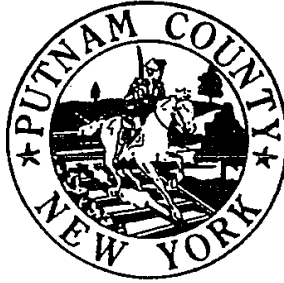


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**AGENDA
PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

Tuesday 6:00pm September 22, 2026
(Special Full Mtg. and Budget & Finance Mtg. to immediately follow)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes – July 16, 2026 & August 13, 2026**
- 4. Approval – Requesting a Traffic and Speed Limit Study and the Initiation of Procedures to Reduce the Posted Speed Limit on East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72) – Town of Carmel**
- 5. Approval – Appointment – Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board – Honovich**
- 6. Approval – Planning Department Request to Apply for CREST Grant – Security Upgrades at Koehler Senior Center**
- 7. Approval – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore – Stoneleigh Ave. at Drewville Road Intersection Project (PIN 8761.97)**
- 8. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A077 – DPW – Local Match – Stoneleigh Ave. at Drewville Road Intersection Project (PIN 8761.97)**
- 9. Approval – Budgetary Transfer 26T268 – Dept. of General Services – Electric Supply and Delivery Costs through Year End**
- 10. Approval – Ratification of the 2026 Real Property Tax Sale**

11. Discussion – Continental Village Lake Park Dam

12. Discussion – 34 Gleneida Avenue

a. Approval – Demolition of County-Owned Building – 34 Gleneida Avenue – Carmel, NY

b. Discussion – Proposals from Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Othmer

13. Update – Fair Street Project – Dept. of Public Works

14. FYI – Fund Transfer 26T261 – Finance – Rectify Soil & Water Account for Part B Funds

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

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**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

Thursday

July 16, 2026

(Immediately following the Personnel Mtg. beginning at 6:00pm)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Regan and Sayegh and Chairman Gouldman were present.

Item #3 – Discussion – Future of 34 Gleneida Ave, Carmel NY

Chairman Gouldman stated the County-owned building at 34 Gleneida Avenue had been listed for sale for approximately seven years. He stated the property had received offers, but the Legislature ultimately decided not to sell it and removed it from the market. He stated the purpose of the discussion was to consider the future use of the property.

United for the Troops Co-Founder Jim Rathschmidt stated the organization has occupied 34 Gleneida Avenue for nearly 10 years and thanked Putnam County for providing the space. He stated United for the Troops is an all-volunteer nonprofit that relies on donations and has shipped almost 40,000 care packages to deployed military members. He stated although remaining at the location would be advantageous to the organization he is grateful to the County for being able to use the building all this time. He stated United for the Troops would support whatever decision the County makes regarding the property.

Chairman Gouldman stated there was additional correspondence for Item #3 from Town of Carmel Councilman Robert Kearns.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Chairman Gouldman read Councilman Kearns' letter into the record, which thanked the Legislature for holding a public discussion and referenced public interest in a youth or community center, and concern regarding multifamily development along the downtown corridor. The letter suggested the County consider removing the existing building and creating a passive park or courtyard with outdoor seating that would open the view toward the County Courthouse and stated the Town and County could collaborate on a long-term vision for the property.

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer stated he is here this evening as a lifetime Putnam resident, Veteran, and former Putnam County Legislator. He stated he strongly supports the mission of United for the Troops and believes an alternative location should be identified for the organization before any work occurs at 34 Gleneida Avenue. He stated the original vision for the courthouse area included removal of the building and creation of an open green space. He directed the Committee's attention to photographs and renderings showing the courthouse with and without the existing building in front. He stated removing the structure would improve the view of the courthouse and Lake Gleneida and provide a central public space for ceremonies, rallies, parades, veterans' events and other community activities. He suggested also moving the driveway to the other side so the green space would extend from the VFW building. He stated the

County has an opportunity to preserve public space at the County seat and encouraged the Legislature to act rather than continue delaying a decision. He reiterated that relocation of United for the Troops should be addressed before demolition of the building.

Legislator Regan thanked Mr. Othmer for the presentation and stated it helped clarify the importance of the location. He stated he does not believe the County should sell the property and agreed that the Legislature should work to ensure United for the Troops is appropriately accommodated.

Legislator Addonizio questioned what the cost would be to remove the building.

Highway Superintendent Othmer stated he is unaware.

Chairman Gouldman stated he had received numerous suggestions regarding the property, including retaining United for the Troops, creating a community center or arts center, establishing space for homeless veterans, creating office or commercial space, and other possible uses. He stated parking limitations would affect several of those options and invited additional public comment.

Paul Camarda, resident, stated he supports creating public open space at the location. He stated Lake Gleneida is a major asset to downtown Carmel and suggested benches, modest landscaping and other public amenities that would encourage people to walk along Gleneida Avenue and support surrounding businesses. He stated the County is in a strong financial position and encouraged investment in the future of the Hamlet rather than additional residential development at the site.

Angela Briante, local real estate agent, stated that if the building remains, she would favor ground-floor retail with apartments above; provided parking issues can be addressed in cooperation with the Town of Carmel. She stated another option would be to remove the building and create an attractive courtyard or green space honoring veterans, with flagpoles and opportunities for County employees and the public to use the area. She stated the property should become a focal point that improves the lakefront and downtown corridor.

Mr. Camarda suggested petitioning New York City to place park benches along the lake shore.

Legislator Sayegh stated maintenance along Lake Gleneida has historically been difficult because of New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) restrictions on cutting vegetation near the lake. She stated the County may need to continue advocating to NYS DEP to improve the appearance and accessibility of the lakefront.

Legislator D'Angelo stated the County should develop a clear plan for the property now that it is off the market. He suggested beginning with an engineering assessment of the existing building so the Legislature understands its condition and the implications of either retaining or removing it. He also suggested engaging economic development professionals or consultants to work with community stakeholders and evaluate how the different options could affect the downtown business corridor. He stated objective data and professional analysis would help the Legislature make a more informed decision.

Highway Superintendent Othmer stated the property has been discussed for many years and encouraged the Legislature to move forward without unnecessary delay.

Chairman Gouldman requested that residents with additional suggestions contact the Legislative Office. He stated additional comments could be reviewed at a future meeting and the matter could be brought forward for a vote.

Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Thomas Feighery stated the building cannot go through another heating season in its current condition. He stated the boiler failed and the temporary measures used during the prior winter are no longer available.

Item #4 – Update – Continental Village – Sylvan Pond – Aqueduct Road Dam Status – Administration & DPW

Commissioner Feighery stated the County monitors more than a half-dozen dams in coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He stated three plans for the Sylvan Pond dam have been developed and submitted for review. He stated a tree recently fell across the dam during a storm and the County received direction from DEC regarding its removal. He stated no final action has been taken on the dam beyond addressing the fallen tree and related corrective work.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Chairman Gouldman for placing the item on the agenda and stated the Continental Village community has been waiting for an update. She requested that the three engineering alternatives be provided to the Legislature and presented to the public so residents understand the options under consideration. She suggested DPW attend a future homeowners association meeting to explain the alternatives and stated she would assist with community outreach if appropriate.

Commissioner Feighery stated DPW could provide the engineering plans and participate in a future community discussion. He stated neighboring property owners had recently provided temporary access that allowed the County to reach its easement for the tree-removal work and that additional property matters were being handled with the Law Department.

Legislator Regan questioned once the plan is approved if work is done by the DEC or by the County through DPW.

Commissioner Feighery stated DEC approval would be required and the County would do the work. He stated DEC generally favors decommissioning dams where possible because it eliminates future maintenance and risk. He explained that rehabilitation could require substantial structural work, controlled inflows and outflows, fencing and continued maintenance, and could alter the appearance and environmental character of the pond. He also stated changes to the dam could affect its regulatory classification and future engineering and maintenance requirements.

Legislator Montgomery questioned whether the County could face enforcement action or fines if no action is taken and asked whether the three engineering alternatives had been submitted to DEC.

Commissioner Feighery confirmed the alternatives have been provided to DEC but stated the County had not yet received final direction regarding what DEC expects the County to complete.

Zoila Morell, resident whose property abuts Sylvan Pond, submitted a petition signed by more than 200 residents requesting preservation of the Pond. She stated residents want transparency regarding the alternatives, costs and decision-making process and requested consideration of

grants or other funding opportunities. She stated the Pond has historical, environmental and community value and provides habitat for wildlife. She stated the animals living at the Pond are important to the residents. She also expressed concern regarding potential impacts to adjoining private property and requested that the County preserve the resource while meeting DEC requirements.

Kendra Parker, a Sylvan Pond community resident, stated Sylvan Pond has long been an important feature of the neighborhood and residents have participated in cleaning and caring for the area over the years. She stated the pond supports turtles, birds and other wildlife and requested that the County pursue an option that protects downstream properties while preserving the Pond and the character of the neighborhood.

Cassandra Roth, Soil & Water Conservation District Board Chair, stated Putnam County has a significant number of dams, lakes and other water resources compared with many other counties. She stated the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is available to assist the County and residents with water-quality concerns, grant opportunities and other resources that may support future work. She encouraged continued public discussion of dam issues and stated the SWCD would like to serve as a resource and partner.

Chairman Gouldman thanked the members of the public for attending to speak on this issue.

Item #5 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T146 – Finance – MTA Railroad Station Maintenance

Acting Commissioner of Finance Alexandra Gordon stated the County receives an annual MTA railroad station maintenance charge and budgets for the expense each year, but the amount increases based on the consumer price index, therefore the final cost is not known when the budget is prepared. She stated the requested transfer of \$16,742 would be taken from contingency to fully fund the 2026 obligation. She stated next year's estimation in the budget will be higher.

Legislator Regan questioned the lack of detail provided by the MTA regarding which Putnam County railroad stations were covered by the charge and what services or improvements supported the increase. He stated the County would generally require more specific information before approving increased payment and asked whether Finance could request clarification from the MTA.

Acting Commissioner Gordon stated she would contact the MTA representative and request additional information regarding the stations and basis for the increase. She stated the charge has increased in prior years as well.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. One Nay: Legislator Regan. Motion carries.

Item #6 – Approval – Fund Transfer 26T153 – DPW – Donald B. Smith Building 3 Renovations

Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Joseph Bellucci stated the requested transfer would fund architectural and construction costs associated with renovations to Building 3 at the Donald B. Smith Campus. He stated this transfer would cover the costs associated with the project.

Legislator Sayegh referenced correspondence from the Planning Department indicating that unused funding from transportation services could be transferred to the Building 3 project and questioned the reason for the surplus and whether transportation needs would continue in future years.

Legislator Regan requested clarification about the referenced transportation efficiencies resulting from the opening of the Putnam County Early Learning Center.

Legislator Crowley stated the Early Learning Center has reduced the need to transport children with special needs to programs outside Putnam County. She stated the County had previously budgeted for significant out-of-county transportation and the local program is reducing those costs while also keeping young children closer to home.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Kate McNeal, attending in place of Legislative Counsel, confirmed Legislator Crowley's explanation.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #7 – Approval – Acceptance of Amendment B for 2025-2026 Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated the amendment provides reimbursement from New York State for the County's snow and ice maintenance of approximately 60 miles of State roads during the winter season.

Legislator Regan questioned how DPW tracks the County's costs for work performed on State roads and whether the County is reimbursed for labor, equipment and materials.

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated labor, equipment and material costs are specifically tracked and the crews assigned to State roads have defined routes, which allows the County to quantify the work and seek reimbursement.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approval – Capital Project 26CP02 – County Park and Fire Training Center Communications, Security and Access Control

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated the capital project would upgrade fiber-optic communications, access control and security systems throughout the County Park and Fire Training Center campus and would support future improvements.

Commissioner Feighery stated the Fire Training Center area has limited cellular service and reliable communications are important for a training facility. He stated the conduit was installed during prior construction and the proposed project would complete the connections between the upper park, lower park and Fire Training Center.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A060 – Finance – Fund County Park and Fire Training Center Communications, Security and Access Control Capital Project

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated this budgetary amendment provides the funding necessary for Capital Project 26CP02 just discussed.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #10 – Approval – Opposing NYS Senate Bill S.4571-A – The Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program

SWCD Chair Roth stated the SWCD Board unanimously supports opposing New York State Senate Bill S.4571-A as currently written. She emphasized that the SWCD is not opposed to solar energy or renewable-energy development, but is concerned about incentivizing floating solar installations before the environmental impacts are sufficiently studied and before restrictions are established regarding where such projects may be located. She stated Putnam County has an unusually high concentration of lakes, reservoirs, dams and other water resources that serve local communities and the New York City water system. She stated this legislation could encourage larger-scale projects and does not sufficiently address the potential effects on water quality, wildlife and local resources. She stated solar development is better suited to rooftops, municipal buildings, parking lots and other previously developed locations rather than lakes and reservoirs. She stated to her knowledge this bill has passed Senate and is under consideration by the Assembly.

Legislator Sayegh stated her support for the resolution and expressed concern about State laws that reduce local control over the siting of energy projects. She referenced similar concerns regarding large-scale battery storage facilities and stated communities should have meaningful authority over projects affecting local property and natural resources.

Joe Doherty, Mahopac resident, stated he has professional experience designing solar projects which can provide important benefits, particularly when installed on rooftops and other developed areas, however lakes, reservoirs, forests and open land serve other important purposes. He stated local building and engineering review is important for solar and battery projects and discussed the need to consider safety, including battery fire risks. He stated his support for this opposing resolution.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #11a – Other Business – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A061 – Amend 2026 CHIPS County Capital Project Budget to Equal NYS Budget

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Acting Commissioner Gordon stated the County budgets an estimated amount for the annual CHIPS allocation and receives the final award after the State budget is adopted. She stated the 2026 State allocation exceeded the amount originally budgeted and the amendment would match the County's budget to the State award.

Commissioner Feighery stated the CHIPS funding is used for County paving projects. He stated the State determines the allocation and credited advocacy by local and State officials, as well as DPW and labor representatives, with supporting increased highway funding.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #12 – Adjournment

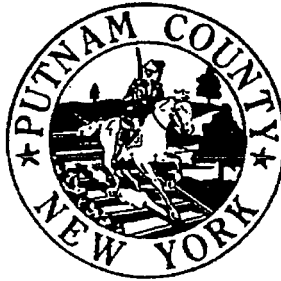
There being no further business at 8:19pm, Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.

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AGENDA PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

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11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

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**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

Thursday

5:30pm

August 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Chairman Gouldman who requested Legislator Sayegh lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Regan and Sayegh and Chairman Gouldman were present.

Item #3 – Acceptance of Minutes – June 15, 2026

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 – Discussion – Dixon Lake Dam – Friends of Dixon Lake Inc.

Chairman Gouldman stated the Committee received correspondence from Friends of Dixon Lake President Joseph Doherty regarding the Dixon Lake Dam.

Legislator Crowley recused herself from this discussion as her home is located near Dixon Lake.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Thomas Feighery stated the County is supportive of assisting the Dixon Lake community. He stated the dam is classified at the lowest hazard level and is inspected by the County annually. He stated the concept of transferring the property to the local organization or district for a nominal amount had been discussed and DPW would assist where possible. He stated DPW had also obtained a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to trap and relocate the beaver that had repeatedly obstructed the spillway. He stated DPW intended to address the matter as quickly as possible, particularly given the unusually wet summer and the approaching storm season.

Legislator Sayegh referenced similar issues involving Lake Baldwin and stated she supports returning stewardship of these types of properties to organized residents who are willing to maintain and restore them. She questioned the process necessary to transfer the property and stated she would like the County to move these matters forward rather than allow the lakes to continue to deteriorate.

Friends of Dixon Lake President Joseph Doherty stated the organization is pursuing nonprofit status and would like to acquire the County-owned parcel to restore and maintain Dixon Lake. He discussed concerns with invasive water chestnut, deteriorating water quality and beaver activity at the spillway, noting the increased water level represents approximately 6 million gallons of impounded water. He stated he has obtained an engineering proposal for potential dam work and discussed permitting with DEC. He also discussed hydro-raking, possible collaboration with other lake associations and SWCD assistance with grant opportunities.

SWCD Chair Cassandra Roth stated Dixon Lake is part of a broader discussion because Putnam County has numerous County-owned dams and water resources. She stated SWCD is willing to

assist with grants, technical resources and coordination, but ownership can limit which entity is able to apply for environmental permits. She stated transferring the parcel to an organization prepared to assume stewardship could remove an obstacle to restoring the lake. She questioned whether DEC permitted relocation of the nuisance beaver because the guidance she reviewed specifically says the animal cannot be trapped and relocated; they offer permits to exterminate the beaver.

Commissioner Feighery stated he used the word "relocate" as a more polite way of referencing extermination. He stated this is on their radar, especially since it has been so wet this summer and we are entering storm season.

Legislator Birmingham referenced Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code regarding disposition of County property and stated there may be an existing process that could be used for the parcel. He suggested the Committee request guidance from the Law Department regarding the appropriate next steps rather than attempt to resolve the legal process during the meeting. He stated he supports the community effort to restore and maintain the lake.

Legislator Sayegh spoke to a similar situation she was involved in with respect to Lake Baldwin in Mahopac.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Kate McNeal attending in place of Legislative Counsel Heather Abissi, stated she had taken detailed notes and would bring the matter back to the County Attorney so the Department could assist with determining a path forward.

Janet Robinson, a resident of the Dixon Lake community stated she and her husband have lived near the lake for more than 50 years and have seen its condition change over time. She stated the invasive vegetation and loss of water quality are more significant concerns than the beaver activity and asked that the wildlife not be treated as the primary cause of the lake's deterioration. She recalled the lake previously supporting fishing, kayaking and other recreation and urged restoration of the lake ecosystem.

Chairman Gouldman thanked everyone who came to speak on this item.

Item #5 – Discussion – DPW – Update on Fair Street Project

Chairman Gouldman stated recent heavy rainfall raised concerns regarding a failed retaining wall that was installed as part of the Fair Street project. He questioned the cause of the failure, whether DPW could direct contractor work, whether the County had paid for the wall and what controls are in place to prevent future issues.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Commissioner Feighery invited anyone from the Legislature to attend the weekly progress meetings held at DPW pertaining to the Fair Street project. He stated DPW and the County's construction inspection team had rejected the wall months earlier, it had not been accepted or paid for, and the contractor is responsible for rebuilding it to specification. He stated the project is subject to daily inspections and weekly progress meetings. He spoke to the specifics of the retaining wall and caused it to fail. He explained payment is done in phases and confirmed the wall has not yet been paid for.

Legislator D'Angelo stated he was disappointed with the lack of communication regarding the wall failure and requested that legislators be notified when notable issues occur on projects in their districts. He questioned the documentation of the wall's rejection, the condition of the leveling pad and drainage, and whether the remaining retaining walls were being reviewed.

Commissioner Feighery re-stated that legislators are welcome to attend the weekly progress meetings or contact DPW directly at any time. He confirmed DPW is on site every day reviewing the work being done. He stated the County will not accept deficient work and all project components must be inspected and signed off before acceptance. He stated this is true of any project done through DPW, regardless of the size or cost.

Legislator Crowley questioned whether pedestrian areas are fenced or otherwise secured when there is a safety issue or concern.

Commissioner Feighery stated DPW requires immediate protection when a safety hazard exists and noted the failed wall did not encroach into the shoulder or pedestrian area.

Frank Ciano, resident, stated he had previously raised concerns about the wall and believed deficient work should have been addressed sooner. He stated inspectors and contractors should be held to a high standard.

Cooper Mikulik, resident of Putnam Valley questioned County road resurfacing and road conditions. He stated this area is graded the lowest in New York State.

Commissioner Feighery stated County road ratings have improved substantially over the past few years and explained that State, town and village roads are maintained by their respective jurisdictions, with shared services used where appropriate.

Legislator Crowley stated ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding had been re-directed toward paving.

Chairman Gouldman thanked DPW, the Legislators and members of the public for the discussion.

Item #6 – Discussion – Future of 34 Gleneida Ave, Carmel NY

Chairman Gouldman stated the Committee had discussed 34 Gleneida Avenue at the prior meeting and wanted to provide another opportunity for public comment before further action.

Paul Camarda, resident, stated he supports keeping the property in County ownership, removing the existing building and creating a public green space. He offered to assist with engineering resources to help move the concept forward.

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer stated the property has been discussed for more than 20 years and reviewed some of that history. He reiterated his support for removing the building and creating a park or green space for veterans, ceremonies and community events.

Legislator D'Angelo stated he believes a green space may ultimately be the best use but wants the County to follow a deliberate planning process. He proposed issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI), obtaining professional concepts and public input, and then proceeding to a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Legislator Birmingham stated the Legislature had already acted to remove the property from the real estate market. He questioned the safety, liability and appearance of leaving the building vacant through the winter and stated those factors should be considered in determining the timing of demolition.

Legislator Sayegh stated prior studies showed significant costs for both demolition and rehabilitation and that current costs would be higher. She questioned whether additional funds would be needed simply to keep the building operational through the winter and stated she supports removing the building and creating a public space.

Commissioner Feighery stated maintaining the building through another winter is not practical because of the failed boiler and other conditions. He stated demolition would most likely be performed by a contractor, with DPW potentially handling portions of the site redevelopment.

Legislator Regan stated he favored moving forward quickly based on the green space concept previously presented.

Legislator Sayegh stated she would rather take the building down than have it be abandoned.

Commissioner Feighery provided details about other buildings that have been taken down and how it has enhanced the area.

Legislator Crowley stated she supports a green space and would like the public to review a limited number of design concepts before a final decision is made.

Legislator Regan questioned whether DPW would perform the demolition.

Commissioner Feighery stated a contractor would most likely perform that work.

Legislator D'Angelo stated it sounds like everyone is on the same page that a green space is the preferred option. He stated this space is in the public eye and he wants to ensure it is done properly.

Chairman Gouldman stated the Committee would continue working toward a decision.

Item #7 – Presentation – Commissioner of Planning Barbara Barosa – Putnam County Public Transit Study

Commissioner of Planning Barbara Barosa presented the attached information in relation to the Public Transit Study, which reviewed existing routes, ridership, service coverage, paratransit, commuter service and Putnam On-Demand. She stated the on-demand service has been successful and the study identified unmet transportation needs, particularly in western Putnam County. She stated the study recommends new on-demand zones for Philipstown and Putnam Valley, beginning on a limited basis and expanding if demand supports it. She also discussed possible peak-hour service improvements, expanded paratransit, bus stop amenities and real-time bus location information.

Legislator Birmingham stated residents who currently rely on taxis may benefit from Putnam On-Demand. He questioned the fare, service hours, public awareness and the financial impact if demand increases substantially.

Commissioner Barosa stated the regular fare is \$2.50, the reduced fare is \$1.25 and a monthly pass is \$75 full priced and \$35 reduced price. She stated the County monitors wait times and unmet demand and would adjust service as needed while protecting service quality for current riders. She stated recommendations were made through the study to add microtransit zones in Philipstown and Putnam Valley.

Chairman Gouldman stated expanded service in Philipstown and Putnam Valley could significantly benefit western Putnam County, particularly seniors and residents who do not drive. He requested that some medical and senior center destinations be considered when finalizing the zones for micro transit.

Christian Russo, Putnam Valley Councilman stated he strongly supports expanding service into Putnam Valley because residents have limited access to doctors, grocery stores and other destinations. He stated the service could provide important independence for seniors and individuals with disabilities. He stated he is a parent of a child with disabilities and this type of service could be meaningful for his child as they become an adult.

Item #8 – Approval – Grant Application – Planning Department – Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program – Bureau of Emergency Services Facility Repairs

Commissioner Barosa stated the County would like to use CREST funding to repair failing flooring at the Bureau of Emergency Services facility and an application is required to proceed.

Legislator Birmingham questioned whether this was the flooring project was part of the Capital Projects plan.

Commissioner Barosa confirmed it was.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A068 – DPW – Insurance Recovery – Guardrail Repair

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #10 – Other Business

a. Approval – Reiteration of Previously Authorized Funding for Stoneleigh Ave & Drewville Rd Intersection Project

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Regan. All in favor.

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated the additional item does not request new funding and summarizes previously authorized funding for a federally funded project.

Legislator Birmingham stated the documentation is typical for federal funding requirements. He questioned the applicable deadline.

Deputy Commissioner Bellucci stated the next federal fiscal year begins October 1st.

Chairman Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #11 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:50pm, Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.

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AGENDA PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Members: Chairman Gouldman and Legislators Regan & Sayegh

Thursday 5:30pm August 13, 2026

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes – June 15, 2026**
- 4. Discussion – Dixon Lake Dam – Friends of Dixon Lake Inc.**
- 5. Discussion – DPW – Update on Fair Street Project**
- 6. Discussion – Future of 34 Gleneida Ave, Carmel NY**
- 7. Presentation – Commissioner of Planning Barbara Barosa – Putnam County Public Transit Study**
- 8. Approval – Grant Application – Planning Department – Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program – Bureau of Emergency Services Facility Repairs**
- 9. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A068 – DPW – Insurance Recovery – Guardrail Repair**
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**



Putnam County Public Transit System Study

JULY 2026

What's New with PART?

2025-2026 Highlights

- New Fleet, New Look - Putnam County is in the process of replacing its current fixed-route and paratransit fleet, which includes vehicles originally acquired in 2017. New buses are white with blue stripe, retiring the blue/purple color with graphic wrap design. Six new vehicles are currently in service.
- Putnam On Demand service sees continued growth with over 15,000 rides in first year (May 2025-May 2026)
- Expanded coverage - Throughout 2025 and 2026, new stops have been added to the fixed-route system, including on-call stops at the Vincent Leibel Veterans Residence and the Carmel VA Clinic.
- Putnam On Demand's service area has also been expanded to include several residential developments along the periphery.
- New Bus Schedule Design - Vertical timetables replaced with horizontal timetables, new brochure design.
- Cold Spring Trolley Schedule changes - In 2025, alternating PM service to Beacon was eliminated in favor of more consistent Cold Spring to Garrison route. 2025 saw a 35% increase in ridership over 2024.
- Putnam Transit System Study completed in July 2026



Purpose of This Study

A system-wide evaluation of the Putnam Area Rapid Transit (PART) network to identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. As well as, develop recommendations that enhance service efficiency and expand coverage.

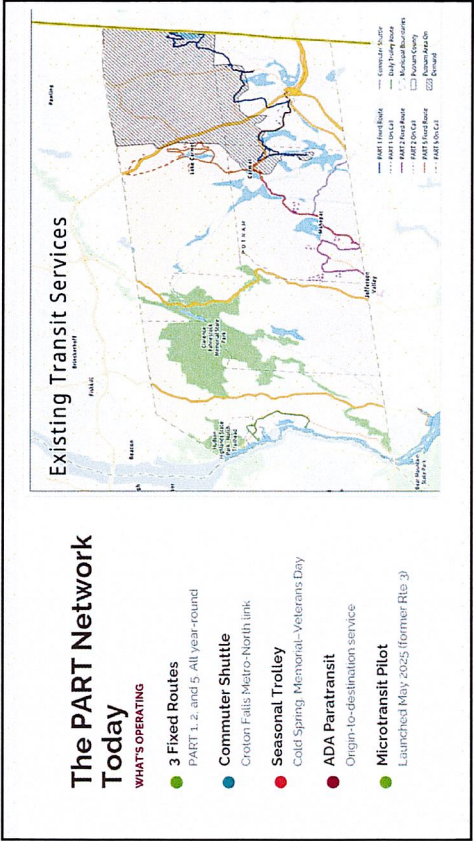
SERVICES EVALUATED

Fixed routes	Commuter & seasonal services
ADA complementary paratransit	Microtransit



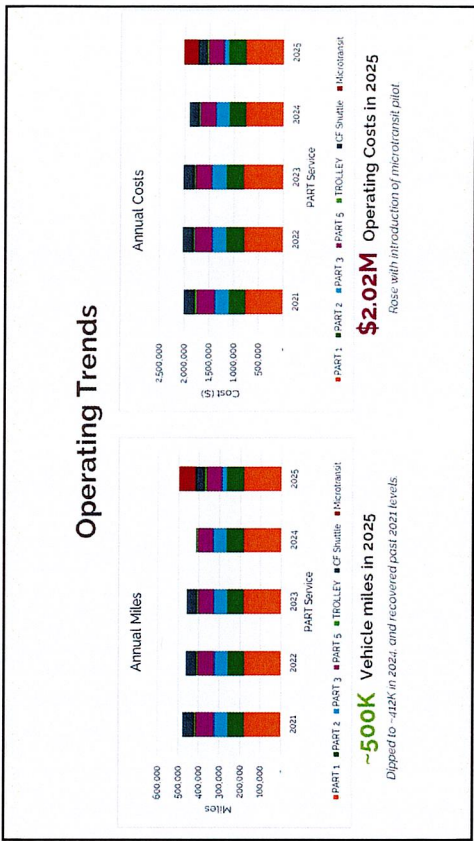
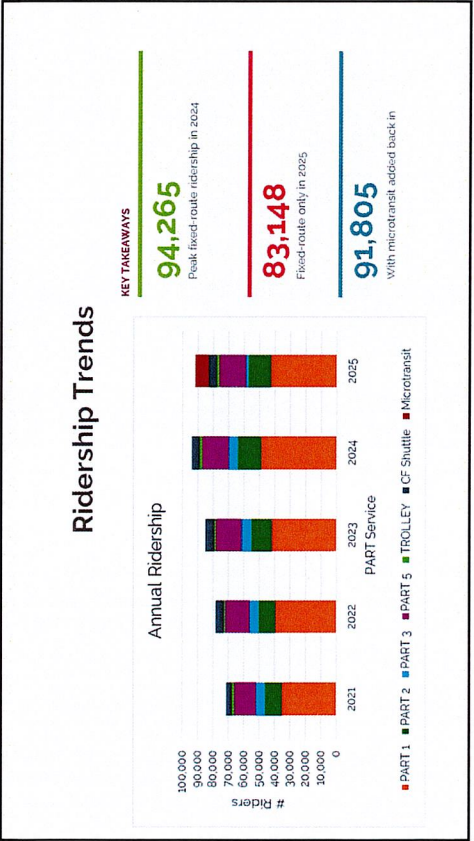
Four Goals Guide Every Recommendation

1 Improve Transit Accessibility & Coverage Expand access to underserved areas; connect residents to employment, healthcare, and retail	2 Strengthen Regional Connectivity Seamless connections to Metro-North Railroad and neighboring bus systems beyond county lines.
3 Create an Integrated Network of Services Coordinate fixed-route, microtransit, and paratransit as one unified mobility system.	4 Enhance Rider Experience & Service Quality Better service design, amenities, accessibility and technology. Make it easier to understand and use.

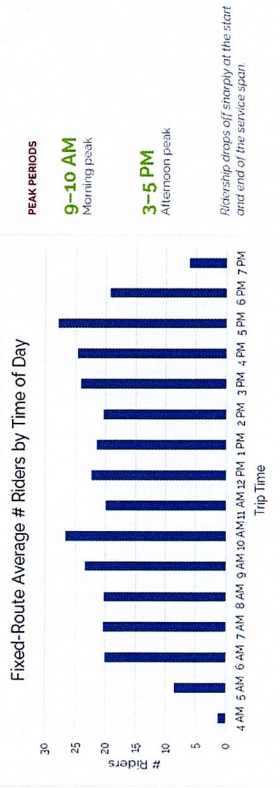


PART Service

Service	Operating Times	Cost
PART 1	Monday-Friday 4:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$2.50 one way, \$1.25 for Seniors, Students & Disabled (with valid ID), Children 12 and under Free for Infants (2 and under) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled, Students, Children 12 and under)
PART 2	Monday-Friday 4:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$2.50 one way, \$1.25 for Seniors, Students & Disabled (with valid ID), Children 12 and under Free for Infants (2 and under) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled, Students, Children 12 and under)
PART 5	Monday-Friday 4:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$2.50 one way, \$1.25 for Seniors, Students & Disabled (with valid ID), Children 12 and under Free for Infants (2 and under) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled, Students, Children 12 and under)
Microtransit	Monday-Friday 4:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$2.50 one way, \$1.25 for Seniors, Students & Disabled (with valid ID), Children 12 and under Free for Infants (2 and under) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled, Students, Children 12 and under)
Croton Falls Shuttle	Weekdays 5:24 - 9:31 a.m. and 3:52 - 7:34 p.m.	\$1.00 one way, \$0.50 for Seniors & Disabled (with valid ID) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled) \$1.58, 12 weekly bus/rail \$445.50 monthly bus/rail
Cold Spring Trolley	Saturday & Sunday 9:15 AM - 5:05 PM (Memorial Day through Veterans Day weekend)	\$2.00 one way, \$1.00 for Seniors, Students & Disabled (with valid ID), Children 12 and under Free for Infants (2 and under) Transfers: \$0.75 (\$0.25 Senior/Disabled, Students, Children 12 and under)

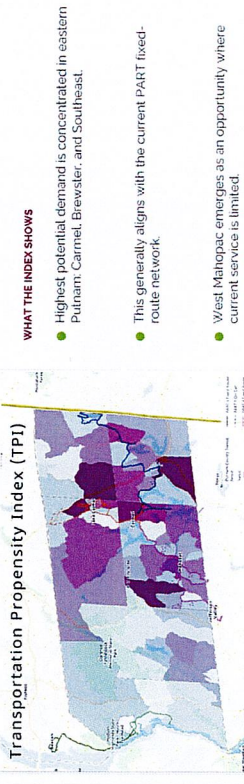


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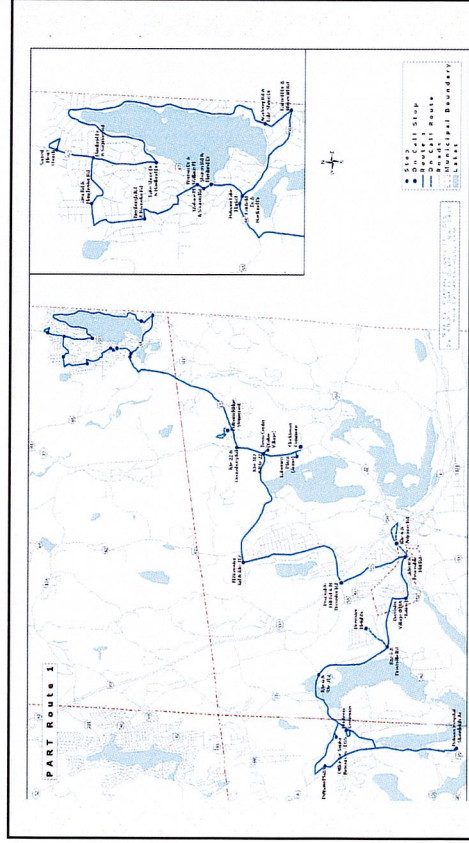


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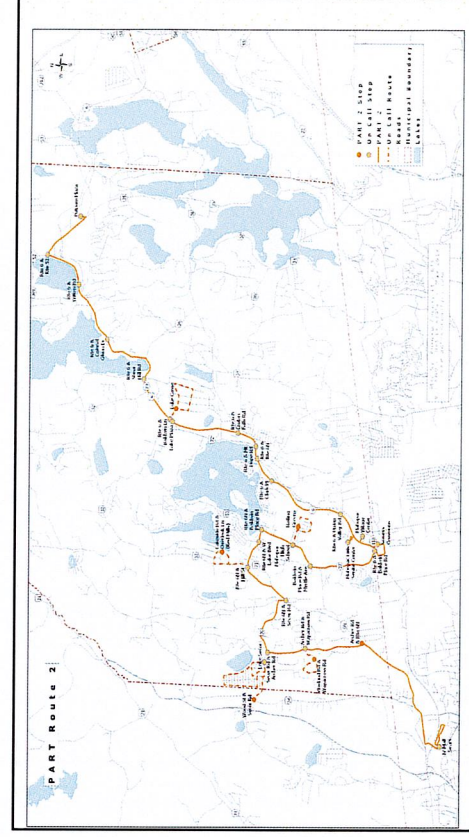
Where Transit Demand is Greatest



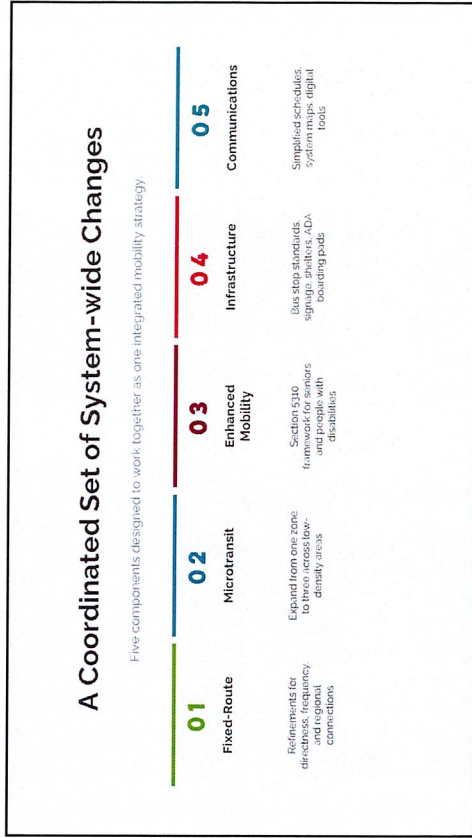
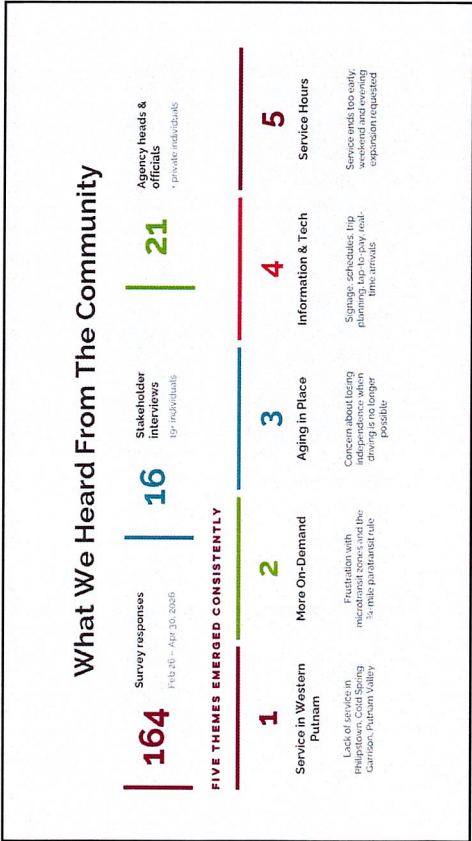
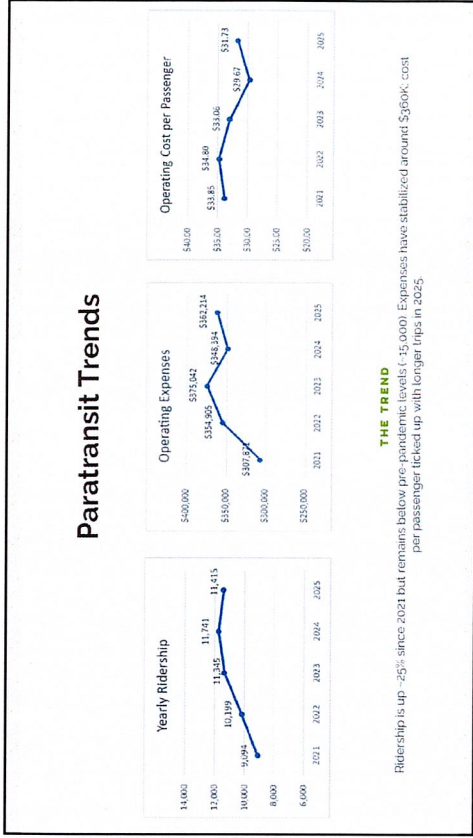
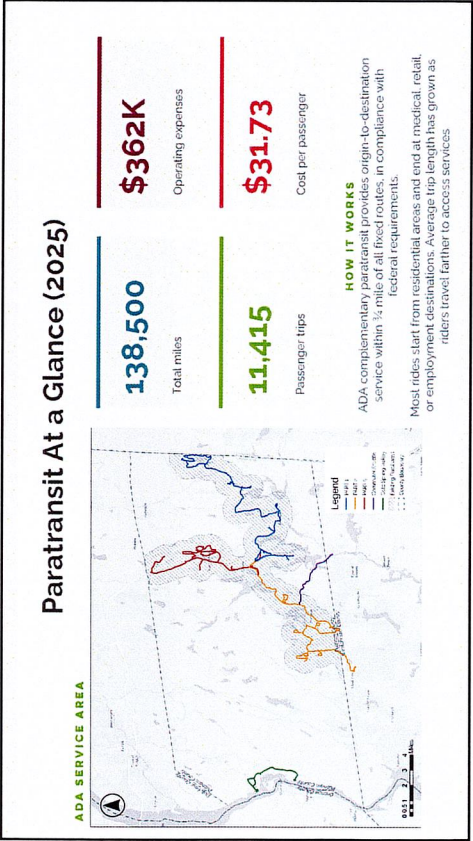
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PART Operations Stats, 2025-2026

- Ridership is down on Routes 1, 2 and Croton Falls Shuttle compared to 2025
- But ridership is up on Route 5
- Putnam on Demand ridership is rising and contributing to overall increase in ridership
- Brewster ridership is improving, but Croton Falls Shuttle ridership is declining sharply

PART Ridership by Route 2025 and 2026

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
PART 1 - Brewster													
2025	3,389	3,037	3,910	3,906	3,857	3,874	3,726	3,766	3,661	3,663	2,878	2,813	42,570
2026	2,817	2,563	3,258	3,965	3,766	3,766	3,766	3,766	3,766	3,766	3,766	3,766	15,860
% Change	-17%	-14%	-17%	4%	-4%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-63%
PART 2 - Mahopac													
2025	1,052	851	1,249	1,175	1,213	1,221	1,344	13,229	1,362	1,427	1,118	1,023	26,364
2026	962	892	1,117	1,272	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	11,415
% Change	-8%	-4%	-11%	8%	-9%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-57%
PART 3 - Carmel													
2025	1,225	1,143	1,335	1,510	1,338	1,348	1,549	1,584	1,635	1,735	1,390	1,389	17,461
2026	1,232	1,187	1,900	1,677	1,885	1,677	1,677	1,677	1,677	1,677	1,677	1,677	17,181
% Change	1%	5%	12%	11%	18%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-2%
Croton Falls Shuttle													
2025	376	341	490	539	535	503	522	447	474	480	331	316	5,337
2026	376	341	490	539	535	503	522	447	474	480	331	316	5,337
% Change	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Putnam on Demand													
2025	1,218	1,247	1,412	1,482	1,362	1,286	1,142	1,177	1,225	1,062	1,329	8,657	6,761
2026	1,218	1,247	1,412	1,482	1,362	1,286	1,142	1,177	1,225	1,062	1,329	8,657	6,761
% Change	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Paratransit													
2025	1,020	891	966	1,027	1,049	823	804	805	844	1,001	869	886	11,415
2026	869	771	917	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	4,368
% Change	-15%	-13%	-5%	-11%	-15%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-0%	-62%

PART Operations Stats, 2025-2026

- Despite some gains in individual routes, 1st quarter ridership is down from previous year
- Croton Falls Shuttle ridership shows the most pronounced decline
- Putnam on Demand service has increased during 1st quarter of 2026 over 4th quarter of 2025.

Mode	2025	2026	Difference
Putnam Area Rapid Transit			
1st Quarter Ridership 2025 vs. 2026			
Putnam Area Rapid Transit	18,573	15,540	-16%
Putnam Area Rapid Transit	3,650	3,650	0%
Putnam Area Rapid Transit	2,877	2,557	-11%

*Putnam on Demand compares last quarter of 2025 with first quarter of 2026 due to lack of service data from first quarter 2025

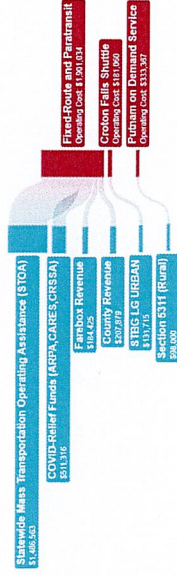
- Despite significant decreases in ridership on several routes, overall system ridership actually increased by 1% (due mainly to Putnam on Demand)

Mode	2025	2026	Difference
Putnam Area Rapid Transit			
1st Quarter Ridership 2025 vs. 2026			
Putnam Area Rapid Transit	24,637	23,833	-3%

PART Operations Stats, 2025-2026

- PART operations are funded by a mix of federal, state and local funding sources
- New York State STOA aid provides the largest source of funding and is based on passengers and vehicle miles
- 2025 will be last year to utilize remaining Covid-19 relief funds for operating expenses

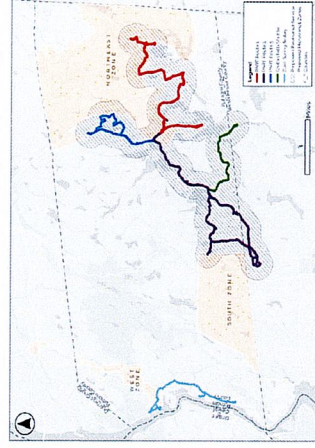
2025 PART Operating Expenses and Fund Sources



The Proposed System At a Glance

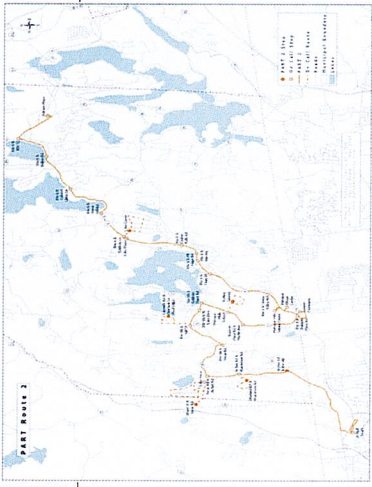
AT A GLANCE

- Same number of fixed routes just refined for directness and frequency
- Microtransit expands from one zone to three
- Paratransit adjusts with fixed-route coverage, supplemented by microtransit
- New out-of-county paratransit and microtransit service connections to Dutchess and Westchester



Implementation Plans

PART 2 Route - Mahopac
Add Peak Hour Service for hourly headway instead of every 2 hours.



The map shows a proposed route (Part 2 Route) in Mahopac, New York. The route is highlighted in orange and follows a path through the town, connecting various points of interest. A legend in the bottom right corner identifies the route and other features. The map includes a north arrow and a scale bar.

Implementation Plans

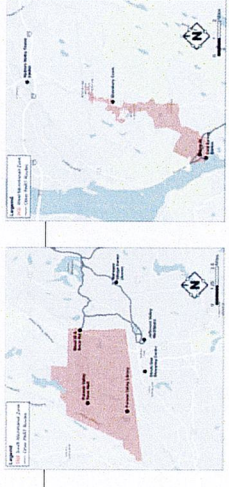
Croton Falls Shuttle -
Realign route from Croton Falls Road to Union Valley Road



The map shows the proposed realignment of the Croton Falls Shuttle route. The route is highlighted in green and follows a path from Croton Falls Road to Union Valley Road. A legend in the bottom left corner identifies the route and other features. The map includes a north arrow and a scale bar.

Implementation Plans

Add Two New Microtransit Zones in Putnam Valley and Philipstown



The image contains two maps showing proposed microtransit zones. The left map shows a zone in Putnam Valley, and the right map shows a zone in Philipstown. Both maps include legends, north arrows, and scale bars.

Long-term Recommendations

COUNTYWIDE ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM	ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS
The service could prioritize: • ADA-certified riders traveling outside the current ADA boundary; • Individuals with disabilities; • Transportation disadvantaged populations; • Residents in areas with limited fixed-route transit access. • Would require Section 5310 funding.	• Further analysis of recommendations for fixed route modifications. • Bus Stop Infrastructure and Passenger Amenities. • Public-Facing Information and Communications.

Questions?



#4
Physical 9/22/20

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC AND SPEED LIMIT STUDY AND THE INITIATION OF PROCEDURES TO REDUCE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON EAST LAKE BOULEVARD (COUNTY ROUTE 72), TOWN OF CARMEL

WHEREAS, East Lake Boulevard, also designated as Putnam County Route 72, is a County roadway located within the Town of Carmel and serves residential neighborhoods, motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and visitors to the Lake Mahopac area; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the speed of vehicles traveling along East Lake Boulevard and the potential danger posed to residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and others utilizing the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes its responsibility to promote the safety and welfare of County residents and believes that existing conditions along East Lake Boulevard warrant review of the current posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1622 authorizes the New York State Department of Transportation, upon the request of the County Superintendent of Highways and the Town Board of the affected town, to establish a maximum speed limit on a county road lower than the otherwise applicable statutory maximum, subject to the requirements and limitations set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §9.02(a) of the Putnam County Charter, the Putnam County Commissioner of Public Works possesses the powers and duties of a County Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that a traffic and engineering evaluation should be undertaken to determine whether a reduction in the posted speed limit on East Lake Boulevard is warranted and, if warranted, that the County should promptly pursue the statutory process necessary to implement such reduction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby requests that the Putnam County Commissioner of Public Works, in his or her capacity as County Superintendent of Highways pursuant to §9.02(a) of the Putnam County Charter, conduct or cause to be conducted a traffic and engineering review of East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72), including vehicle speeds, traffic volume, roadway geometry, crash history, pedestrian and bicycle activity, residential density, sight distances, and such other factors as may be relevant to determining an appropriate and safe maximum speed limit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if such review determines that a lower maximum speed limit is warranted, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby requested to promptly coordinate with the Town of Carmel Town Board for adoption of the necessary Town Board resolution and, together with the Town Board, submit the appropriate request to the New York State Department of Transportation pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1622 for establishment of a reduced maximum speed limit on East Lake Boulevard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is requested to complete such review and report the findings and recommendations thereof to the Putnam County Legislature within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution, including the recommended maximum speed limit, if any, and any further actions necessary by the County, the Town of Carmel Town Board, or the New York State Department of Transportation to establish such reduced speed limit; and be it further

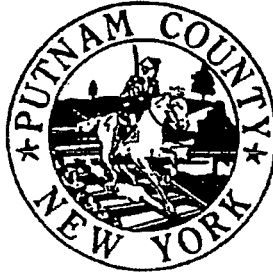
RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Town of Carmel Town Board requesting its cooperation and consideration of the action required pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1622, and to the appropriate regional office of the New York State Department of Transportation for its review and consideration.

cc: A 11
Phap- 9-22-26

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Amy Sayegh, Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee
William Gouldman, Chairman, Physical Services Committee

FROM: Erin Crowley *Erin L. Crowley*
Legislator, District #9

RE: Resolution Requesting a Traffic and Speed Limit Study and the Initiation of Procedures to Reduce the Posted Speed Limit on East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72), Town of Carmel

Attached is a proposed resolution requesting a Traffic and Speed Limit Study and the Initiation of Procedures to Reduce the Posted Speed Limit on East Lake Boulevard in the Town of Carmel. This has been reviewed by the Law Department.

Respectfully, I request the attached proposed resolution be considered by the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Physical Services Committee at their September meetings. I understand the deadline has passed for inclusion on the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, I request it be included as it is necessary due to the safety concerns expressed by residents.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

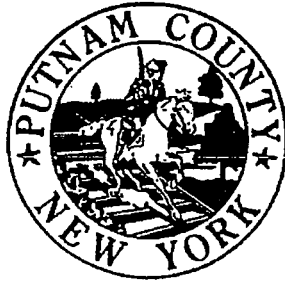
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2026

TO: William Gouldman
Chairman, Physical Services Committee

CC: Erin Crowley
Legislator

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/dit*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Referring Item to Physical Services

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the following submission from Legislator Crowley dated, September 3, 2026, to the September 22, 2026 Physical Services Committee meeting for consideration:

- Resolution Requesting a Traffic and Speed Limit Study and the Initiation of Procedures to Reduce the Posted Speed Limit on East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72), Town of Carmel

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

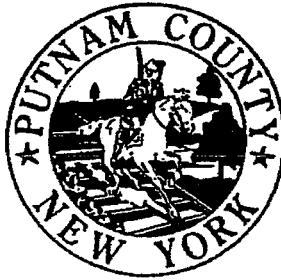
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2026

TO: William Gouldman
Chairman, Physical Services Committee

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/bv*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Appointment to Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the appointment of Daniel W. Honovich, DVM to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to the Physical Services Committee.

Please include said appointment on the next agenda of the Physical Services Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

Daniel W. Honovich, DVM

Patterson, NY



@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Veterinarian, regional medical leader, and entrepreneur with deep experience in clinical practice, multi-hospital medical leadership, and business ownership. Nationally focused on AI and technology integration in veterinary medicine to enhance patient care, elevate the client experience, improve operational efficiency, and meaningfully reduce staff burnout. Proven leader in developing medical standards, driving adoption of innovation, and aligning high-quality medicine with sustainable practice operations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Regional Medical Director – Northeast Region
Pet Vet Care Centers (PVCC) | 2023 – Present

Veterinarian & Medical Director
Fine Animal Hospital – Bedford Hills, NY | 2013 – Present

Owner
Ridge Ranch – Patterson, NY | 2021 – Present

Owner
D Attachments – Montgomery, NY | 2023 – Present

Founder & Developer
The Owners Network – Carmel, NY | 2012 – Present

CORE EXPERTISE

- Veterinary Medicine & Surgery
- AI & Technology Integration in Veterinary Practice
- Regional Medical Leadership & Clinical Standards
- Client Experience & Communication
- Workflow Optimization & Burnout Reduction
- Staff Engagement, Training & Retention
- Business Ownership & Operations
- Marketing, Branding & Community Building

EDUCATION

Cornell University – Veterinary Medicine

Texas A&M University – Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine – Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

SUNY Geneseo – B.S. Biology

Elizabeth Robinson

From: Putnam Co Legislature
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:28 AM
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Subject: Resume for Ag Board - FW: D Honovich Ag Board Applicant
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Daniel W. Honovich, DVM
Patterson, NY

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Dear Members of the Putnam County Legislature,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Putnam County Agricultural Protection Board. As both a veterinarian and agricultural business owner deeply rooted in Putnam County, I am passionate about preserving and supporting the future of agriculture within our community.

Over the course of my career, I have worked extensively in veterinary medicine, regional medical leadership, and business ownership. In addition to my role as a Regional Medical Director overseeing veterinary hospitals throughout the Northeast, I am also the owner of Ridge Ranch in Patterson, where my family and I have built a growing agritourism and livestock operation focused on education, responsible animal husbandry, and community engagement.

Through Ridge Ranch, I have had the opportunity to connect directly with families, local businesses, livestock owners, and fellow farmers throughout the Hudson Valley. This experience has given me firsthand insight into both the opportunities and challenges facing agriculture in Putnam County — including land preservation, education, sustainability, zoning concerns, livestock ownership, and maintaining the viability of small farms in an increasingly developed region.

I believe my background provides a unique perspective that combines animal health, agricultural operations, business development, and community outreach. I am committed to helping strengthen local agriculture while ensuring that farming remains sustainable and accessible for future generations.

It would be an honor to contribute my experience and perspective to the Agricultural Protection Board and support its mission to advocate for and preserve agriculture within Putnam County.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to further discuss my interest in serving on the board.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Honovich, DVM



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TO: Legislator Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

FROM: ^{BB} Barbara Barosa, AICP, Commissioner
Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation

DATE: September 15, 2026

RE: Request to Apply for CREST grant in the amount of \$50,000 for Security
Upgrades at the Koehler Senior Center

The County of Putnam was generously allocated \$50,000 by Senator Harckham through the CREST Capital Reimbursement Grant Program for use towards the repairs of the Sybil Ludington statue. Our office submitted an application in the Spring 2026, however, during their review, DASNY determined that this was not an eligible project. Therefore, Putnam County must resubmit an application to utilize the funding towards an eligible project. Attached for your consideration is a request to approve the submittal of a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) grant application for security upgrades at the Koehler Senior Center building.

I respectfully request that this matter be placed on the upcoming Physical Services Committee meeting agenda scheduled for September 22, 2026.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM /KOEHLER SENIOR CENTER SECURITY UPGRADES

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require local Putnam County ("the County") matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature ("the Legislature") prior to the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects, the applicant shall not apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) grant in the amount of \$50,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") for security upgrades at the Koehler Senior Center building; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the CREST grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County's submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$50,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



Sales Agreement:

Prepared for: Putnam County

Attn: Eileen Hurlie

Ref: William Koehler Memorial Senior Center Senior Center Access Control & CCTV Additions

Proposal Number: 09082026JPC-2R2

Omnia NCPA 12-22 Integrated Security Technologies and Safety Systems Products and Services

Locations:

**6 Skyline Drive
Hawthorne, NY 10532
Ph: 914-769-8900**

**494 8th Ave.
New York, NY 10001
Ph: 212-967-2450**

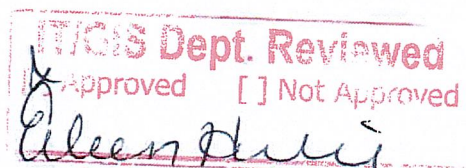
From:

John Cirocco

Systems Integration Representative

6 Skyline Dr, Hawthorne, NY 10532

M: 845-490-8305 E: johncirocco@everonsolutions.com



Agreement Summary

Statement of Work:

Omnia NCPA 12-22 Integrated Security Technologies and Safety Systems Products and Services
Eileen,

William Koehler Memorial Senior Center Access System

QTY	Part #	Manufacturer	DESCRIPTION	Unit Cost	Ex. Cost
1	S2-NN-E2R-WM	S2	Wall Mount Node w 1 ACM	\$2,515.40	\$2,515.40
2	S2-ACM	S2	Access Control Blade	\$833.20	\$1,666.40
1	S2-OUTP	S2	Output Blade	\$688.00	\$688.00
6	T.REX-LT-NL	Kantech	REX Motion Detector	\$108.75	\$652.50
4	5000C-LBM	HES	Electric Strike	\$260.29	\$1,041.16
1	AL600ULACM	Altronix	Lock Power Supply	\$462.59	\$462.59
4	NP7-12	Yuasa	12v7AH Batteries	\$27.16	\$108.64
6	40NKS-00-000000	HID	SIGNO40 Wall Mount Reader	\$290.44	\$1,742.64
6	SM-20WG	DMP	Door Contact	\$14.00	\$84.00
1	31961002	Genesis	1,000 Ft Composite Cable	\$980.27	\$980.27
300	5006PG	HID	Access Cards	\$4.90	\$1,470.00
			Material Total		\$11,411.60
32	NPN	NMN	Everon Technical Labor	\$150.00	\$4,800.00
4	NPN	NMN	Everon Project Management	\$165.00	\$660.00
			Everon Labor Total		\$5,460.00

The price to provide the listed above items will be \$16,871.60 (DOLLARS), plus any applicable taxes.

William Koehler Senior Center CCTV System

QTY	Part #	Manufacturer	DESCRIPTION	Unit Cost	Ex. Cost
1	S2224	Axis	Network Video Recorder	\$5,761.88	\$5,761.88
1	SRW6U	Eaton	Wall Rack	\$359.27	\$359.27
1	M4225-LVE	Axis	Exterior Camera	\$672.28	\$672.28
2	M4225-LV	Axis	Interior Camera	\$545.48	\$1,090.96
3	T91D61	Axis	Wall Mount	\$97.00	\$291.00
3	T94N01D	Axis	Pendant	\$95.00	\$285.00
8	M4327	Axis	360 Fisheye	\$597.46	\$4,779.68
1	P3737PL	Axis	4 Lense Camera	\$1,946.46	\$1,946.46
4	P4705	Axis	Dual Lense Camera	\$1,043.61	\$4,174.44
2	53921001	Genesis	Cat 6 Cable 1,000 Feet of Cable	\$808.53	\$1,617.06
			Material Total		\$ 20,978.03
72	NPN	NMN	Everon Technical Labor	\$150.00	\$10,800.00
10	NPN	NMN	Everon Project Management	\$165.00	\$1,650.00
			Everon Labor Total		\$12,450.00

The price to provide the above listed items will be \$33,428.03 (DOLLARS), plus any applicable taxes

Device Locations

Video Surveillance

Interior

360 Camera in Lobby Ceiling
180 Camera Camera in Hallway Freight Exit-Soffit Mount
360 Camera in Café-Café has a wall separating room
360 Camera in Café -Café has a wall separating room
360 Camera in Kitchen covering entry/exit
360 Camera in Adult Day Care

Exterior

Outside Adult Daycare above Door
Corner Mount OS Adult Day Care
Above Loading/Unloading Door in Back
Back-On Green Facade to See Lawn
Back Patio Viewing Entry Exit
Back Patio Corner/Wall Mount
Front/Corner Mount to View Parking Lot
Right Side/Wall Mount above basement door

Access Control

Front Double Door -Glass
Front Second Entrance
Bingo Room Exit Patio Door
Cafeteria Double Door
Kitchen Exit/Entry Door
Adult Daycare Exterior Door
Adult Daycare Patio Door
Basement Door/Double Door

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: William Gouldman
Chairman, Physical Services Committee

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/bv*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Planning Dept. Grant Application – CREST Program – Koehler Senior Center Security Upgrades

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the Planning Department's request for a CREST Grant Application for security upgrades at the Koehler Senior Center to the Physical Services Committee. Please include this request and any other information relating thereto on the next agenda of the Physical Services Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

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Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

WHEREAS, a Project for Putnam County, Stoneleigh Avenue @ Drewville Rd Intersection Improvements, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8761.97 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 235 adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on September 1, 2026, made a summarized declaration of the previously authorized funding to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of design and preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, right-of-way incidentals, construction, construction inspection and administration, and construction contingency work.

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the construction and construction inspection work for the project not contemplated by the agreements authorized by previous Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County applied for and received funding through NYSDOT's Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan Local Call for Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$1,280,400** is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the County Executive thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive of Putnam County be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all

Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CC: All

Diane Trabulsy

From: Alexis Hawley
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 1:12 PM
To: Diane Trabulsy
Cc: Thomas Feighery; Joseph Bellucci; Alexandra Gordon
Subject: PIN 8761.97 - Stoneleigh Ave at Drewville Road Intersection Improvements - Funding Resolution - Additional Funding
Attachments: PIN 8761.97 - Resolution - Request for Additional Funding for Construction and Construction Inspection.doc

Diane:

Please see the attached Resolution for consideration at the September Physical Services Committee meeting.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.



Alexis M. Hawley

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 16, 2026

TO: William Gouldman
Chairman, Physical Services Committee

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB/br*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore – Stoneleigh Ave. at Drewville Road Intersection Project (PIN 8761.97)

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the Authorization of the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore in relation to the Stoneleigh Ave. at Drewville Road Intersection Project (PIN 8761.97) to the Physical Services Committee. Please include this request and any other information relating thereto on the next agenda of the Physical Services Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

cc: all
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MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk

From: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance 

Re: Budgetary Amendment - 26A077

Date: September 15, 2026

2026 SEP 16 AM 10:35
LEGISLATURE
FUTHER COUNTY
CANNELTON

At the request of the Commissioner of DPW, the following budgetary amendment is required.

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 51716	PIN 8761.97 -Stoneleigh - Drewville Road	1,280,400
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 445971 51716	Federal Aid 95% - PIN 8761.97	1,216,380
55197000 428601 51716	Local Match (General Fund Transfer)	64,020
		<u>1,280,400</u>

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020 51716	Transfer to Capital Fund	64,020
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427112	Use of Capital Reserve	64,020
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The above budgetary amendment us a result of a letter from NYS in the amount of \$1,216,380
This project is 95% federally funded with a 5% local county match.
Please see attached backup. Please forward to the appropriate committee.

Approved : _____
Kevin M. Byrne, County Executive



**Department of
Transportation**

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Commissioner

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cc: TP
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January 5, 2026

Thomas Feighery
Commissioner of Public Works
Putnam County Department of Public Works
842 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Thomas Feighery,

We are pleased to inform you that your Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road Intersection Improvements application for the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan Local Call for Projects has been selected for funding. NYSDOT looks forward to supporting the successful implementation of this project and working with you to advance its objectives.

The Local Program Management Unit will contact you to discuss next steps. The HSIP funding awarded is limited to the dollar amount of \$1,216,380. Please note that local matching funds and any cost overruns are the responsibility of the project sponsor. As outlined in the application guidance, various project phases may be programmed across federal fiscal years 2025–2026. Construction should be completed by December 31, 2030.

Congratulations, and thank you for your continued partnership in improving transportation safety across New York State.

Sincerely,

Sandra Jobson

Sandra D. Jobson, RA, RLA, AICP
Regional Planning & Program Manager, Hudson Valley Region

cc. Orietta Trocard, Local Programs Manager, NYSDOT Region 8

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Thank you.



Alexis M. Hawley

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KEVIN M. BYRNE
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk
From: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance
Re: Budgetary Transfer - 26T268
Date: September 15, 2026

[Signature]
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

2026 SEP 16 AM 10:45

At the request of the Commissioner of General Services the following budgetary transfer is requested.

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10161000 54631	Electric Supply	275,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10085000 54646	PCGC- Contracts	275,000
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Fiscal Impact - 2026 - \$ 0

Fiscal Impact - 2027 - \$ 0

This transfer is requested to cover electric supply and delivery costs through December 31, 2026. Electric supply was previously contracted at a variable rate through June 30, 2026. Please see attached memo.

Approved:

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

JOHN TULLY
Commissioner



KEVIN M. BYRNE
County Executive

DEPT. OF GENERAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance

FROM: John Tully, Commissioner of General Services

CC: Kevin Byrne, County Executive
James Burpoe, Deputy County Executive
Thomas Feighery, Commissioner of DPW
Melissa Vatne, Accounting Supervisor, DPW

DATE: September 15, 2026

RE: Budgetary Amendment Request – Electric Supply

We are requesting a budgetary amendment in the amount of \$275,000 necessary to cover electric supply and delivery costs through December 31, 2026.

Electricity supply was previously contracted for at a variable rate through June 30, 2026. Earlier this year, we re-bid the supply to take advantage of market conditions and have locked in a favorable firm fixed price that went into effect July 1, 2026. Due to the variable rate during the first six months of the year, the 2026 budget was impacted and will require supplemental funding through year end. We project the 2027 electricity budget to be accurate given the new fixed rate for supply.

Thank you for the consideration.

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ALEXANDRA GORDON
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE



CC: All
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KEVIN M. BYRNE

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk

FROM: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance – *AG*

RE: **Ratification of the 2026 Real Property Tax Sale**

DATE: September 17, 2026

Please accept this memorandum for the Legislature to consider the enclosed ratification of the 2026 Real Property Tax Sale at the September 22 Physical Committee Meeting.

We are requesting that the Legislature ratify the results of the sale so we can process the sales and deeds in the names of the new owners in time for the 2027 County/Town tax bills to be issued in their name. This will result in efficiencies in the tax collection process and result in increased tax collections as they'll be put back on the Tax Roll.

I thank the Legislature for their consideration in this matter, and if there are any questions regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF THE 2026 REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2026, the County of Putnam held a public auction for its 2026 Real Property Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, the County received bids on the parcels offered, as indicated by the listing attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Putnam, hereby accepts the bid of the highest bidder on the parcels listed on the attached Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare a deed for each parcel to the highest bidder, said deed to be executed on behalf of the County by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon delivery of the balance of the purchase price as indicated in the bid, along with the appropriate transfer tax, fees, and any property taxes due, as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to deliver said deed to the highest bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any of the highest bidders fail to complete the transaction as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction with the second highest bidder in the same manner as set for the above.

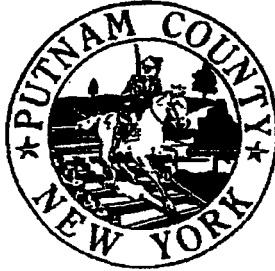
Lot Number	Lot Title	Town	Tax Map #	Lot Price
1	LANDLOCKED: 38 Birch Paper Trl, Carmel, Lot Size: 2.25 Acres +/-	Carmel	44.11-1-11	\$ 26,000.00
2	Baldwin Ln, Carmel, Lot Size: 6.4 Acres +/-	Carmel	65.10-1-11	\$ 17,000.00
3	105 Longdale Rd, Carmel, Lot Size: 100 x 250 +/-	Carmel	65.14-1-24	\$ 429,000.00
4	LANDLOCKED: 31 Clearbrook Dr, Carmel, Lot Size: 130 x 80 +/-	Carmel	74.12-2-44	\$ 100.00
5	LANDLOCKED: Linda Ln, Carmel, Lot Size: 10.46 Acres +/-	Carmel	74.15-1-15	\$ 1,300.00
6	306 RT 6N, Carmel, Lot Size: 128 x 40 +/-	Carmel	75.17-1-54	\$ 500.00
7	40 Gleneida Blvd, Carmel, Lot Size: 100 x 100 +/-	Carmel	75.65-1-17	\$ 13,000.00
8	42 Gleneida Blvd, Carmel, Lot Size: 103 x 100 +/-	Carmel	75.65-1-18	\$ 26,000.00
9	83 Teakettle Spout Rd, Carmel, Lot Size: 1 Acres +/-	Carmel	76.17-1-16	\$ 277,000.00
10	19 Summit Circle Dr, Carmel, Lot Size: 169 x 118 +/-	Carmel	87.9-1-45	\$ 3,000.00
12	5 Sterling Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .68 Acres +/-	Kent	11.17-1-5	\$ 193,000.00
13	Hortontown Rd, Kent, Lot Size: 28 Acres +/-	Kent	19.-1-29	\$ 119,000.00
14	WATERFRONT: 89 B Seven Hills Lake Dr, Kent, Lot Size: .08 Acres +/-	Kent	20.7-1-32	\$ 21,000.00
15	Route 52, Kent, Lot Size: .22 Acres +/-	Kent	22.56-1-8	\$ 500.00
16	30 Princeton Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .45 Acres +/-	Kent	22.66-1-52	\$ 171,000.00
17	Beechmont Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .14 Acres +/-	Kent	22.75-1-46	\$ 600.00
18	Quaker Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .25 Acres +/-	Kent	22.80-1-57	\$ 4,000.00
19	Ticonderoga Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .2 Acres +/-	Kent	22.80-1-60	\$ 1,200.00
20	Vernon Dr, Kent, Lot Size: .3 Acres +/-	Kent	22.83-1-50	\$ 14,000.00
21	Woodstock Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .28 Acres +/-	Kent	22.84-1-10	\$ 14,000.00
22	Pudding St, Kent, Lot Size: .71 Acres +/-	Kent	30.20-1-14	\$ 5,000.00
23	Pudding St, Kent, Lot Size: 1.76 Acres +/-	Kent	30.20-1-32	\$ 28,000.00
24	Waccabuc Rd, Kent, Lot Size: 1.85 Acres +/-	Kent	33.32-1-1	\$ 16,000.00
25	Worthington Ct, Kent, Lot Size: .32 Acres +/-	Kent	33.32-1-67	\$ 6,000.00
26	236 Lakeshore Dr E, Kent, Lot Size: .14 Acres +/-	Kent	33.34-1-24	\$ 24,000.00
27	LANDLOCKED: Gedney Paper Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .37 Acres +/-	Kent	33.36-1-9	\$ 500.00
28	Route 52, Kent, Lot Size: .1 Acres +/-	Kent	33.72-1-17	\$ 200.00
29	LANDLOCKED: Smokey Hollow Ct, Kent, Lot Size: .31 Acres +/-	Kent	43.-2-36	\$ 100.00
30	LANDLOCKED: 5 Yates, Patterson, Lot Size: .72 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.38-1-10	\$ 4,000.00
31	LANDLOCKED: Utica Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .33 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.38-1-13	\$ 500.00
32	LANDLOCKED: Ferndale Ln, Patterson, Lot Size: .29 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.41-1-39	\$ 400.00
33	54 Addison Dr, Patterson, Lot Size: .27 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.53-1-2	\$ 1,800.00
34	13 Kenwood Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .44 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.54-1-24	\$ 7,000.00
35	18 Java Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .5 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.55-1-28	\$ 17,000.00
36	3 Tyrone Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .17 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.55-2-8	\$ 500.00
37	38 Barnard Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .22 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.62-1-15	\$ 17,000.00
38	20 Victory Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .18 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.70-1-50	\$ 800.00
39	63 Taylor Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .29 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.71-1-47	\$ 163,000.00
40	21 Taylor Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .44 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.79-1-28	\$ 6,000.00
41	29 Arden Dr, Philipstown, Lot Size: 1.11 Acres +/-	Philipstown	82.20-2-6	\$ 6,000.00
42	421 South Mountain Pass, Philipstown, Lot Size: .06 Acres +/-	Philipstown	90.10-1-1	NO BIDS
43	South Moutain Pass, Philipstown, Lot Size: .13 Acres +/-	Philipstown	90.11-1-3	\$ 400.00
44	Arbutus St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .59 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	41.10-2-54	\$ 16,000.00
45	Becker St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .5 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-41	\$ 1,800.00
46	Tanglewylde Rd, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .25 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-42	\$ 1,500.00
47	Walnut Rd, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .55 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-43	\$ 10,000.00
48	55 Barger St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: 1.37 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	85.13-1-27	\$ 190,000.00
49	30 Elmwood Dr, Southeast, Lot Size: 100 x 150 +/-	Southeast	45.84-2-36	\$ 317,000.00
50	2310 Rt 6, Southeast, Lot Size: .69 Acres +/-	Southeast	56.-1-6	\$ 32,000.00
51	2320 Rt 6, Southeast, Lot Size: .95 Acres +/-	Southeast	56.-1-7	\$ 31,000.00
52	640 Rt 22, Southeast, Lot Size: 75 x 150 +/-	Southeast	67.15-1-29	\$ 3,000.00
				\$ 2,237,700.00

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: William Gouldman
 Chairman, Physical Services Committee

CC: Daniel G. Birmingham, Chairman, Putnam County Legislature
 Kevin M. Byrne, Putnam County Executive
 Thomas Feighery, Commissioner of Public Works
 Compton Spain, County Attorney
 Neal Tomann, Putnam County DPW
 Amy Titcomb, Conservation District Technician, Putnam County Soil & Water
 Conservation District

FROM: Nancy Montgomery
 Legislator, District #1

RE: September 22, 2026 Physical Services Committee – Continental Village Lake Park Dam

Thank you for placing the Continental Village Lake Park Dam on the September 22, 2026 Physical Services Committee agenda for continued discussion. I had previously requested that this matter be heard in August, but asked that it be postponed to September. Since that time, there have been additional developments at the site that I believe are important to include in the Committee's discussion.

I would first like to thank everyone for the information provided thus far, including the July 28, 2025 C.T. Male engineering report and the responses received from DPW and the Department of Law.

The engineering report answers some important questions, including clarifying that Option 1 would rehabilitate and raise the existing earthen embankment - which I understand is what was referred to in prior discussions as the "earthen dam" - rather than replace the entire dam with a steel or concrete structure.

In addition to the questions previously raised, I am requesting an update regarding recent emergency work at the dam. By copy of this memorandum, I request the appropriate department address the requests below.

Recent Emergency Site Work and Potential Permanent Solution

Following a downed tree at the dam, emergency site work was undertaken by the County.

I visited the site on September 9 with residents of the Continental Village community. Based on conversations at the site with DPW personnel, as well as with concerned residents, it was made clear to me that there is considerable hope that the work undertaken as an emergency measure may also present a viable **permanent solution** to at least some of the issues previously identified at the dam.

Given the significance of that possibility, I would like DPW to provide an update on the work performed, including what conditions necessitated the emergency work, precisely what was done, and whether the resulting condition has now been evaluated from an engineering and dam-safety standpoint as a potential long-term solution.

If DPW or the Administration has requested that NYSDEC consider or evaluate retaining the emergency repair, or some version of it, as a permanent solution, please provide the Legislature with **copies of all requests, submissions, emails, correspondence or other communications made to DEC regarding that possibility**, together with any response or analysis received from DEC.

Please also address:

- Whether DPW's engineers believe the emergency work could satisfy the deficiencies previously identified by DEC, either as constructed or with additional modification;
- Whether C.T. Male or another engineer has reviewed the current condition and, if so, provide that analysis;
- Whether DEC approval would be required for the work to remain as a permanent condition;
- Whether retaining or modifying the emergency repair would constitute an alternative to any of the three options identified in the July 2025 engineering report, or a variation of one of those alternatives;
- What additional engineering, permitting or construction would be necessary to make the present condition permanent; and
- The estimated cost of doing so compared with the alternatives previously presented.

If this emergency work has created a potentially simpler or less costly path forward that satisfies DEC's dam-safety requirements while preserving the pond, I believe that option deserves a full evaluation before the County makes a final decision.

DEC Status and the County's Response

At the April 14, 2025 Physical Services Committee meeting, the NYSDEC Section Chief for Dam Safety stated that DEC's 2024 letter required the County to respond within 45 days with a plan and schedule to rehabilitate or remove the dam. He also stated that nothing had been received as of that meeting.

Did the County subsequently submit the required response? If so, when was it submitted, what did it include, and can it be provided to the Legislature?

What is the County's current compliance status, and has DEC issued any further correspondence or enforcement notice?

In light of the recent emergency work, has the County's proposed response or approach to DEC changed?

Engineering Report and Available Options

The Legislature was advised in April 2025 that the consultant's report would be completed within approximately two to three months. The report was completed in July 2025, but it does not appear to have been presented to the Legislature or discussed publicly until recently.

What review or action has taken place since the report was submitted to the County Administration, and when does the Administration expect to select an option?

The April 2025 discussion also referenced the possibility of a steel or concrete dam costing approximately \$3 million. The engineering report instead estimates:

- **Raise the existing earthen embankment:** \$339,000
- **Widen the spillway:** \$522,000
- **Decommission the dam:** \$354,000

Where did the earlier \$3 million estimate come from, what type of structure was being contemplated, and when did the County learn that rehabilitation of the existing earthen dam was a viable and substantially less expensive alternative?

The report does not state that DEC requires decommissioning. Rather, it states that, if the County wishes to retain the dam and pond, raising the existing embankment is the recommended alternative.

Has DEC expressed a preference among the three options, or is the selection ultimately a County policy and budgetary decision?

How will the Legislature and the affected community be included before a final option is selected and submitted to DEC?

And importantly, **does the recent emergency work change the analysis contained in the July 2025 report or present an additional alternative that should now be considered?**

Property Rights and Total Costs

We have been advised that property-owner consent is not required for the County to select an option. However, implementation appears to require property rights from adjoining owners.

Are appraisal, acquisition, surveying, legal and just-compensation costs included in the current estimates? If not, what additional costs are anticipated for each alternative?

Would the potential permanent use of the recent emergency repair require any additional property rights or easements?

Previously Identified Funding and Maintenance Expenses

At the April 2025 meeting, Commissioner Feighery stated that funding had been put aside for the next six years to address the County's dam properties. I understand that this funding was identified as a capital project item in the six-year capital plan.

What was the original amount, how much remains available, and how much is specifically available for the Continental Village dam?

Please also provide a breakdown of expenditures and encumbrances to date by dam, vendor and purpose, including engineering, surveys, inspections, maintenance, legal work, emergency work and any grant preparation, if applicable.

Please separately identify the **cost of the recent emergency work at Continental Village** and the funding source used.

Does the Administration intend to select an option and use the existing funding during 2026? Does the Administration anticipate requesting any additional appropriation, transfer or bond authorization from the Legislature?

The engineering report also states that the County allocates approximately \$16,500 annually for operation and maintenance of this dam, including mowing, clearing, inspections and DEC coordination.

Please clarify whether this is an actual dedicated appropriation or an estimate developed by the consultant; how much has been spent since DEC's 2023 inspection; what maintenance has been performed; and why the vegetation and tree deficiencies identified in 2015 remained unaddressed through the 2023 inspection.

WQIP Grant Application

At the April 2025 meeting, DEC encouraged the County to prepare for the short Water Quality Improvement Project grant application window. The engineering report states that it was prepared to satisfy the requirements for a 2025 WQIP grant submission.

Was an application submitted? If so, which option was proposed, what amount was requested, what County match was identified, and what is the application's current status?

If no application was submitted, why was the report prepared for that purpose but the application not completed? Is the County preparing for the next available funding round?

If the recent emergency work changes the scope or cost of a potential permanent project, please also advise whether that would affect eligibility for WQIP or other available State funding.

The recent work at the site may present an important opportunity. Residents understandably want the pond preserved, while the County must address DEC's dam-safety requirements responsibly and cost-effectively. If the emergency response has identified a potential solution that can accomplish both, it deserves careful consideration.

Because this decision will affect the Continental Village community, public safety, County finances, surrounding property owners and the future of the pond, I believe the Legislature and the community should have the benefit of this information before a final option is selected.

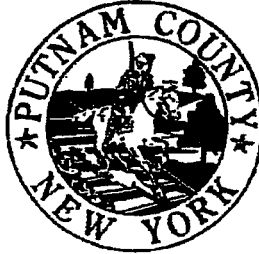
Thank you again for placing this matter on the September 22nd agenda and for allowing the opportunity for continued discussion.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: William Gouldman, Chairman, Physical Services Committee
Kevin M. Byrne, Putnam County Executive
Thomas Feighery, Commissioner of Public Works
Katherine McNeal, Senior Deputy County Attorney
Neal Tomann, Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District

FROM: Nancy Montgomery
Legislator, District #1

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy A. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "M" at the end.

RE: Request for August 2026 Agenda Item - Continental Village Lake Park Dam

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Thank you for your consideration and for placing this matter on the August agenda.

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APPROVAL – DEMOLITION OF COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING – 34 GLENEIDA AVENUE, CARMEL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the “County”) is the fee owner of certain real property located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512, including the building located thereon (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #319 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature previously determined that the Property was no longer needed for County use and authorized the Property to be offered for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #279 of 2021, the Legislature authorized the execution and filing of a lot line adjustment separating the Property from the portion of the County campus containing the access road to the Putnam County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #57 of 2025, the Legislature approved a lease permitting United for the Troops to occupy space at 34 Gleneida Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been the subject of repeated review and discussion by the Legislature concerning its condition, continued maintenance, sale, redevelopment, and potential future public use; and

WHEREAS, the building is located immediately adjacent to the County Office Building and Putnam County Courthouse campus and its present condition and location materially affect the appearance, functionality, security, and future planning of the County campus and the Hamlet of Carmel; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has considered the age, condition and limitations of the existing building, the costs associated with its continued operation, maintenance and rehabilitation, and the practical limitations affecting its reuse; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that continued retention of the existing structure is not in the best interests of the County and that demolition of the building will eliminate ongoing maintenance obligations and permit the County to evaluate the most appropriate future use of this strategically located parcel without the constraints imposed by the existing structure; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to authorize the demolition of the building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, subject to compliance with all applicable procurement requirements, environmental review, permitting, utility-disconnection requirements, hazardous-material assessment and abatement requirements, and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the County to demolish and remove the County-owned building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, through the Commissioner of General Services and such other appropriate County departments and officials as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to procure and carry out the demolition and removal of the building, including any required hazardous-material surveys and abatement, utility disconnections, site protection, demolition, debris removal, grading, stabilization and restoration of the site, subject to the availability and lawful appropriation of funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, prior to commencement of demolition, the County Executive and appropriate County officials shall ensure that the premises are lawfully vacated and that any rights of occupancy have been properly terminated or otherwise resolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all contracts and expenditures associated with the demolition shall be undertaken in accordance with the Putnam County Charter, the Putnam County Code, the County Procurement Policy, the New York State General Municipal Law, and all other applicable laws and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, prior to physical demolition, the County shall complete all environmental review if any are required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, obtain all permits and approvals required by law, and complete any required testing, remediation or abatement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to review and approve as to form all documents necessary to effectuate the demolition authorized herein and to take such legal action as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution authorizes demolition of the existing building only and shall not, by itself, constitute authorization for the sale, lease, transfer, redevelopment, construction upon, or other permanent disposition or use of the underlying real property, which shall remain subject to such further approval of the Putnam County Legislature as may be required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

From: Richard Othmer <rtothmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 11:18 AM
To: Diane Trabulsy; Elizabeth Robinson; Edward Gordon
Subject: 9-22-26 Physical Services Meeting
Attachments: Driveway Left Side Fountain.png; Left side driveway Gazebo Christmas.png; Left Side Driveway Gazebo.png; Left Side Driveway Kent Hwy XMas Parade.png; Left side driveway Statue Christmas (1).png; Left side driveway twilight gazebo.png; Left Side Driveway VFW Ceremony (2) (1).png; Left Side Driveway-Putnam Statue.png

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Honorable Legislative Chairman Birmingham & Physical Services Committee Chairman Gouldman:

I respectfully request to be placed on the Physical Services meeting agenda to speak briefly about the fate of the "Old Putnam Motors" / 34 Gleneida Ave. As you already know, I am in favor of taking it down for reasons previously presented to the Committee at earlier meetings. The building is an eyesore, a vermin & racoon infested fire hazard.

This issue has been debated, discussed and regurgitated by multiple sitting Legislative bodies for over twenty years with no action taken. As a former Legislator, I always felt that the people elected me to take action and be proactive - to lead from the front. The phrase that I hated most while in office was "let's table this until next month". You have it in your power right now to make this happen, I am actually jealous that if you vote to finally demolish 34 Gleneida, that my name would not appear on the resolution.

While serving as a first term Legislator, a certain quote from a book I had read many years before, stuck in my mind and haunted me throughout my Legislative tenure, a quote that I swore not to become a victim to;

Managerial Shortcomings of Committees

- Committees are safe.
- They seldom commit vast blunders.
- By the same token, they rarely do anything brilliant.
- It has been said that committees do nothing best and are best at doing nothing.

Quote from David Richard Palmer's "The History of Fortress West Point, 1775-1783".

At the last meeting, Legislator D'Angelo stated that he would like to have a committee formed to explore the possibilities of what could be done in the space if it was voted to be torn down. In response, I took the liberty of meeting with a landscape nursery business & they threw together the attached computer generated images of such possibilities in about 20 minutes. We have been overthinking this issue way too much - this is an easy project with maximum beneficial results.

I guarantee that if you move this forward & take action, you will be complimented, celebrated - you will become famous and have a saga written about you. Everyone who passed up the chance to do this - that came before you, will be shamed that they stood idle and did nothing.

Please vote on this tonight one way or another - please do not utter the dreaded & impotent phrase of " let's table it until next month".

Thank you.

Sincerely:

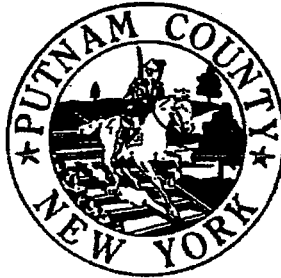
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 9, 2026

TO: Kevin Byrne
Putnam County Executive

CC: Thomas Feighery
Commissioner, DPW

FROM: William Gouldman
Chairman, Physical Services Committee

RE: Fair Street Project Status Update

I would like to thank Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Thomas Feighery for attending last month's Physical Services Committee meeting to provide an update on the ongoing Fair Street Project. As the project has continued to progress and we enter the 2026/2027 school year, I believe it would be beneficial to continue this discussion.

Respectfully, I request Commissioner Feighery attend the September 22, 2026 Meeting to provide an update on the project and speak specifically to the retaining walls installed as part of the project.

The meeting will begin at 6:00pm, please confirm attendance with the Legislative Office. Thank you for your attention to this request.

COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST

TO: Commissioner of Finance

FROM: Alexandra Gordon

DEPT: Finance

DATE: 9/14/2026

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
ACCOUNT#/NAME	ACCOUNT #/NAME		
10085000-54646	10874500-54989	\$6,000.00	Rectify Soil & Water
(DPW Golf/Contracts)	(Soil & Water - Miscellaneous)		account for part B
			funds

SIGNATURES NOT NEEDED – THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED VIA COMPUTER SYSTEM

2025 Fiscal Impact \$_0__

2026 Fiscal Impact \$_0__

Department Head Signature/Designee

Date

AUTHORIZATION:

Date Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiation and \$0-\$5,000.00

Date County Executive/Designee: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit/Designee: \$0-\$10,000.00

Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

CC: all

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I have tried to be patient and cooperative throughout this process, particularly because much of this history predates your tenure. However, you are now the Acting Commissioner of Finance, and your predecessor's failure to resolve these matters cannot continue to be the reason they remain unresolved.

The \$6,000 in 2025 Part B funding is straightforward. NYS Agriculture and Markets directed the District to return the \$6,000 because the project was not completed. The District complied and returned the money from District funds. The State confirmed receipt, and you specifically requested the processed check, which was provided.

The County received these funds as State Aid awarded to the District. They were not County funds. The District should never have been required to use its own money to satisfy an obligation created by the County's failure to properly transfer and account for those funds. The County therefore needs to reimburse the District the \$6,000.

I am also extremely concerned by your suggestion that there "may have been an overpayment" to the District. Nothing provided to the District establishes that. To the contrary, the records available to us indicate a substantial underpayment, outstanding District property/ inventory, and the District has also never received interest on any funds historically held by the County.

That brings me to Resolution 85 and the April 10, 2026 County Legislature resolution. The Legislature specifically directed the Commissioner of Finance to provide the District, separately and ahead of the audit, with bank statements, transfer records and reconciliations for District funds dating back to January 1, 2018. The resolution required production within 10 days or a written explanation to the Legislature and an estimated completion date. To date, our District has received nothing from your office in response. I understand these matters predate you. What I do not accept is allowing the same failure to continue under your tenure. The County cannot now tell the District to simply wait for an audit, particularly when the audit is the County's process and does not suspend the County's existing obligations to the District.

The District is an independent municipal government. We are not a County department or subordinate to the County. Our cooperation throughout this process has been in good faith and professional courtesy. It was never a waiver of our rights.

And to be absolutely clear regarding the \$6,000:

Your position as Acting Commissioner of Finance does not give you authority over the funds of an independent governmental entity. There is no delegation from the District authorizing you to retain these funds. There is no agreement permitting you to withhold them. There is no audit provision that gives you that authority.

These are not County funds. They are not Finance Department funds. They are not your funds. They belong to the Soil and Water Conservation District and ultimately NYS Agriculture and Markets.

At this point, if you continue to withhold the \$6,000 after being provided documentation establishing that the District was required to return those funds to New York State and that

it did so, that is not an inherited historical issue. It is an individual decision to continue withholding another governmental entity's funds after you have been placed on notice that you have no authority to do so. You should understand that distinction very clearly.

If you personally make the decision to continue withholding the District's money without lawful authority, you will be personally accountable for that decision as the individual who made it. The District will not allow responsibility for that decision to disappear into the County's bureaucracy or be attributed indefinitely to someone who previously held your position.

If you believe you have authority to continue withholding the \$6,000, identify that authority in writing, including the specific statute, regulation, resolution, agreement or other legal authority that permits you to do so. Otherwise, provide a definitive answer as to when the County will issue the \$6,000 payment to the District.

The State directed us to return the money. We returned it. The County failed to transfer it to us. The County owes the District \$6,000. Complete.

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth

Chairman

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District

Email: Chair@PCSWCD.org



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On Sep 8, 2026, at 4:35 PM, Alexandra Gordon
<Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov> wrote:

Hi Cassandra,

Hope all is well and that you had a nice Holiday weekend. Again, a lot of the material predates my time here at the County and I'd like to make sure everything is reviewed and properly accounted for before moving forward. We have noted the \$6,000, but there maybe have also been an overpayment, to the District, on the County's end.

Please let your Board know the County will wait for the Audit to take place so all monies can be properly accounted for, and we can proceed with the audit recommendations.

I apologize for the delay and thank you for being so patient.

Alex

Alexandra Gordon

Acting Commissioner • Department of Finance

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"Empowering Putnam County through dedicated service."

From: Cassandra Roth <cassandra.roth@pcswcd.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 1:00 PM

To: Cassandra Roth <cassandra.roth@pcswcd.org>

Cc: Alexandra Gordon <Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>; Michele Alfano-Sharkey <Michele.Alfano-Sharkey@putnamcountyny.gov>

Subject: Re: Transfer of Outstanding SWCD 2025 Part B Funds : Time Sensitive

Hi Alex,

Following up on my email below, I am attaching the processed check documentation for the \$6,000 payment to NYS Ag and Markets that you requested.

This provides the additional proof of payment you asked for and confirms that the District paid the \$6,000 from its own operating funds. The State has also confirmed receipt of the payment and that it was forwarded to fiscal for processing.

At this point, I need an answer as to when the \$6,000 payment to the District will be issued by the County. Our next Board meeting is September 17, and I need a definitive answer and a timely resolution

to this matter. Please let me know when we can expect the District to be made whole.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth
Chairman
Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District
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On Aug 24, 2026, at 5:37 PM, Cassandra Roth
<cassandra.roth@pcswcd.org> wrote:

Hi Alex,

Thank you for your response.

As I clarified in my previous correspondence, the independent audit is separate from this issue. This particular matter is straightforward and fully documented.

At this point, I have provided every piece of supporting documentation available to the District, including the County's own financial records, State correspondence, District Board records, a copy of the repayment check, and written confirmation from the State that our \$6,000 repayment was received and forwarded for fiscal processing.

There is no question that Putnam County received the 2025 Part B funds on the District's behalf and that those funds were never transferred to the District.

If by "cancelled check" you mean a bank image showing that our repayment check has cleared, I will provide that as soon as it becomes available. The original check was sent to New York State for deposit, so I obviously cannot provide a physical cancelled check that remains in our possession.

What I am not willing to do at this point is leave the District \$6,000 short while we wait for an independent audit with no known start date or completion date.

As I have previously noted, I have not been included in that process as Chair, have not been provided an anticipated start date, and have had to submit a FOIL request for the executed contract simply to try to determine when the audit is expected to begin. At this point, I have received acknowledgment of that request but no substantive information regarding the audit schedule.

This timing is particularly concerning because the District has its own year end obligations. Review and approval of our annual audit by the Board is part of the District's annual performance measures, which must be completed by year end and are directly tied to our eligibility for State Aid funding. We therefore cannot simply allow an audit process with no known commencement or completion date to extend indefinitely toward December 31, 2026.

That is also why I do not believe this \$6,000 issue should be held pending completion of the broader audit. The County received the State funds. The District did not receive them. The District subsequently paid \$6,000 from its own funds to satisfy the State. Those facts are already documented.

Accordingly, I need a definitive answer as to whether the District will be made whole for the outstanding \$6,000 by our next Board meeting.

If the County is not prepared to resolve the outstanding payment by that time, then I will need to advise the Board accordingly so that we can determine what other avenues are available to ensure recovery of the funds owed to the District.

I recognize that this matter predates your tenure, and my frustration is not directed at you personally. However, the District has now used \$6,000 of its own funds to repay the State for an award that the County received on our behalf but never transferred to us, nor provided adequate documentation for its appropriate use, and we also have State imposed year end obligations that cannot be left dependent upon an audit timeline over which the District presently has no visibility.

Please let me know where this stands.

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth

Chairman

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District

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On Aug 24, 2026, at 5:02 PM, Alexandra Gordon
<Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>
wrote:

Hi Cassandra,

Hope all is well! Thank you for the email. Is it possible
for you to send me a copy of the check cancelled? That
would be the proof of payment we need.

Regarding the 2025 Part B monies, a lot of the material
predates my time here at the County and I'd like to
make sure everything is reviewed and properly
accounted for before moving forward. I believe the
audit should be taking place soon so it may help to have
the audit agency review, so we make sure everything is
accounted properly.

I apologize for the delay and thank you for being so
patient.

Thank you!
Alex

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Alexandra Gordon

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From: Cassandra Roth <cassandra.roth@pcswcd.org>

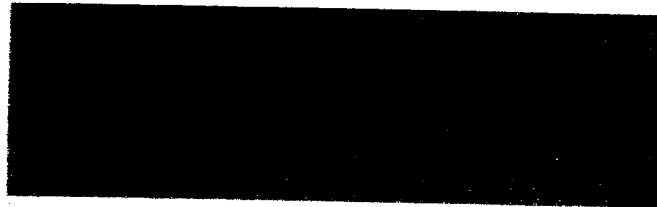
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2026 12:23 PM

To: Alexandra Gordon

<Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>

Subject: Re: Transfer of Outstanding SWCD 2025 Part B

Funds : Time Sensitive



Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth

Chairman

**Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation
District**

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On Aug 17, 2026, at 8:51 PM,

Alexandra Gordon

<Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov> wrote:

Hi Cassandra,

Hope all is well! I apologize for the delay.

I did start reviewing the records, but since it predates me, I'm trying to review the records to make sure the information I give back is correct.

You can let the Board know that I am reviewing the records and will get back to you as soon as I can.

Also, is it possible for you to send me a copy of the check that was sent to the state?

Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Alex

Alexandra Gordon
Acting Commissioner of Finance
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512
Phone: 845-808-1075
Email:
Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov

From: Cassandra Roth
<chair@pcswcd.org>
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2026 19:55:24
To: Alexandra Gordon
<Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>
Subject: Re: Transfer of Outstanding
SWCD 2025 Part B Funds : Time
Sensitive

PUTNAM COUNTY NOTICE



Hi Alex,

Time flies and I don't mean to add more to your plate. I just wanted to follow up on the 2025 Part B funding issue below ahead of our District's Board meeting this Wednesday, August 19.

I know you needed to review the records, but if you're able to provide any update on the status of the \$6,000 prior to Wednesday's meeting, I would greatly appreciate it. Since the District has already repaid the State from its own funds, I'd like to be able to give the Board an update on where things stand and the anticipated timing for resolving the outstanding transfer.

Please let me know if there is anything further you need from me to complete your review. I'm also happy to discuss by phone if that would be easier.

Thank you again for your help with this.

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth
Chairman
**Putnam County Soil & Water
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On Aug 11, 2026, at
6:54 PM, Alexandra
Gordon
<[Alexandra.Gordon
@putnamcountyny.
gov](mailto:Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov)> wrote:

Good evening, Ms.
Roth,

Thank you for your
email. Let me review
and I will circle back,

Thank you!

Alex

Alexandra Gordon

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From: Cassandra Roth

<chair@pcswcd.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August

11, 2026 11:35 AM

To: Alexandra Gordon

<[Alexandra.Gordon@p](mailto:Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov)

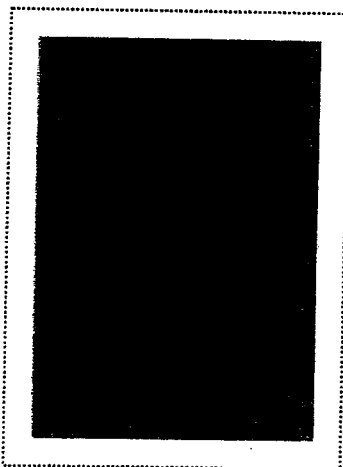
[utnamcountyny.gov](mailto:Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov)>

Subject: Transfer of

Outstanding SWCD

2025 Part B Funds :

Time Sensitive



Ms. Gordon,

I hope you're
doing well! I
know this is your
busy season, and
I'm terribly sorry
to add another
item to your
plate. I

appreciate your help as we continue working through these outstanding financial matters.

I understand the County may be awarding an independent audit relating to the District's funds. However, this issue is substantially more time-sensitive because *the District is now out \$6,000 that it never actually received.*

For clarity, Ag and Markets sent Putnam County two separate Part B awards on the District's behalf:

1. The 2025 Part B funding was sent on December 2, 2024
2. The 2026 Part B funding was sent on November 28, 2025.

We are not disputing that the District received

the 2026 Part B funding. The issue is that 2025 Part B funding was never transferred to the District.

New York State SWCC recently directed the District to return the 2025 award (relevant context documents are attached for transparency, as has occurred in the past). Although we never in fact received custody of those funds from the County, our board agreed to submit payment AG and Markets the \$6,000 from our own funds to avoid jeopardizing our current or future State Aid funding. The State confirmed receipt of that payment on July 28, 2026.

I've attached the County financial records, State SWCC correspondence, and relevant Board minutes supporting this

request. Since the District repaid \$6,000 that it never received, we need the County to transfer the outstanding 2025 funds to the District as soon as possible so we can be made whole.

I recognize that this predates your time as Commissioner, and I appreciate your help getting it resolved promptly. Please let me know if you need anything further from me and of course if easier, feel free to call anytime.

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Roth

Chairman

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& Water
Conservation
District**

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CD.org](mailto:Chair@PCSWCD.org)*



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From: Amy Titcomb amy.titcomb@pcswcd.org
Subject: 2025 Part B Return
Date: Sep 8, 2026 at 12:36:52 PM
To: Cassandra Roth cassandra.roth@pcswcd.org

Hi Cassandra,

Attached is the check copy showing that the 2025 Part B Fund was returned to NYS Ag & Markets.

Sincerely,
Amy Titcomb
Conservation District Technician
Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District
Phone: (845) 803-0348
Email: Amy.Titcomb@PCSWCD.org



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Date: 08/24/2026
Amount: 6,000.00
Check Number: 1011
Account Number: 9899468467
Account Name: OPERATING FUND

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PUTNAM COUNTY
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 23, 2026

To: Bethany Bzduch, *Executive Director*
New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee

RE: 2025 STATE AID PART B CONSERVATION PROJECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - RETURN OF FUNDS

Enclosed with this memorandum is the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District's repayment in the amount of \$6,000 for the 2025 State Aid Part B Conservation Project Financial Assistance, submitted in response to your request.

The Board asked that I reiterate the District's position for the record in connection with this repayment.

As you know, these circumstances did not arise suddenly. Since August 2025, the District has been working to resolve the transition of its finances and historical records, and we have consistently communicated the challenges surrounding this matter to Putnam County, the New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

In February 2026, the District was asked to certify to the State that the 2025 Part B funds had been properly expended. Putnam County advised the District that the funds had been utilized for a County-owned culvert project. However, after carefully reviewing the documentation provided, the Board determined that it was insufficient to independently verify the reported expenditures or support the required certification. As fiduciaries of the District, the Board could not responsibly certify representations that it could not independently substantiate. Putnam County was advised of the Board's position at that time.

It is important to recognize that this request for certification occurred before the District regained custody of its own finances. Putnam County did not transfer the District's funds into the District's independent custody until April 1, 2026, after the 2025 reporting period had already concluded. When those funds were transferred, the District received only a lump-sum transfer with limited supporting accounting, and no documentation was provided identifying whether the 2025 Part B funds were included in that transfer. To date, the Board has been unable to independently verify that the independent Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District ever received the 2025 Part B funds.

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Additionally, the District continues to await an audit or financial reconciliation of the former County-operated "Soil & Water Department" from the Putnam County Legislature. At the same time, the District has consistently been advised that it has no authority over the County's historical financial records, leaving the current Board without the ability to independently reconcile these transactions.

This has been an exceptionally difficult position for the Board. To the best of our knowledge, the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District is returning \$6,000 in State Aid that it has never been able to verify it actually received. Every circumstance leading to this repayment occurred before the District regained custody of its finances and outside the control of the current Board. Throughout this process, the Board has acted transparently, openly communicated these concerns as they arose, and made every effort to responsibly resolve issues inherited from the former County-operated structure and lack of documentation available.

Nevertheless, in response to your request, the Board authorized this repayment in good faith to preserve the District's future eligibility for State Aid and to continue moving forward under independent financial management. This repayment should not be interpreted as an acknowledgment that the District received the 2025 Part B funds or as agreement with Putnam County's accounting of those funds. Rather, it reflects the Board's decision to resolve this matter responsibly despite the absence of documentation necessary to independently verify the underlying transaction.

On a positive note, I am pleased to report that the District's 2026 Part B project has been completed successfully and all program requirements have been satisfied. The District appreciates the continued partnership of the New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee and looks forward to continuing that relationship under the District's independent financial management.

Sincerely,



Cassandra A. Roth
Chairman

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District
1511 Route 22; Suite 167
Brewster, NY 10509

**SOIL WATER TRUST FUND
PARTS A, B AND C
2021 - 2025**

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From: "Ferry, Travis (AGRICULTURE)"
<Travis.Ferry@agriculture.ny.gov>
Date: August 10, 2026 at 2:12:03PM EDT
To: Cassandra Roth <chair@pcswcd.org>
Subject: Fw: Putnam Part B

See Bethany's response.

Hi Travis,

Yes we received it on 7/28. It will be sent to fiscal for processing soon.

Bethany

From: Ferry, Travis (AGRICULTURE)
<Travis.Ferry@agriculture.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 1:22 PM
To: Bzduch, Bethany (AGRICULTURE)
<Bethany.Bzduch@agriculture.ny.gov>
Subject: Putnam Part B

Hi Bethany,

Cassandra was wondering if the Department received their Part B return? She said it was mailed a couple of weeks ago and wanted to know if we received it yet.

Thanks,
Travis

Travis Ferry - CCA, NYSESCCP
Associate Environmental Analyst, Soil and Water
Conservation Committee
Southeast Regional Coordinator



**Department of
Agriculture and Markets**
Soil and Water
Conservation Committee

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

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Commissioner

MATT BROWER
Chair

To: Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District

From: Bethany Bzduch, Executive Director

Date: June 12, 2026

Re: Part B - 2025 Conservation Project Financial Assistance

We completed our final review of the supplied *Part B – 2025 Conservation Project Financial Assistance Final Report*. The District received financial assistance in the amount of \$6,000 from the State to implement a proposed, Mahopac Hills Culvert Replacement project.

The 2025 Part B Final report indicated that the District did not complete this project. Please return the unspent funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 payable to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Please mail the check, attention of Maureen Irish, to 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY, 12235. Please let me know when your check has been sent.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this matter. I wish you continued success in your District's endeavors including future years of project resources under the State Aid to Districts program.

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date and Time

February 17th, 2026 @ 09:30am

Called to Order @ 9:41am

Location

Putnam County Office Building

First Floor Conference Room

40 Glenelg Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512

Attendees

SWCD Board: Cassandra Roth, Brett Yarris, Crystal Stowell, Laura Russo

Video Conference: Dan Birmingham

Other: Joe Doherty (Friends of Dixon Lake - President)

The Board convened to conduct annual organizational elections, address governance and financial transparency matters related to State Aid reporting, and advance operational and outreach priorities. Officers were elected, with disclosure noted regarding Brett Yarris's candidacy for County Executive. The Board confirmed approval of the 2026-2030 AEM Strategic Plan, addressed State Aid reporting (including submission of Part A and non-submission of Part B due to documentation deficiencies), and acknowledged anticipated reconciliation actions with New York State. The Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and State Aid reporting discrepancies and subsequently authorized outreach to the NYS Comptroller for financial reconciliation assistance. Additional actions included authorization of interim website/domain setup and establishment of official social media channels.

Major Decisions and Outcomes

Election of Officers

- **Chair**
Cassandra Roth was nominated by Brett Yarris and seconded by Crystal Stowell.
All in favor. **Elected unanimously.**
- **Vice Chair**
Brett Yarris was nominated by Cassandra Roth and seconded by Crystal Stowell.
All in favor. **Elected unanimously.**
- **Treasurer**
Crystal Stowell was nominated by Cassandra Roth and seconded by Brett Yarris.
All in favor. **Elected unanimously.**
- **Secretary**
Brett Yarris was nominated by Cassandra Roth and seconded by Crystal Stowell and Laura Russo.
All in favor. **Elected unanimously.**

Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Website and Domain Authorization

A motion was made to authorize Crystal Stowell to pre-purchase an alternative SWCD domain for one year and initiate interim website development, with reimbursement to be made from District funds when available.
All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session was made to discuss personnel matters and State Aid reporting discrepancies.
All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Executive Session was conducted via telephone to accommodate remote participation by Dan Birmingham; all other Board members were present in person. **No action was taken.**

A motion to return to open session was made by Brett Yarris and seconded by Laura Russo.
All in favor. **Motion carried.**

NYS Comptroller Engagement

Motion by Cassandra Roth, seconded by Brett Yarris and Laura Russo, to authorize submission of a memorandum to the New York State Office of the State Comptroller requesting assistance with financial reconciliation, custodianship clarification, and compliance review.
All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Social Media Authorization

A motion was made by Cassandra Roth to authorize Crystal Stowell to establish and manage official SWCD social media platforms (e.g., Facebook) in a webmaster capacity. Seconded by Laura Russo.
All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Governance/Finance

- The 2026-2030 AEM Strategic Plan was submitted and approved, enabling eligibility for reimbursement-based project funding.
- State Aid Part A was submitted with corrected reporting reflecting documented legislative resolutions totaling \$45,079, with an anticipated reimbursement of approximately \$22,539.50.
- The Board determined not to submit the 2025 Part B report due to insufficient supporting documentation and anticipates returning approximately \$6,000 in associated funding to New York State upon request.
- Performance measure requirements were reviewed, including organizational compliance, officer reporting, and program activity tracking.
- Historical governance concerns were discussed, including lack of an active Board for approximately three years, prior reporting inconsistencies, and Treasurer's Reports submitted without a Board-appointed Treasurer.
- The NYS Comptroller granted an extension on February 6, 2026, for submission of the Treasurer's Report; however, it was reported to the board that the submission was made on February 10, 2026, by county staff, contrary to board direction for County Finance to complete the filing. No other updates or confirmation on this.
- Discrepancies were noted between County financial records and State reporting, with an intent to reconcile significant historical financial activity.