

The Legislature of Rockland County



NANCY LOW-HOGAN

Legislator, District 17

Chairwoman, Economic Development Committee

Vice-Chairwoman, Environmental Committee

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

6:00 PM

Members Present:

Leg. N. Low-Hogan, Chair

Leg. H. Cornell

Leg. C. Carey

Leg. A. Wieder

Leg. D. Jobson

Members Absent:

Leg. I. Schoenberger

Leg. J. Meyers

Others Present:

Leg. Chair Wolfe (6:30) Leg. M. Grant

E. Yeger, Esq. N. Doliner

S. Powers A. Samuels

C. Wood

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2014

MOTION TO ADOPT: CAREY/CORNELL

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1. REF. #2867 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.8121 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.5925 – THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN AIR/GREEN JOBS BOND ACT OF 2014
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE)
LG# 3290

Leg. Cornell explained these bills would provide funds for the preservation, enhancement, restoration and improvement of the State's environment.

MOTION TO APPROVE: CORNELL/LOW-HOGAN

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TRANSFER TO ENVIRONMENTAL 2/26/14

ADDED CO-SPONSORS: LEGS. LOW-HOGAN, CORNELL, JOBSON

2. REF. #5110 - **DISCUSSION ITEM: REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
(HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)**

Chair Low-Hogan invited President and CEO of the RBA Al Samuels and SUNY Rockland Community College President Cliff Wood to update the Committee on the Regional Economic Development Council of which they are Rockland's only voting members.

Mr. Samuels said that Rockland is not taking full advantage relative to the distribution of the funding available. Out of 280 eligible projects submitted, only 18 were from Rockland. Out of the 84 Eligible Priority Projects, Rockland County had only 6. He stated that the prior Administration did not embrace this project and he was looking forward to a new approach with the new Administration (see attached handouts).

There is a need to get municipalities and businesses more involved and the Legislators can help by working with the municipalities to encourage businesses to see what is being funded and give examples of other projects that have been awarded.

President Wood explained Governor Cuomo's plan to improve the State's economic development model. A Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) has been created to streamline and expedite grant applications. Through one application, projects can access multiple state funding sources to make the process quicker and easier.

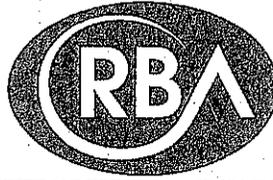
Chair Low-Hogan asked Mr. Samuels and President Wood to attend a full Legislative meeting in the future to update all Legislators on the REDC. They said they would be happy to attend.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:45 PM
JOBSON/WIEDER**

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2013 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION BREAKDOWNS

Entire Mid-Hudson Region

280 Eligible Projects:

**85 Westchester
45 Orange
45 Ulster
24 Dutchess
18 Rockland
15 Sullivan
9 Putnam**

**31 Multi-County within Mid-Hudson
(8 of these projects include Rockland)**

**7 Multi-Region/State-Wide
1 Region-Wide**

Priority Projects

84 Eligible Projects:

**21 Westchester
16 Ulster
12 Dutchess
12 Orange
6 Rockland
4 Sullivan
3 Putnam**

5 Multi-Region Projects (Mid-Hudson & Southern Tier; Mid-Hudson & Capital)

2 Westchester & Putnam Projects

1 Orange & Sullivan Project

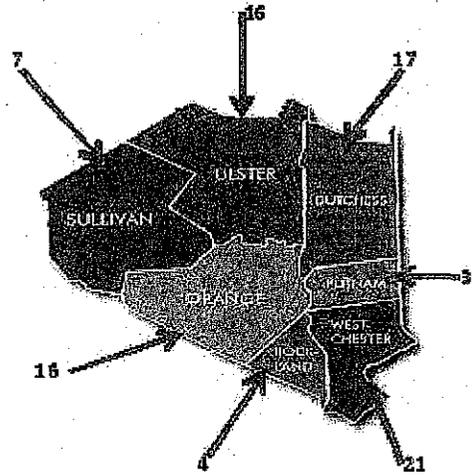
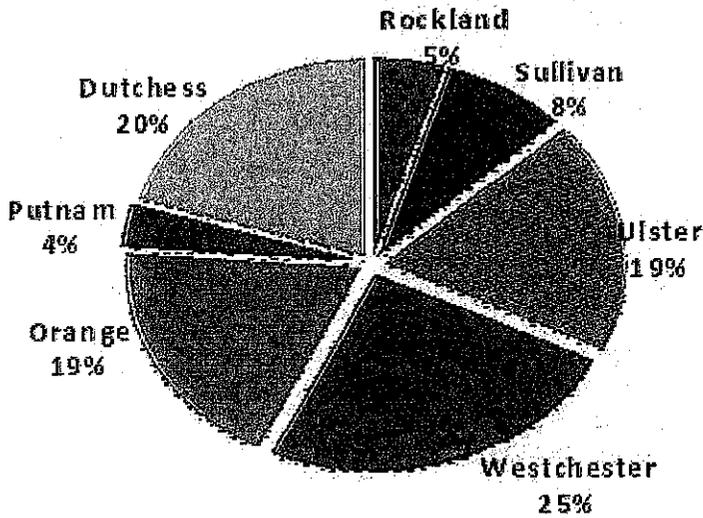
1 Putnam & Dutchess Project

1 Ulster & Dutchess

**Since the funding awards haven't been announced yet for this year,
I can't give you a breakdown of how the counties fared.
I am including the information from 2012 (*see chart on the back*).**

CFA Information

84 Awarded 2012



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	<u>Dutchess</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Putnam</u>	<u>Rockland</u>	<u>Sullivan</u>	<u>Ulster</u>	<u>Westchester</u>
2011	\$2,739,770	\$7,668,053	\$6,154,757	\$1,162,675	\$1,895,315	\$4,884,190	\$40,813,044
2012	\$8,130,474	\$22,628,928	\$545,714	\$2,083,200	\$4,200,952	\$6,189,596	\$22,024,695
2013	\$2,616,938	\$6,001,447	\$1,300,000	\$1,890,033	\$1,065,667	\$6,238,897	\$5,768,087
Total	\$13,487,182	\$36,298,428	\$8,000,471	\$5,135,908	\$7,161,934	\$17,312,684	\$68,605,826
Total Award per capita	\$45.26	\$96.83	\$80.06	\$16.30	\$93.13	\$94.89	\$71.77

Population

Dutchess	297,999
Orange	374,872
Putnam	99,933
Rockland	315,158
Sullivan	76,900
Ulster	182,448
Westchester	955,899

<u>Year</u>	<u>New Square</u>
2011	\$400,000
2012	\$1,350,000
2013	\$400,000
Total	\$2,150,000
Award per Ca	\$293.28

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rest of Rockland</u>
2011	\$762,675
2012	\$733,200
2013	\$1,490,033
Total	\$2,985,908
Award per Capita	\$9.70

