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A COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES PLAN



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County of Dutchess

Marcus J. Molinaro
County Executive

In 2017, with the enactment of the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative law, county executives across the state were mandated to form and lead a panel comprised of all city, town and village executives tasked with creating a county-wide shared services property tax savings plan. With the hard work and dedication of all of our municipalities and participating school districts, Dutchess County submitted a plan for 2018 that identified over $25.5 million in savings related to 35 projects. These savings targets put Dutchess County in the top five counties in New York State for highest savings reported in the first year, highest savings reported in the out-years, and largest savings per taxpayer, according to the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

Shared services and property tax savings are not new ideas in Dutchess County. The County has always worked hand in hand with our municipalities in an effort to create long-lasting cost savings for our residents. We have reduced the county property tax levy in each of the last five years. Since 2013, our administration and the County Legislature allocated nearly $11 million through our Municipal Innovation Grant Program to incentivize municipalities to share services, evaluate consolidation opportunities, establish a regional delivery of services, and implement other efficiencies. We have also worked on joint Community Development Block Grant Projects designed to prevent the duplication of efforts.

For 2020, Dutchess County in collaboration with our local municipalities submit the attached plan, which identifies $2.3 million in savings related to four projects. The projects touch on areas as diverse as multi-jurisdictional law enforcement-aided dispatch and shared emergency medical services (EMS). We believe this plan creates new opportunities to share services, reduce costs, and improve the services we provide residents.

In addition to the savings identified, the State has promised matching funds, where eligible. This funding will provide further taxpayer relief, and we will continue working with the State to draw down these promised funds.

This plan represents only a small portion of our current efforts to identify efficiencies and reduce the burden on local taxpayers. We will continue to work together as one community, one county, to share services, eliminate duplicated programs, consolidate and provide overall tax savings for the residents of our County, as we have for many years.

Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County Executive

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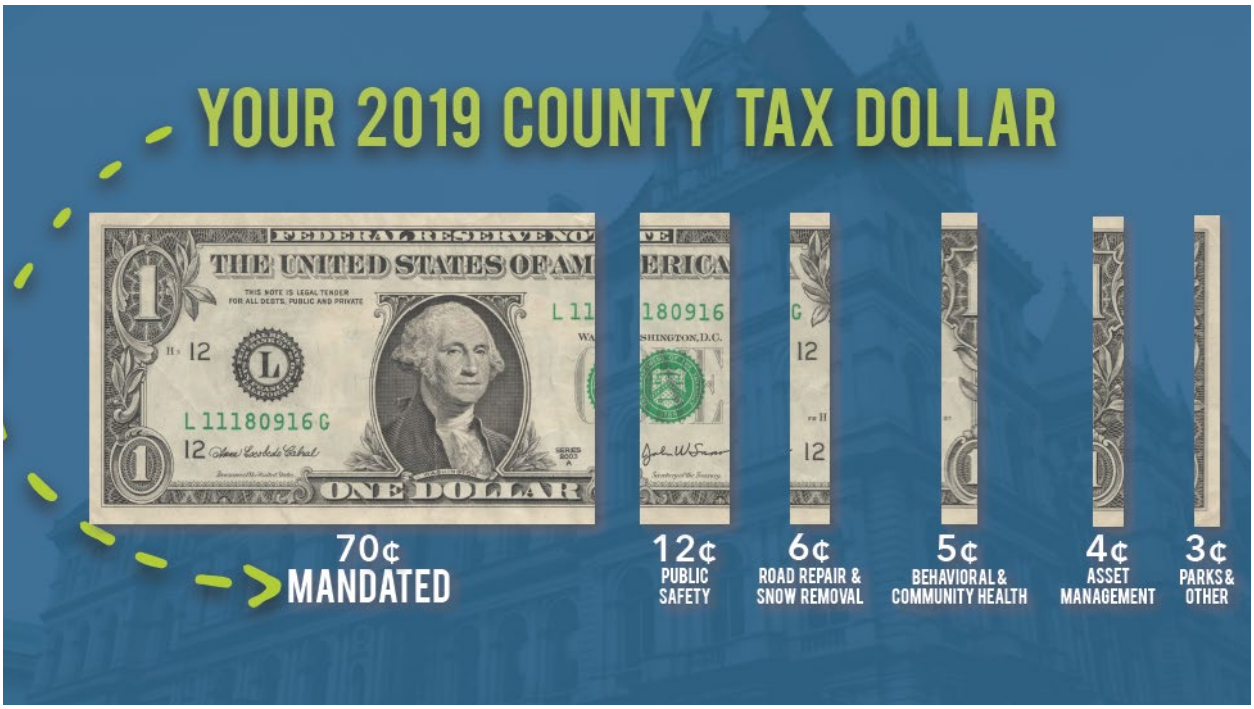
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2019 Property Tax Savings Plan Project Summary

Project Number	Initiative	2020 Savings
1	Drug Task Force	1,461,575
2	New World Police Software Shared Service Project	769,485
3	North East Dutchess Consolidated EMS	43,000
4	Website Development, Maintenance and Hosting	26,000
	Total Savings	**$ 2,300,060**

Financial Summary

The State requires Counties include a summary of projected savings to the average taxpayer, homeowner and business as part of this plan; however, making these projections outside of each municipalities' budget process, is simply inaccurate and projecting countywide tax savings as a percentage of one's individual property tax bill is impossible. Each homeowner and business are taxed based on their own unique assessed valuation and municipal assessed value, which can change year to year. Although the following County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Summary document is the prescribed format for submission of the Tax Savings Plan to the Director of the New York State Division of the Budget as required by law, the numbers as presented cannot be accurate.



It is important to note that the State has a critical role in producing meaningful property tax relief. In Dutchess County, 70% of net county costs are for mandated programs and services. The remaining 30% is "optional spending," including crucial government functions such as health and mental health services, sheriff road patrols, road repair, snow removal, public transportation, 911 dispatch, and senior services. Dutchess County has been sharing services and containing costs for years, now the State needs to do their share to reduce mandated costs instead of simply blaming others.

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Partners			
Row 1 – 2 Cities in Dutchess County			
Participating Cities		**Panel Representative**	**Vote Cast (Yes or No)**
1.	City of Beacon	Mayor Randy Casale	YES
2.	City of Poughkeepsie	Mayor Robert Rolison	YES
Row 2 – 20 Towns in Dutchess County			
Participating Towns		**Panel Representative**	**Vote Cast (Yes or No)**
1.	Town of Amenia	Supervisor Victoria Perotti	YES
2.	Town of Beekman	Supervisor Mary Covucci	YES
3.	Town of Clinton	Supervisor Raymon P. Oberly	YES
4.	Town of Dover	Supervisor Linda French	YES
5.	Town of East Fishkill	Supervisor Nick D'Alesandro	YES
6.	Town of Fishkill	Supervisor Robert LaColla	YES
7.	Town of Hyde Park	Supervisor Aileen Rohr	YES
8.	Town of LaGrange	Supervisor Alan Bell	YES
9.	Town of Milan	Supervisor William Gallagher	YES
10.	Town of North East	Supervisor George Kaye	YES
11.	Town of Pawling	Supervisor James Schmitt	YES
12.	Town of Pine Plains	Supervisor Darrah Cloud	YES
13.	Town of Pleasant Valley	Supervisor Mark Figliozzi	YES
14.	Town of Poughkeepsie	Supervisor Jon J. Baisley	YES
15.	Town of Red Hook	Supervisor Robert McKeon	YES
16.	Town of Rhinebeck	Supervisor Elizabeth Spinzia	YES
17.	Town of Stanford	Supervisor Joseph Norton	YES
18.	Town of Union Vale	Supervisor Betsy Maas	YES

19.	Town of Wappinger	Supervisor Richard Thurston	YES
20.	Town of Washington	Supervisor Gary Ciferri	YES
Use Additional Sheets if necessary			

Row 3 – 8 Villages in Dutchess County			
Participating Villages		**Panel Representative**	**Vote Cast (Yes or No)**
1.	Village of Fishkill	Mayor James J. Miccio	YES
2.	Village of Millbrook	Mayor Rodney Brown	YES
3.	Village of Millerton	Mayor Debra Middlebrook	YES
4.	Village of Pawling	Mayor Robert Liffland	YES
5.	Village of Red Hook	Mayor Edward Blundell	YES
6.	Village of Rhinebeck	Mayor Gary Bassett	YES
7.	Village of Tivoli	Mayor Joel Griffith	YES
8.	Village of Wappingers Falls	Mayor Matthew Alexander	YES
Use Additional Sheets if necessary			

Row 4 – 14 School Districts and BOCES in Dutchess County			
Participating School Districts, BOCES, and Special Improvement Districts		**Panel Representative**	**Vote Cast (Yes or No)**
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
Use Additional Sheets if necessary			

Row 5	
2019 Local Government Property Taxes	**The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2019 by the county, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and special improvement districts within such county.**
	$884,983,861

Row 6

2019 Participating Entities Property Taxes	**The sum total of property taxes levied in the year 2019 by the county, any cities, towns, villages, school districts, and special improvements districts identified as participating in the panel in the rows above.**
	$246,430,501
Row 7	
Total Anticipated Savings	**The sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2020 and annually thereafter.**
	2020- $2.3M, Annually- $2.3M
Row 8	
Anticipated Savings as a Percentage of Participating Entities property taxes	**The sum total of net savings in such plan certified as being anticipated in calendar year 2020 as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6, and annually thereafter as a percentage of the sum total in Row 6.**
	2020- 0.9%, Annually- 0.9%
Row 9	
Anticipated Savings to the Average Taxpayer	**The amount of the savings that the average taxpayer in the county will realize in calendar year 2020 and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.**
	2020- $21, Annually- $21
Row 10	
Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Homeowner	**The percentage amount a homeowner can expect his or her property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2020 and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.**
	2020- 0.9%, Annually- 0.9%

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County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Summary

Row 11	
Anticipated Costs/Savings to the Average Business	**The percentage amount a business can expect its property taxes to increase or decrease in calendar year 2020 and annually thereafter if the net savings certified in the plan are realized.**
	2020- 0.9%, Annually- 0.9%

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. This is the finalized county-wide shared services property tax savings plan. The county-wide shared services property tax savings plan was approved on _____, 2019, and it was disseminated to residents of the county in accordance with the County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Law.

Marcus J. Molinaro — County Chief Executive Officer

(Print Name)

M. Molinaro — 12/19/19

(Signature) (Date)

County-Wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan

Project Name: Drug Task Force

Municipalities Participating:

Town of Hyde Park (New), Dutchess County Sheriff, Dutchess County District Attorney, Town of Poughkeepsie, City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon, and the Town of East Fishkill.

Project Description:

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force (DCTF) is an undercover unit concerned with the sale and distribution of narcotics (drug crimes) throughout Dutchess County. The DCTF consists of officers assigned by Dutchess County, City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon, Town of East Fishkill and Town of Poughkeepsie and reports to the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office. Town of Hyde Park will assign one officer to participate in the DCTF. This allows Hyde Park to avoid the cost of providing an entire Drug Task Force for their municipality. The county-wide nature of the DCTF means each municipality does not have to invest resources in drug enforcement activities. Only Hyde Park is new to the Taskforce, the rest were submitted as part of the 2018-2019 CWSS Tax Savings Plan.

Project Category: Law and Courts	2020	202M C2NóI·NŘ
Projected Savings:	$ 1,461,575	$ 1,461,575

County-Wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan

Project Name: New World Police Software Shared Service Project

Municipalities Participating:

Dutchess County, City of Poughkeepsie, & Town of Hyde Park

Project Description:

Upgrade and consolidate the City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Hyde Park's law enforcement dispatch system with the County's Law Enforcement Records System (LERMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System. Tyler Technology Public Safety Software will be utilized to leverage the County's Infrastructure and multi-jurisdictional software license. It will significantly reduce the municipalities computer infrastructure cost by having one system hosted at the County's computer center.

Hyde Park is requesting to join the County's multi-jurisdictional LERMS, CAD and Mobile technology system. The Town's current system is over 24 years old and doesn't contain a mobile solution. Hyde Park Police Department (HPPD) handled 2,158 emergency 911 calls in 2018. When calls are made to DC911, dispatchers from DC911 currently must call or radio the HPPD to share information. The HPPD must then call or radio patrol cars. Information will be transmitted quickly, succinctly and more efficiently which will improve response time and increase first responder safety. While sharing services, DC911 can transfer all the information to police dispatchers and the officer's patrol vehicle leaving out the element of human error. Currently, HPPD officers must call and speak with another officer to obtain critical information. The New World software will not only allow for quick dispatch of police officers with accurate information but will aide detectives seeking to solve crimes outside of the town boundaries. The Town tax payers will realize a one-time savings for 2020 and annual savings thereafter.
The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department (CPPD) is currently using an older version of Tyler's New World Public Safety Software and needs to upgrade their software and infrastructure. By transferring their licenses and joining the County's system they will avoid additional hardware costs.

This partnership will benefit, the County, the City and Town of Poughkeepsie Police Departments, and the Hyde Park Police Department by sharing records, real-time data, and efficient dispatch and reduced response times, as well as improved effectiveness in law enforcement due to elimination of redundancy and increased officer safety. This integration will improve situational awareness and greatly enhance public safety for the citizens of Dutchess County.

Project Category: Emergency Services	2020	202M C2NØINŘ
Projected Savings:	$ 769,485	$ 70,261

County-Wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan

Project Name: North East Dutchess Consolidated EMS

Municipalities Participating:

Towns of Amenia, Dover, and North East

Project Description:

Municipalities above currently have individual contracts with a commercial ambulance service to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Through a collaborative process they are able to complete one contract for EMS. This will lead to reduced cost, consistent requirements per the contract and improved response. Constituents will experience improved service as these contracted units will respond in concert to multiple requests for service. Additionally, response and other standards are the same and improved across municipal boundaries.

Project Category: Emergency Services	2020	202M C2NóI·NŘ
Projected Savings:	$ 43,000	$ 43,000

County-Wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan

Project Name: Website Development, Maintenance and Hosting

Municipalities Participating:

Dutchess County, Town of Stanford, and Village of Wappingers Falls

Project Description:

Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services (OCIS) is pleased to offer municipalities proposals to design, develop and host municipal websites. As part of the website, OCIS would incorporate advanced features from the County's award winning Website as well as new features developed specifically for municipal sites.

Website development includes managed hosting, site evaluation, needs assessment responsive (mobile friendly) site build (template pages), necessary graphics work, Online calendar, public alerts, InfoAccess (GIS application), training and the ability to update pages via Content Management System. All development projects will begin with an interview process where the County's Office of Central and Information Services Department (OCIS) will explore and establish goals for the site and uncover features that the municipality may not currently have on the site that they would like. OCIS will also start to identify who will make updates to the municipality site and what a work flow may look like.

Project Category: Shared Equipment, Personnel, and Services	2020	202M C2NøI·NŘ
Projected Savings:	$ 26,000	$ 26,000

We, the municipal leaders of Dutchess County, recognize the importance of shared services, the elimination of duplicative services, consolidation, and improved efficiencies in an effort to reduce the burden on property taxpayers, and have worked diligently to this end for many years, as evidenced by the County's Municipal Innovation Grant Program and annual County-Wide Shared Services Summit.

As required by the 2019-2020 New York State Budget, we have developed a County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings plan. The below signed parties do hereby certify the attached plan, as prepared by Dutchess County and its two cities, twenty towns, and eight villages.

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Dutchess County Executive

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