Club and student volunteers working to beautify their space!





# BEAUTIFICATION

**Maintenance Grants** support previously funded Sullivan Renaissance groups in their efforts to care for and spruce up their gardens.

- \* BATS for Veterans
- \* Dynamite Youth Center
- \* Liberty United Methodist Church
- \* Livingston Manor United Methodist Church
- \* Monticello United Methodist Church

- \* St. John's Episcopal Church
- \* St. Peter's Church in Liberty
- \* The Club at Smallwood
- \* Youngsville 4H Busy Beavers

## *Project Highlight:*

*Liberty United Methodist Church* continues to beautify with eye-catching containers and gardens that are easy to spot on Main Street in Liberty.





# BEAUTIFICATION

Community Beautification Grants were awarded to create and maintain streetscapes, welcome signs, public gardens, and parks.

- \* Callicoon Business Association
- \* Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce
- \* Hurleyville Sullivan First
- \* Jeffersonville JEMS
- \* Livingston Manor Renaissance
- \* Narrowsburg Beautification Group
- \* Phillipsport Community Center Association
- \* Town of Forestburgh - Greatful Deadheaders
- \* Town of Lumberland Parks & Recreation
- \* White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First

*"The flower displays are always changing, highlighting different combinations each year. Our merchants love the crowds the gardens draw. The opportunity to work with one's neighbors can expand your awareness and help form a nurturing and supportive community, and respect for the land we live on."*

*Wanda Gangel,  
Narrowsburg Beautification Group*



## *Project Highlight:*

*Narrowsburg Beautification* has been in the program since 2008, beautifying their community one garden at a time. They have created multi-season gardens by incorporating pumpkins and gourds into flowerbeds, providing an enchanting transition from summer to fall.





# VOLUNTEERING IS SMART!

The Sullivan Renaissance Scholarship is made possible through a donor advised fund established with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. Scholarships are available for undergraduate spring semester studies. Candidates must be a resident of Sullivan County and demonstrate that they have volunteered for a Sullivan Renaissance project in a significant way. Volunteer activities may include gardening, beautification / caring for public spaces, project documentation, outreach or fundraising. Applicants include a personal essay explaining their volunteer experience, how it impacted them personally.



"My volunteer experience will not end anytime soon. I find it to put a smile on my face after I am done with a project, hoping that the good karma I gave to someone will be passed along to another lucky recipient."

**Victor Blinov**, Phillipsport Community Volunteer  
Politics, Economics and Law, SUNY Old Westbury



"Each volunteer activity I have been a member of has enriched my view on life. After working with Sullivan Renaissance I realized that I found a passion in my life that I do not want to give up."

**Nicole Davis**, Livingston Manor Volunteer  
Sienna College School of Business



"After almost 7 years of working with Livingston Manor Renaissance, I can say quite sincerely that there is nothing more fulfilling than the work we do. They have taught me so many lessons about life (and gardening)."

**Nathaniel DePaul**, Livingston Manor Volunteer  
Politics & Economics, SUNY ALBANY



Volunteering has made Andralyn more aware of the inner workings of local communities, instilling a new pride for where she lives. Painting the dove has been a labor of love, allowing her to show just how much the town means to her, and the opportunities she has had to grow.

**Andralyn LaGattuta**, White Sulphur Springs Volunteer  
Arts & Extended Media, Russell Sage College



Jesse commented that he learned the values that people have for their community and how much work they are willing to put into maintaining their small town. When taking a step back, he noticed how beautiful the community was through the eyes and camera lenses of residents and visitors.

**Jesse Ouimet**, Livingston Manor Volunteer  
Aspiring Architect, SUNY Alfred



"Volunteerism was stitched in the fabric of my character. It has always been second nature in my family to put others before ourselves and demonstrate selflessness, especially in your community. Volunteering and helping others is vital."

**Dylan Price**, Town of Forestburg Volunteer  
Broadcast Journalism, Penn State University



# HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Healthy Community Initiatives Grant Program supports efforts to enhance and promote the physical and environmental health of communities. Grants are available for development of walking, bicycling, hiking or nature trails, park improvements, purchase of recreational equipment, creation and care of community and edible gardens, parks, trails, tree planting initiatives, and education about environmental and conservation issues of local interest.

The Healthy Community Initiatives program also offers smaller grants for programs that promote physical activity such as establishing a children's run, a 5K, public yoga or a litter cleanup or events that combine physical activity with litter pluck.

## 2021 Grant Recap

- \* **Catskill Claws, Inc**  
*Bikes and Helmets*
- \* **Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County**  
*Sullivan Fresh Rx Produce Program*
- \* **Dynamite Youth Center**  
*Edible Garden*
- \* **Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre**  
*Family Yoga in the Park*
- \* **Liberty Central School**  
*Yoga4Classrooms Leader Training and Supplies*
- \* **Livingston Manor Central School**  
*- Smoothie Bike*  
*- Farm to School Project*
- \* **Monticello United Methodist Church**  
*Farm to Table Garden*
- \* **Roscoe Central School**  
*Farm to School Project*
- \* **Sullivan 180/Sullivan County BOCES**  
*Nalox Box Project*
- \* **The Museum at Bethel Woods**  
*Bindy Bazaar Gentle Path Trail*
- \* **Town of Neversink**  
*Community Ice Rink Expansion*
- \* **Upper Delaware Council, Inc.**  
*Litter Collection Kits*





# HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River Litter Kits

Cleaning up our region's litter is important not only for beautification, but to maintain the pristine water quality, biodiversity, and ecological health of the Delaware River. In 2019, the Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River, almost half of which is in Sullivan County, welcomed over 215,000 visitors and generated \$11.6 million for our local economy.

A recent study completed by the Upper Delaware National Park Service found microplastics present in 100% of water and sediment samples, 94% of fish, and 45% percent of mussels. Microplastics, the direct result of litter, endangering pristine water quality and being ingested by aquatic organisms. Reducing the amount of litter present in the Upper Delaware corridor, may slow and even reverse the negative impacts microplastics have on our ecosystem.



Legislator Nadia Rajsz joined the litterpluck event.

## Sullivan Fresh Rx Produce Program

is a pilot partnership between Garnet Health and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Fresh Market on the Move. With support from a Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Initiatives Grant, 1,000 coupons, totaling \$5,000 were distributed for fresh, healthy produce sourced from farms in Sullivan County and the surrounding region.



Fruit and vegetable prescriptions written by Garnet Health and the Sullivan County Department of Public Health providers are redeemable at farmers' markets.

## Livingston Manor Farm to School

Sullivan Renaissance funded a Cryo-vac system to preserve fresh, local produce that will be used in the cafeteria in the Livingston Manor, Roscoe and Downsville school districts.



Thousands of pounds of fresh, locally sourced vegetables have been preserved with the cryo-vac to use in cafeteria meals at Livingston Manor, Roscoe and Downsville school districts throughout the year.



# HEALTHY COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

**Bindy Bazaar “Gentle Path”** This project aims to restore and preserve a historic trail that was part of the Bindy Bazaar at the 1969 Woodstock Festival. Organizers cleared a series of trails through a wooded area on Max Yasgur’s property to act as a natural passage from the outside world into the festival. The Museum at Bethel Woods is actively working to map and understand these trails according to available literature, historic maps, Woodstock photos and videos and physical clues in the woods itself. An archaeologist used a metal detector to find and map the metal wires attached to the trees that were left from the Woodstock festival; insuring the path is historically accurate.



At a Sullivan Renaissance Seminar, Dr. Neal Hitch, Senior Curator at the Museum at Bethel Woods and Eleanor Hein, Landscape Preservation Fellow share the story which aims to restore and preserve the historic trail.

## Catskill Claws

Contributed by Keith Stephenson, Founder, Team Director and Head Coach

Sullivan Renaissance provided a Healthy Community Initiatives grant to support our team, the Catskill Claws. Student athletes develop mountain bike skills they can use long after high school toward a healthy, active lifestyle while exploring the great outdoors. As a sanctioned National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) team. Catskill Claws strives to embody the NICA values - building strong minds, bodies, character, and communities through cycling; as well as fostering inclusivity, encouraging good sportsmanship, building social skills and building a student athlete’s confidence.



Catskill Claws Mountain Bike Team had an incredible 2021 season. We ranked 12th in the New York state league with several of our athletes medaling at race events. It is such a wonderful sport for young people from 6th to 12th grade. They had a lot of fun and we anticipate all of them returning for the 2022 season.

Anyone interested in finding out more can visit our website at [catskillclawsmtb.org](https://catskillclawsmtb.org). We are always looking for adult volunteers to coach and support this enriching program.



# CATSKILL EDIBLE GARDEN PROJECT

The Catskill Edible Garden Project (CEGP) works with schools and community organizations to design edible gardens as living, outdoor educational and gathering spaces. These projects offer access to healthy food and exposure to agriculture as an important aspect of our community and culture. They also provide “hands-on” experience and time outside for engaging and connecting with the environment. Children experience sharing; engage in independent observation; learn about food and where it comes from; adopt healthy habits; reconnect with and explore their place in nature; build on a variety of school lessons; and strengthen a sense of place and pride. New gardens were installed this summer at Fallsburg Jr Sr High School, Livingston Manor Elementary School, and Rubin Pollack Education Center.

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## Catskill Edible Garden Sites

Fallsburg Jr Sr High School

Hebrew Day School, Kaimesha Lake

Liberty Elementary School

Liberty Middle School

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Livingston Manor Elementary School

## Monticello School District

- Emma C. Chase Elementary School, Wurtsboro

- George L. Cooke Elementary School

- Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School

- Robert J. Kaiser Middle School

Roscoe Central School

Rubin Pollack Education Center

Sullivan West Elementary School, Jeffersonville

White Sulphur Springs | SC BOCES

## George L. Cooke School Garden, Monticello

contributed by Elisa Mendels,

George L. Cooke School Garden Coordinator

The Catskill Edible Garden Project support helped with the purchase of tables to expand an outdoor learning area.

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We received a \$3,000 grant from the Whole Kids Foundation toward a new shed and extra equipment for the outdoor learning space.



Students at Monticello School District's George L. Cooke School utilize the expanded outdoor learning space.



The Cooke School was one of three Sullivan County Schools to be awarded a grant from the Whole Kids Foundation to expand their garden. They were able to leverage the success and grant funding from the Catskill Edible Garden Project to prove their investment to the project. Sullivan West and Kenneth L. Rutherford School join them in this recognition.



## Square Foot Gardening at Sullivan West

contributed by Sheila Schultz, Sullivan West Garden Coordinator

This year the grant we received went toward materials to build a Square Foot Garden (SFG) in our project at the Sullivan West Elementary School. SFG is a method of gardening developed by Mel Bartholomew, a retired civil engineer and efficiency expert. It began in 1976 as a simple alternative to row gardening. The method focuses on soil, plant spacing, weed, and pest control.

Our grant was used to buy peat moss and vermiculite. Compost was donated by Rosehaven Alpaca Farm in Bethel. The soil is one aspect that makes SFG work. The peat moss keeps the soil loose, the vermiculite holds the moisture, and the compost provides the nutrients. All three components allow plants to be grown in close proximity to each other. In each “square foot,” plants are spaced depending on size (you can plant 16 carrots, onions, and radishes in each square. Larger plants such as corn, tomatoes, cucumber, and eggplant are planted one per square foot). Crops are also trained to grow vertically, saving space. Pests are kept under control because of the variety of crops planted together.

From an education perspective, Square Foot Gardening easily lends itself to:

- \* **Math:** Building a grid, counting out seeds, determining how plant size affects a plants growth needs.
- \* **Science:** Water conservation, purpose of different materials.
- \* **Food:** Students learn how to step out of a comfort zone of their usual food.
- \* **Social Studies:** SFG is used in developing countries as a way to grow food with few resources.
- \* **STEM:** Building trellises with available materials.

At Sullivan West, each student was given their own bed to plant whatever they wanted. This resulted in a sense of ownership and enthusiasm that I have not seen before in the kids. They worked hard to make this happen, because it was theirs.

Many of the lessons taught were spontaneous and resulted in an immediate hands on experience. We learn from our mistakes is a mantra that all gardeners must understand. Our success and failures are what drive us to search and come up with better methods for our next season’s garden. I hope this garden experience will help the students learn this important life lesson.



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Catskill Edible Garden Project at Sullivan West Elementary School, installed 2012



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# MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Sullivan Renaissance's Municipal Partnership Grant Program provides funding for municipalities to care for public spaces, enhance code enforcement, build healthy communities and promote environmental stewardship. In its sixth year the program provided matching funds up to \$20,000 to:

- \* Town of Bethel
- \* Town of Fallsburg
- \* Town of Liberty
- \* Town of Mamkating
- \* Town of Rockland
- \* Town of Thompson
- \* Village of Monticello
- \* Village of Woodridge

**Care of Public Spaces** was the highlight of the program this year, with investments in recreation to promote healthier communities also being a focus. Participating municipalities beautified parks, municipal buildings and downtown areas; making their towns attractive and vibrant for residents and visitors. They also promoted art, history and events that activated these places.

*"I know from personal testimony of local residents how grateful they are to see people taking responsibility for our public spaces. It becomes infectious, and people tend to treat these spaces with more respect and dignity when they see the effort put in. I've had the privilege of speaking to the same families week after week who come down to LaPolt park and enjoy the beautiful public space we can provide for them. And I'm reminded just how important these public projects are to local residents by the constant displays of thankfulness and gratitude they show. I would recommend to every municipality to participate. The results are tangible. People learn and grow respect for their community, and the effort also attracts new visitors who in-turn help support the local community,"*

~Nick Rusin, Town of Liberty, Grant Manager



Bethel continued work on their Heritage Trail.



Liberty installed a new series of banners showcasing the artwork of Liberty High School students.



Fallsburg unveiled a mural of the Sandberg Creek created by artist Laurie Kilgore, and added river rocks for a three dimensional feel.



# MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



The Town of Thompson installed and landscaped new welcome signs throughout town.



The Town of Mamakating continued work on their trails, opening a new connection this fall.



The Village of Monticello is working with the Monticello Rotary and the Town of Thompson to replace the pavilion at DeHoyos Park.



The Village of Woodridge added amenities to their historic plane at Krieger Park, already a popular location for activity.



The Town of Rockland continued working on their gardens throughout Roscoe, including their Dove garden.

*"Beautification has become incredibly important to bringing tourism into our communities..."*  
~ Chrissy Rutledge, Town of Rockland.

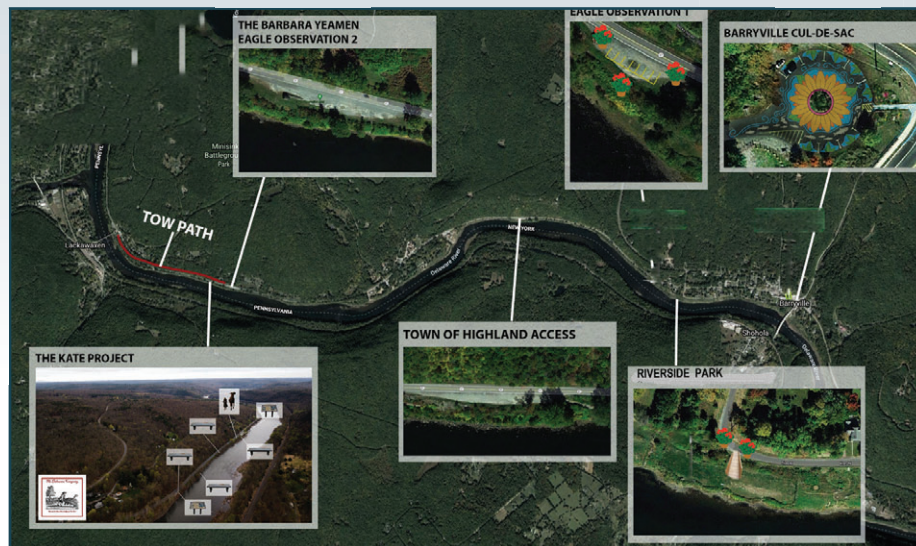


# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Town of Highland, Silver Feather Award

The Town of Highland received the Silver Feather Award for the Delaware River Access Project which includes scenic recreation, beautification, public art, vista clearing, and a connection to history via the tow path leading to the Roebling Bridge. The overall access project includes 5 specific focus areas that will be tied together through wayfinding signage. At various access points different facets of the project become central.

Several community partners have joined the Town of Highland including the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, The Delaware Company, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Sullivan County Planning Department, and the Sullivan County Legislature.



An aerial map showing the focus areas for the Delaware River Access projects throughout the Town of Highland.



Artist concept and proposed colors to be used in the Barry Public Art Cul De Sac Project.



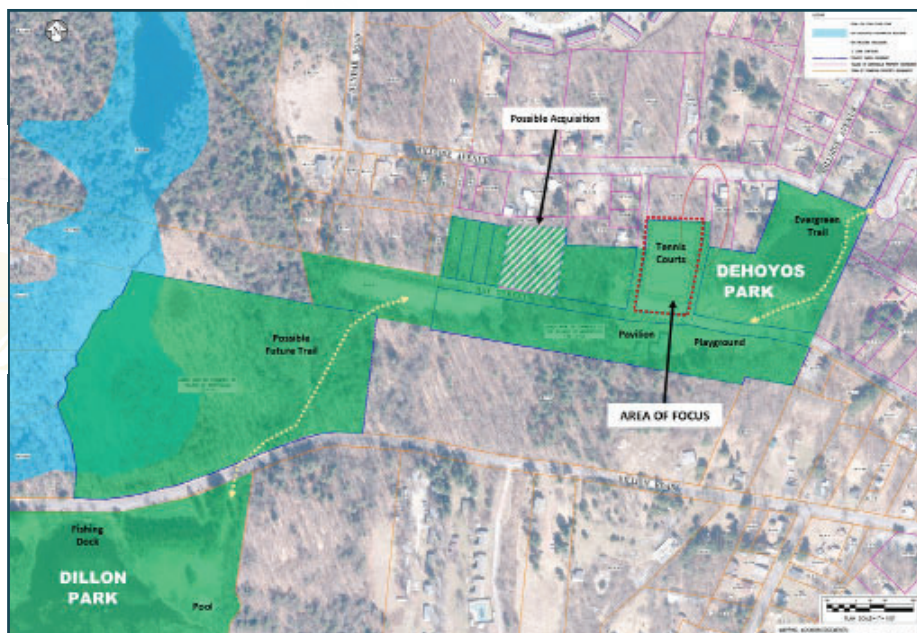
# COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Community Impact Grant Program invests significant funding into transformative capital projects. The Golden Feather Award in the amount of \$400,000 is made possible with support from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. The Silver Feather Award in the amount of \$250,000 is funded through the Stoddard Fund, a bequest from former Sullivan Renaissance judge, and Liberty resident, Tim Stoddard. Recipients are selected based on their impact, readiness, and the municipality's capacity to complete the project. The 2021 Community Impact Grants were awarded to the Village of Monticello and the Town of Highland.

Community Impact Grants are multi-year efforts that move projects beyond the dream phase into implementation. These projects either singularly, or collectively with other investment, are transformational and will have a positive impact on the quality of life for residents within that community; and a broader impact on Sullivan County. The program is the intersection of community visioning and planning; with public and private investment.

## Village of Monticello, Golden Feather Award

The Village of Monticello received the Golden Feather Award for the redevelopment of DeHoyos Park and Dillon Park. This project comes directly from a joint parks study done by the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson. The intention is to replace failing infrastructure and bring new amenities to both DeHoyos and Dillon Parks. There are also plans to create a walking trail connecting the parks. Already the Village of Monticello, in partnership with the Monticello Rotary and the Town of Thompson, are replacing the pavilion with support from a Sullivan Renaissance Municipal Partnership Grant.



A preliminary concept plan shows the area of focus for the work to be done at DeHoyos and Dillon Parks in the Village of Monticello.



# BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Sullivan Renaissance continued support of business efforts to improve aesthetics and enhance their curb appeal through the Business Assistance Grant Program. These grants are matching and reimbursable up to \$2,500.00. This year's projects included new signage and plantings, façade improvements and the installation of art, lighting and outdoor seating. In addition to the grants, Sullivan Renaissance offered technical assistance and design consultation.

- \* Bethel Self Storage, Bethel
- \* Brothers II Auto Body, South Fallsburg
- \* Caroline Akt Realty, White Lake
- \* Catskill CycleWorks, Jeffersonville
- \* Cocheton Corner, LLC, Cocheton
- \* Liberty Fitness Center, Liberty

- \* Spinning Plates dba The Walk In, Livingston Manor
- \* The Junction, Roscoe
- \* The Tusten Cup, Narrowsburg
- \* Valley Daycare, Mongaup Valley



Caroline Akt Realty added a handsome sign and garden. Caroline shared that she felt the project exceeded her expectations because of the assistance with landscape design.



The Walk In aimed to add tables, chairs and planters to make their outside space look as beautiful as possible...Score!



The Tusten Cup installed ceiling fans for added comfort in the new outdoor seating area. They also updated the benches in the front of the store going above and beyond making their place inviting.



# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Neighborhood Revitalization grants fund projects that involve beautification, block revitalization and community engagement in residential neighborhoods. The program also supports public art and events that promote cultural diversity and community celebration.

**ENG Creative Civic Center** partnered with the Latino Alliance to produce the first annual Liberty Unity Festival held at Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty.

**The Nesin Cultural Arts** collaborated with artist Laurie Kilgore to engage students in creating a mural at their home, the Suzanne Stanway Arts Haven on Saint John Street in Monticello. This project was designed and created over several months by middle and high school students of the NCA Visual Arts Program, under Laurie's direction.

**The Mountaintale Business Association** will be installing several artistic banners throughout their hamlet highlighting three unique attributes of Mountain Dale.

**The Sullivan County Dove Trail**  
Sullivan Renaissance partnered with the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association on this year's class of doves for the Dove Trail. Initiated as a way of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Festival, this project continues to be of great interest to residents and visitors; bringing smiles to many locations throughout the County.



Colleen Emery and Carmela Hugel of Sullivan Renaissance at the Liberty Unity Festival.



Nesin Cultural Arts Visual Arts Director, Laurie Kilgore, and students (Left to Right), Belle Zhou and Chloe Brown unveil a new community celebration mural at the Suzanne Stanway Arts Haven in Monticello.



Dove in White Lake



Sullivan County Dove Trail



# SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE INTERNS

Being a Sullivan Renaissance Intern is hands-on, hard work. Interns contribute to the goals of municipal and community beautification while gaining practical experience, and learning about their own abilities and work style. They lead the way through action by caring for gardens, parks, containers and flower boxes in public spaces and on main streets. They weed, water, litter pluck and deadhead spent flowers to encourage continued blooms.

The 2021 class of interns worked alongside community volunteers, municipal staff, Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee members and staff to make a difference in their neighborhoods and get the job done. The Interns also participated in weekly leadership sessions held throughout the county where they discussed current events, visited Renaissance projects and examined different leadership styles and skills.

Interns volunteered at the Sleepy Hollow Trail Clean Up Day as a service learning project. They worked with the Sullivan Renaissance Staff and volunteers from the Sleepy Hollow Community, Sullivan 180, and Catskill Mountainkeeper to clean up the Trail. The project was inspired by Shanita Artson, a parent/resident at Sleepy Hollow to realize her dream of “dry shoes and positive affirmations” for safe travel connecting Sleepy Hollow to the Monticello School. The interns worked as a community to support this vision to become a reality. The highlight of the day was when the children of Sleepy Hollow came out to paint rocks, make stone walls, and move mulch!



Back Row: Victor Blinov, Dylan Price, Daniel Rush, Mikail Baptiste, Keegan Stroop, Liza Mitchell, and Jeremiah Scott  
Front Row: Abigail Bizjak and Kristina Davis • Missing from photo: MaKenna Cooper, Kansas Miner, Gavin Racette



# SO, YOU WANT TO BE A SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE INTERN...

*Things I have learned during my internship that could be beneficial for you to know:*

*It may be overwhelming seeing all of these gardens,* but it's not that much once you get going. Even if you just tackle one per day that can help you. I learned to plan out my week. I would say "okay on Monday I am going to accomplish the 2 headed trout garden and on Tuesday I will take care of the dove garden." Simple things like that make it so much easier to not become overwhelmed with everything.

*Take your time with these gardens.* If you just pull weeds really fast, and don't pay attention to anything, they will grow back even faster and you will just have to do it all over again. The key is to go slow and make sure you try and get every weed. Now this does not mean to go on the opposite side of the spectrum and take 4 hours pulling weeds at one garden. Just take your time. That is the key to weeds.

*This one is all about the watering cart.* Just to warn you - this thing is a beast to handle. When filling it you have to pull it up onto the curb and into the mulch. Then you have to fight to get it to connect to the spigot. I recommend to fill it for about 7 minutes so that it is not too full; but full enough. The worst part is getting this heavy cart down the curb without tipping it over. I found that if you go backwards and pull it down, handle first, things go a lot smoother.

*Saying "good morning" to people is really important.* It builds a connection with people and they usually will compliment you on something that looks nice in the town. It is a win win either way. Just be polite and others will do the same.

That's all of the tips that I have.

I promise you will get the hang of this whole thing.



*Kansas Miner*

Town of Rockland, 2021 Intern

When I started the internship I was focused on the wonderful employment opportunity and wages. After working for a few weeks in the internship program, I began taking great pride in the fact that I was making a difference in the lives of those who live and work around the town. I have learned that the smallest changes can affect everything around you.

- Keegan Stroop,  
Village of Woodridge, 2021 Intern

## Hear More from Sullivan Renaissance Interns

### Check out "Ambitious with Dylan Price" Podcast Episode 108

Dylan is a multi-year intern who hosts a podcast where he has interviewed professional sports stars, celebrities, and yes - Changemaker superstars of Sullivan Renaissance.





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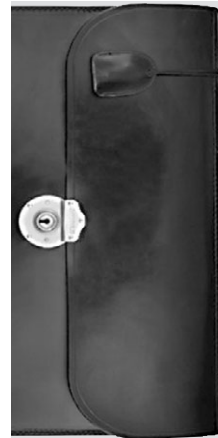
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