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COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2025 DEBRA J. CODY, CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Knapp, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Brown, Ms. Hernandez

ALSO ATTENDING: Mr. Romeo, Ms. Gunnip; also see attached list

Chair Cody called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m., and the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

1. TRANSPORTATION: Marty Voss, Commissioner

a. Authorizing the Sale of Surplus County Property and Transfer Thereof to be Sold Via the County Tax Auction

- 30'x13' surplus property on Clinton Street in the Village of Jordan will go to public tax auction
- Adjacent property owners may be the only interested buyers
- Goal is to remove from county property list

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amending the 2025 Onondaga County Budget to Accept up to \$90,240 in Grant Funding from the Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance for the Design Phase of the Tully Farms Road Culvert Replacements Project (\$90,240)

***Purpose:** This legislation will authorize the County to accept up to \$90,240 in funds from the Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA). The USFW, through FOLLOWPA, is providing funding to defray the cost of the Preliminary Design phase of the Tully Farms Culvert (C-160). The goal is to replace the culvert under the highway, which is in disrepair, and improve its functionality and ability to handle impacts from storm events.*

***Summary:** The \$90,240 in funding will be included in the Onondaga County Department of Transportation's 2025 work plan.*

***Fiscal Impact:** The 2025 budget will be adjusted to accept these funds and to create a capital project account for use.*

- Bridge is on Tully Farms Road south of the mudboils towards Tully, next to former Honeywell site
- Land around has been transferred to the Onondaga Nation
- 2 pipe culvert needs to be replaced; one is completely blocked, the other is 70% blocked
- Federal government is providing the grant through US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - FOLLOWPA is the conduit to get the grant for the design phase

Request: DOT will provide photos of culvert

A motion was made by Mr. Knapp, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Knapp requested to cosponsor item 1b

2. ONONDAGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (OCPL): Amanda Perrine, Executive Director
a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Certain Bond Resolutions to Increase the Maximum Estimated Cost of the Construction of an Addition and Improvements to the Petit Branch Library in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, Utilizing Unexpended Bond Proceeds for the Reconfiguration of the Central Library (\$653,262.27)

- Requesting to move unexpended funds to build a Community Room at the Petit Branch
 - Surplus funds were originally approved from a state grant in 2020 for the Central Library
- Petit Branch is on Westcott Street in the University area, 15th District
 - Highest circulating branch in the city
 - 2nd highest visitor count (up 6% YTD 2025)
 - Program attendance is up 12%

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- What is the situation with the air conditioning at the main branch?
 - The Galleries currently has a temporary water cooled unit
 - Parts will be coming in to repair the permanent unit

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

3. ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:
a. Designating the Onondaga Historical Association as the Entity to Assist Onondaga County to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

There was no one at the meeting to present item 3a. Chair Cody said it would be sent to the Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Here are a few items from our collection that demonstrate OHA's and Onondaga County's role in the American evolution. We will soon open our exhibit "Relationships and Revolutions" that will feature materials that mark the history of the Revolutionary War period, which lasted until 1783. The exhibit also has examples of materials that demonstrate the ideals of our Constitution and American Democracy. There will be a changing variety of materials on display throughout the next two years to keep the exhibition fresh. We also have Revolutionary War clothing/history/armaments on display at the County's War Memorial – something worth noting in the Resolution.

- 1. The General Association Document. The very first written agreement of the newly formed provisional government in the colony of New York. Signed in New York City on May 26, 1775. Signatories include Isaac Roosevelt, Robert Yates, Richard Montgomery, and Nathaniel Woodhull.*
- 2. An appointment by the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York to Morris Graham promoting him to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Colonial Militia. Signed by Nathaniel Woodhull-the President of the Provincial Congress, October 17, 1775. Woodhull was mortally wounded at the Battle of Brooklyn and died as a prisoner of war.*
- 3. A discharge from the United States Army for John Ackler. Signed by the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army, George Washington on June 8, 1783.*

Additional information:

The Van Schaick raid on the Onondaga Nation, April 22, 1779. This was the first battle in what would become the Sullivan Clinton campaign waged that summer. Onondaga County was made up of land from the so-called Military Tract, which was created as a result of legislation passed by the Continental Congress in 1776.



New York 250th Commemoration Commission

New York State Education Department
Empowering Local Partners Allocation Plan
August 12, 2025



Guiding Vision

➤ Three Pillars of the NYSED NY250 Strategy:

1. Promote statewide civic engagement
2. Foster inclusive historical reflection
3. Enrich public education through local and statewide programming





Legislative Context and Budget Overview

- Total NY250 Legislative Allocation: \$5 million
 - \$2.5M to NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
 - \$2.5M to NYSED

- Budget was approved by the Commission in June 2025

- Proposal Today:
 - Request Commission approval of the allocation formula to local partners



NYSED Budget Plan

**NY 250 NYSED Budget
June 2025**

Strategy	Allocation
1 - History in Our Backyard	\$1,000,000
2 - Empower Local Partners	\$1,300,000
3 - Tapestry of New York	\$200,000
Total	\$2,500,000

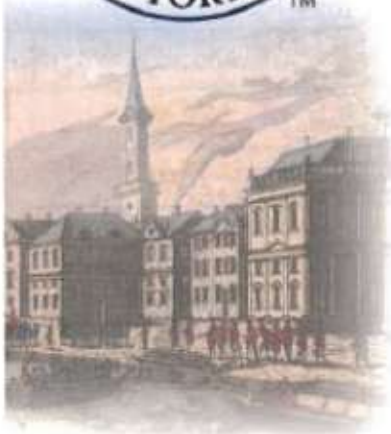




NYSED Budget Plan

NY 250 NYSED Budget August 2025

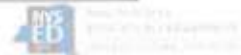
Strategy	Allocation
1 - History in Our Backyard	\$900,000
2 - Empower Local Partners	\$1,400,000
3 - Tapestry of New York	\$200,000
Total	\$2,500,000



Strategy 2: Empower Local Partners

- Goal: Fund every county to commemorate the Revolution and the Unfinished Revolution
- Approach: Formula-based grants to county 250th Committees, BOCES, or designated organizations
- Implementation:
 - Statewide RFP and rubric process
 - Technical support from Archives Partnership Trust

Activity	Allocation
County and Local Partner Grants	\$1,400,000





Empower Local Partners

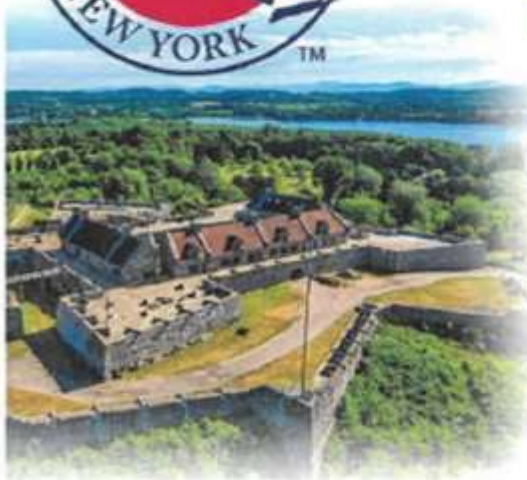
- Eligible Funding Entities:
 - Local County 250th Committees or organizations designated by the county
 - Boards of Cooperative Educational Services
- Counties without local 250 Commissions can create them now or designate organizations
- Deadline: Fall 2025



Empowering Local Partners Allocation

- Data Source: County-level Total P–12 Enrollment data for all NY counties for SY 2-23-24
- Initial Proportional Allocation: Total available funds divided based on each county’s share of statewide P–12 enrollment rounded to the nearest hundred
- Need for meaningful allocation resulted in funding floors and ceiling put into place:
 - Floor: \$15,000
 - Ceiling: \$125,000

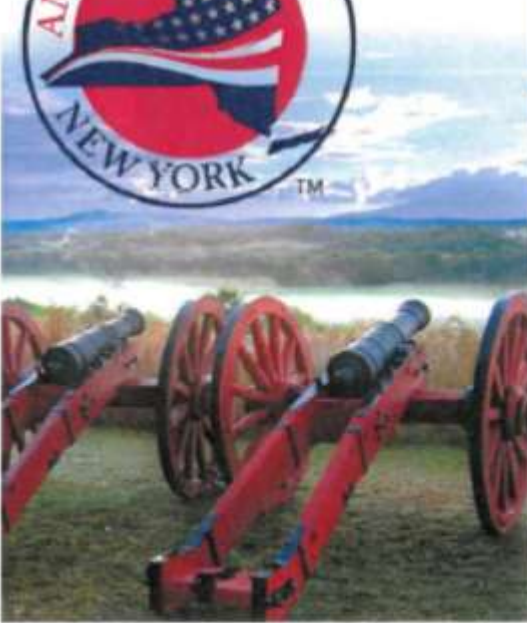




Sample Allocations By Region*

Region	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Allocation
Capital District	129,800	9%
Central New York	97,100	7%
Finger Lakes	174,800	12%
Hudson Valley	206,600	15%
Long Island	240,000	17%
Mohawk Valley	93,400	7%
New York City	125,000	9%
North Country	105,000	8%
Southern Tier	120,000	9%
Western New York	124,500	9%

*Note: All Calculations are approximate pending final placement calculations



Sample Allocations By County

County/City	Total Allocation	Percentage of Total Allocation
Albany	\$21,300	2%
Clinton	\$15,000	1%
Erie	\$64,100	5%
Nassau	\$115,000	8%
New York City	\$125,000	9%
Onondaga	\$37,100	3%
Saratoga	\$18,500	1%
Suffolk	\$125,000	9%
Washington	\$15,000	1%
Westchester	\$81,800	6%

*Note: All Calculations are approximate pending final placement calculations



4. **PARKS & RECREATION**: Brian Kelley, Commissioner
 a. **2025 Transfer Resolution (\$2,000,000)**

Purpose: *To amend the 2025 County budget to provide additional funding for the completion of the Hopkins Road Park Project.*

Objective/Work Plan: *To complete the funding for The Hopkins Road Park Project. This project will upgrade Hopkins Park with the construction of one turf super field. The super field will have the ability to allow play for softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football. Also, construction will include; field lighting, scoreboards and seating. The super field will increase the length of usage throughout the year and provide an attractive venue for travel tournaments from around the north east. Construction is scheduled to begin in late August 2025 with an expected completion date of summer 2026.*

Funding Source: *Contingency Funds*

- The project was approved, and \$2M was allocated to the Contingency Fund in August of 2023
- The footprint of the super field will go from the tree line behind field 2 to the tree line behind field 3
- Phase 1 will consist of:
 - Clearing fences and some trees behind the current outfield
 - 2 regulation baseball and softball fields
 - A regulation football, field hockey, or soccer field
 - The middle will line 3 to 4 youth fields of any kind, including soccer, baseball, lacrosse
 - The project will benefit both local and national
 - Local kids can play in November when they could not before
 - Bigger level will have economic impact with tournaments
 - Goal for phase 1 completion is July 2026
 - Public play will not be disrupted during construction, will still have open fields with lights for use
- Phase 2 request will consist of:
 - New concession stand
 - New bathroom building
 - Redo parking lot and parking lot lighting
 - Storage
- Phase 3 request will consist of:
 - Possibly another super field in the back
- Combined with the Town of Dewitt, could host 100-150 worldwide team tournaments
- There are grass fields in the Albany area, but the closes turf field is in New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut area

Questions/Comments from the Committee:

- Is there still talk about another entrance?
 - Yes, off Electronics Parkway
 - Will need an alternate road and some utilities to work around
 - No traffic light will be needed; only turn lanes
- Residents are concerned about bright lights from the fields at night
- Will there be a buffer of trees between the fields and neighborhoods?

- Neighborhoods will not be able to see anything
- Light spillage will be less when project is complete
- What is the use of the park now and what is the vision moving forward in terms of the split between hosting tournaments and having a resource for school districts?
 - Local baseball and softball programs will probably have priority on fields during the week
 - Larger tournaments may start on Wednesday or Thursday, but the core of them are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 - There will be plenty of room for local play and tournaments
- Many people can name drop 10 different cities up and down the coast for tournaments
 - Hopkins Park will have name recognition
 - There are plans for flag football, ultimate frisbee, rugby, etc.
 - Currently working on disc golf course at Pratt’s Falls
- Will Onondaga County be able to compete for the biggest tournaments?
 - Yes, may be ready for a tournament in September or October
 - This is a clear cut project, do not foresee many hiccups
 - Will have the same turf as Baldwinsville High School
- Have there been discussions to partner with Dewitt?
 - Yes, for tournaments
 - Currently, Dewitt can only accommodate 50-70 little league baseball and high school softball teams
 - Dewitt is in the process of building something similar to what is being done at Hopkins Park
 - When complete a partnership will be good synergy for larger tournaments
- Will a 3rd party manage the new Hopkins Park super field?
 - Yes

A motion was made by Ms. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Knapp, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

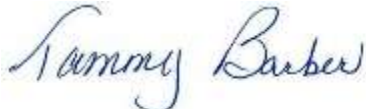
b. TOUR: Hopkins Road Park

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28p.m.

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
DATE: AUGUST 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



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