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Annual Report 2018

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Welcome

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Annual Report 2018



4.9%. 3.3%. 65,393.

TO SOME, THESE ARE JUST NUMBERS ON A PAGE. TO ME, THEY SHOW LIVINGSTON COUNTY'S GROWTH AND RESILIENCE IN CHALLENGING TIMES.

The first number represents our most-recent unemployment rate, lower than the statewide unemployment number. The second is our Fiscal Stress Score from the State Comptroller, giving us a mark of "no designation" and demonstrating the excellent financial health of your government. The final number is our County's most recent population estimate from the US Census Bureau, a number that has remained stable even in the face of challenging economic times, and is the number of people I'm honored to represent as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Of course, accomplishments like a healthy financial picture to a strong and stable population don't just happen. Leaders and staffers, like the entire Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Ian Coyle and each of the County's Department Heads and employees make these accomplishments happen; so do the entrepreneurs, community and business leaders, students, and seniors. Thank you to everyone who works to make sure Livingston County is the best place to live and work in New York State.

In the following pages, you'll learn a lot about many of the projects, leaders and staff that are propelling our County to new heights. I promise I won't spoil any fun.

After reading, I'm sure you'll be inspired to go out and experience our County like never before and continue working to make this County the best place in New York State.

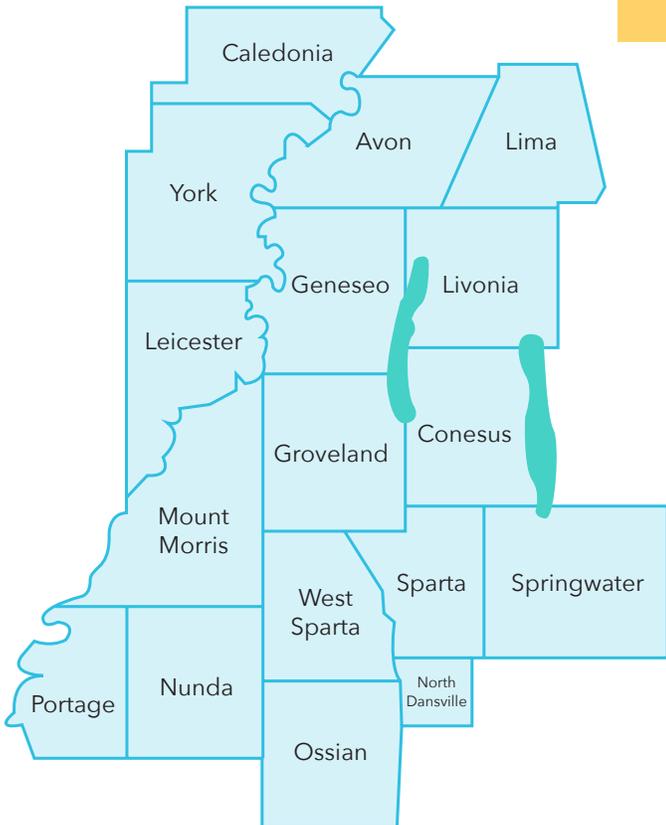
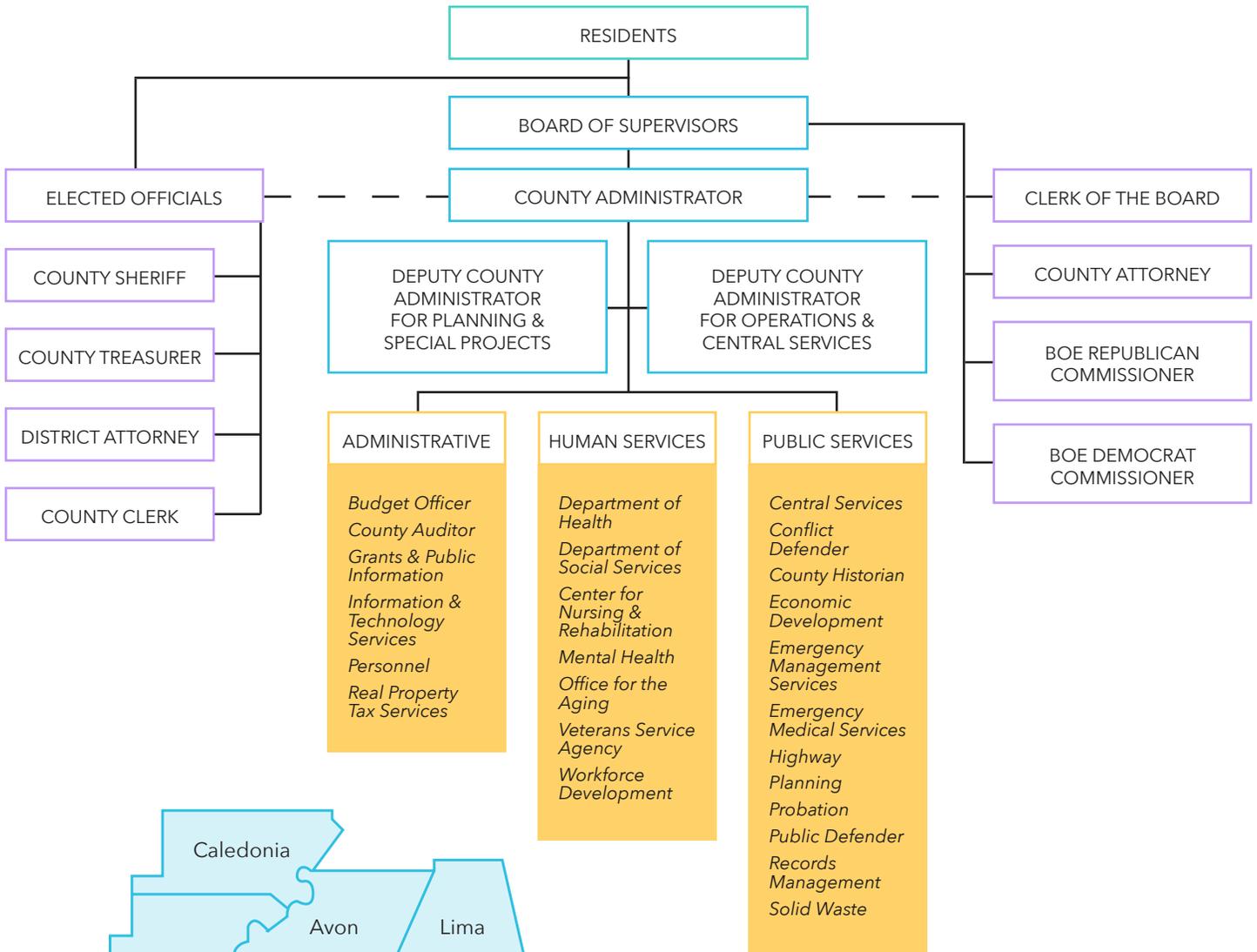
Thank You,

David L. LeFeber

David L. LeFeber, Chairman, Livingston County Board of Supervisors

Livingston County Organization Chart

THE ❤️ OF OUR COMMUNITY



Making Headlines

LIVINGSTON COUNTY WAS "IN THE NEWS" A LOT IN 2018 AND FOR GOOD REASON.

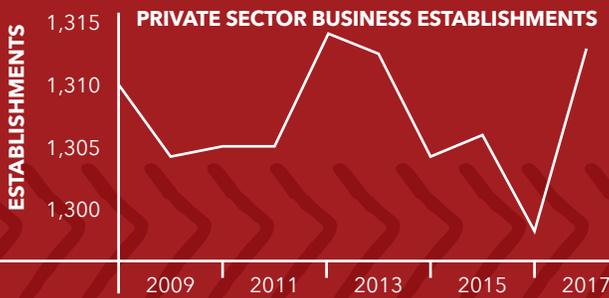
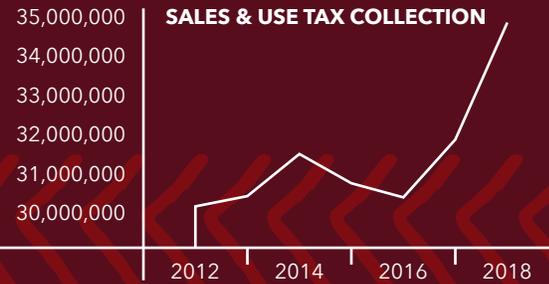
From capital projects, legislative advocacy, and ribbon cuttings to good budget and finance news, we found our way into the local, regional and statewide headlines.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

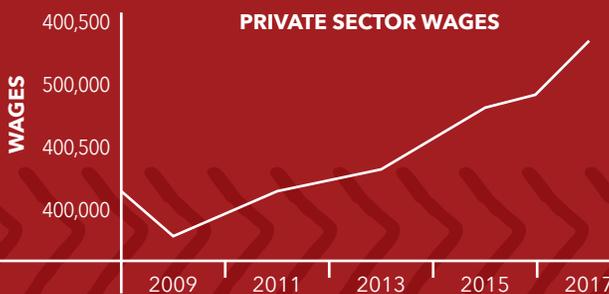
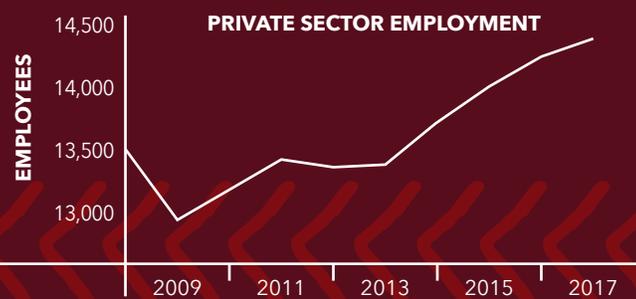
Growing a Strong Community

SALES TAX COLLECTION HAS BEEN TRENDING POSITIVELY SINCE 2016, WHERE IT HAS GROWN 14.5% OVERALL AND FAR EXCEEDING PRIOR PEAK LEVELS.



Small business activity experienced a positive spike in number of new openings by restoring the number of establishments to 2012 levels. Forecasted numbers for 2018 indicate that this trend will continue and introduce an additional 20 businesses to the area, higher than any recorded levels dating back to 2001.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Livingston County grew private sector employment by 9.27% from 2010 through 2017. Subsequently, unemployment reached an 18-year low of 3.2% in November 2018, indicating a strong job seekers market for our emerging workforce.



Total wages among this sector have grown on an annual basis by 8.4% when comparing 2017 to 2016. This far outpaced the level of inflation and represents a positive indication of increased discretionary income.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

On the Road...



JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

- North Dansville,
The Coffee Cup
- Lima Family Diner
- Livonia
Town Hall
- Nunda
Town Hall
- York,
The Barn
Restaurant
- Caledonia
Town Hall
- Mount Morris,
New Family
Theater
- Springwater
Town Hall
- Ossian
Town Hall
- Groveland
Town Hall
- Avon
Town Hall
- West Sparta
Town Hall

Conversations WITH THE COUNTY

In December 2017, Livingston County started a monthly listening tour, with the goal of traveling to, and meeting residents of, each of the County's 17 Towns. In our visits, we give a run-down of the County Government and various accomplishments and projects, and take time to answer questions and hear from the residents that are impacted every day by the decisions we, at the county level make.

KEEP AN EYE ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AND OFFICIAL FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING DATES AND TIMES!



Community CLEAN UP DAY



COMMUNITY MEMBERS UNITE AND ORGANIZE TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY #CLEANUPLIVCO

Livingston County invited organizers and community representatives to participate in the first annual Livingston County Community Clean Up event in celebration of Earth Day, April 22, 2018. As part of this countywide initiative, local groups and organizations rallied to clean up local streets, parks, and cemeteries. Interested groups registered their events on the Livingston County Community Clean Up Event website.



Last Year = Success

23 EVENTS HELD COVERING:

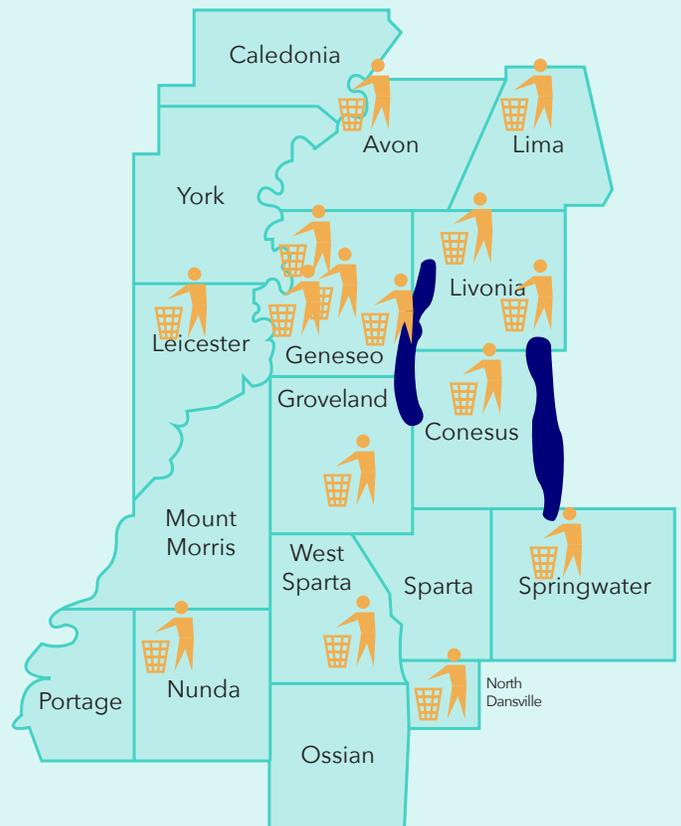
- 11 Towns
- 7 Villages
- 1 Hamlet

OVER 150 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS EFFECTING:

- 5 Parks
- 2 Cemeteries
- 3.5 Miles of Road

ABOUT 175 BAGS OF DEBRIS, LEAVES, & GARBAGE COLLECTED

1ST ANNUAL LIVINGSTON COUNTY Community Clean Up Day April 2018



Taxdollars at Work

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



COUNTY CLERK/ DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Land Records Recorded: **6,400**
 Court Documents Filed: **19,500**
 Pistol Permit Transactions Processed:
4,300
 Drivers License/ID's Processed:
REGULAR: 10,368
REAL ID'S: 839

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Livingston County Budget funds nearly **\$2.5 MM FOR SUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPENSES. EVERY YEAR, HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM THIS TUITION SUPPORT.**

CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION

The Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation completed construction of a Dialysis Extension Clinic in 2018 through a collaborative effort with UR Medicine / Noyes Health. The Center ended the year with an occupancy **RATE OF 92.9%** and the Garden of Life, Adult Day Health Program's **RATE WAS 82.94%**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Every additional \$1 above the current level invested unmet need for family planning *saves \$2.20 in pregnancy related care*

For every dollar spent on a pregnant woman in WIC, up to *\$4.21 is saved in Medicaid*

For every \$1 on Childhood Immunizations, <i>22.00 in return</i>	For every 1.00 on STD screening, <i>2.50 ROI</i>	For every 1.00 on Flu vaccines, <i>11.00 Return</i>	<i>\$5.60 ROI</i> for every \$1 on overall Public health funding
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For every \$1 spent on tobacco cessation programs, the *average return is \$1.26*

Supporting and treating mental health illnesses, such as depression, can yield a return of *\$4.80 for every \$1 spent*



AL LORENZ PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Many updates and improvements were made by the Central Services staff, Mobile Work Crew and Workforce Development. Trail Systems were added, ponds were cleaned out and stocked with fish and crews constructed and installed multiple kiosks.

Livingston County Emergency Medical Services was dispatched to **4,904 CALLS IN 2018.**

Livingston County was officially designated as a Purple Heart County.

This designation honors the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom of all Americans.



13 Adoptions **FINALIZED**

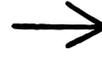


Notable County Highway Projects & Achievements



PAPERMILL ROAD OVER CONESUS CREEK IN AVON

Substantial completion of a Bridge NY project designed by Barton & Loguidice, constructed by C.P. Ward. Final paving and setting of millstone will occur in 2019.



SOUTH LIMA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION IN AVON, LIMA, LIVONIA

Multi-year project addressed pavement and drainage issues, as well as repair of the LA&L railroad crossing.



PARKER HILL ROAD CULVERT REHAB

Extended and repaired deteriorating culvert that was threatening the roadway, required right-of-way purchase.



FAULKNER ROAD OVER CANASERAGA CREEK IN OSSIAN

Started County-funded bridge replacement. Abutment forming and pouring contracted by Ramsey Constructors. Site work, excavation, backfill by County.



MECHANIC SHOP ACTIVITIES

454 pieces of active equipment were maintained by the County Highway Department. 451 routine services including oil changes/tire rotation/preventative maintenance were performed. Welding and fabrication projects were performed for several departments including mounting the side scan sonar for the Sheriff's boat, light pole modifications, upfit brackets and braces for the Sheriff's Office and EMS cars, and boat hoist repairs.

A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Spotlights

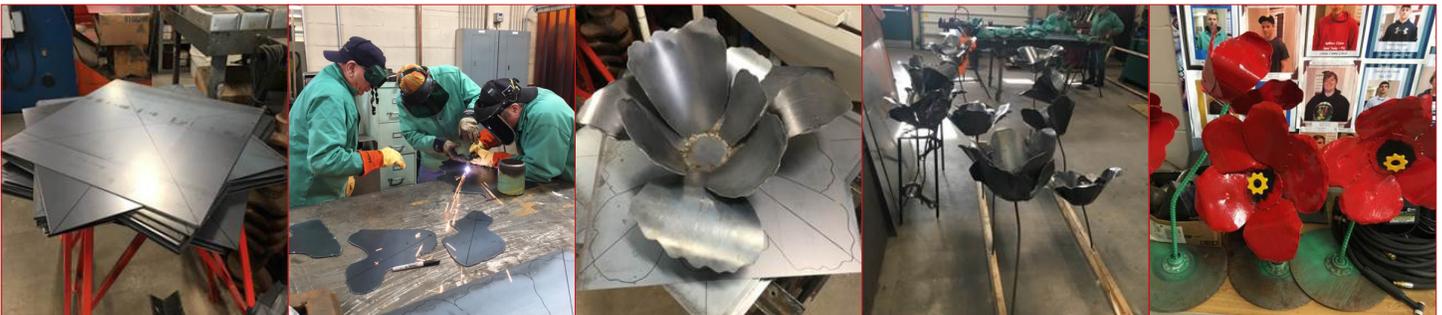
NOTABLE PROJECTS:

- » BiCentennial Planning
- » Dialysis Ribbon Cutting
- » Land Bank Habitat Event
- » Building #1 Ribbon Cutting
- » Centralized Arraignment Ribbon Cutting
- » Veteran's Monument



Public DEFENDER

Assisting in the creation of a Centralized Arraignment Part, one of the first in the state. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held June 11, 2018 and the CAP court began functioning on June 4, 2018.



The metal poppy project with BOCES in Mt. Morris is underway for the creation of 150 metal poppies for the Veteran's Monument to be dedicated in November this year for Veteran's Day. The poppies - long a symbol of Veterans - will be placed in the shape of an American flag on land at Livingston County's Hamptons Corners Complex in Groveland. The poppies will be made by local Veterans, painted red and will represent the stripes on an American flag.

Veteran's MONUMENT

The "Bottom Line"

PROPERTY TAXES

PROPERTY TAX EXPLAINER:

- » Property taxes in New York State are monies owed to local governments (Towns, Villages, Counties) based on the value of taxable real property owned within a local government's jurisdiction.
- » The property tax bill for each parcel of real property is based on two factors:
 1. The assessed value of the real property; and
 2. The local government's property tax rate.



2019 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE:

\$7.83/1000

2019 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILL AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNER:

\$1,096



TOTAL 2019 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

\$29,006,100

2019 BUDGETED EXPENSES

\$159,374,035



2019 BUDGETED REVENUES & FUND BALANCE

\$159,374,035



A BALANCED BUDGET

TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES:

\$3.7 Billion



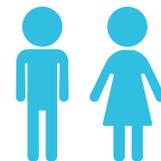
TAX PARCELS

29,248



COUNTY DEPARTMENT'S

32



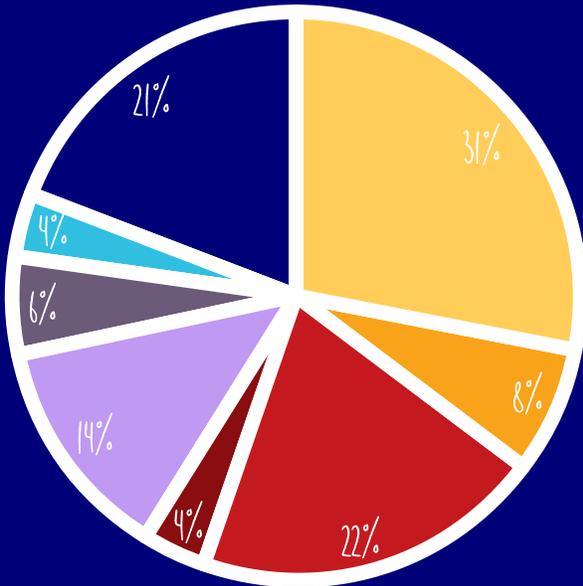
EMPLOYEES

1,200

Mandates & Your Property Taxes

HOW MUCH DO MANDATES COST?

Below is a chart showing how much some of the County's most expensive mandates affect your property taxes. The pie chart shows what percentage of the Property Tax Levy is used to fund just some of the County's funded mandates.



THE NEXT TABLE SHOWS THE RAW 2019 BUDGETED COST TO FUND EACH OF THE MANDATES:

NYS MANDATE	2019 BUDGET COST
Medicaid	\$9,064,064
Community College	\$2,300,000
NYS Retirement	\$6,400,000
Indigent Defense	\$1,234,000
Social Services Administration	\$4,020,041
Pre-K Special Education	\$1,683,000
Probation	\$1,222,228
Other (TANF, Safety Net, EI, Elections, Jail)	\$6,000,000
Total Mandated Costs	\$31,923,333
2019 Property Tax Levy	\$29,006,100

- 31% MEDICAID
- 8% COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 22% NYS RETIREMENT
- 4% INDIGENT DEFENSE
- 14% SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
- 6% PRE-K SPECIAL EDUCATION
- 4% PROBATION
- 21% OTHER (TANF, Safety Net, EI, Elections, Jail)

NOTE: This chart is not all-inclusive. There are many other mandates that the County funds. This chart would be too small to capture them all.

HOW LIVINGSTON STACKS UP

In Livingston County, we strive to run the best, most cost-efficient county government in New York State. To see how we measure up, we continue to report and benchmark comparisons with our like peers in Upstate New York.

When benchmarking, we consider our like peer counties to be Ontario, Steuben, Wayne, Madison, Warren, Herkimer, Washington, Columbia, Otsego, Genesee, Greene, Allegany, Orleans and Wyoming. They range from a population of 42,000 to over 100,000.



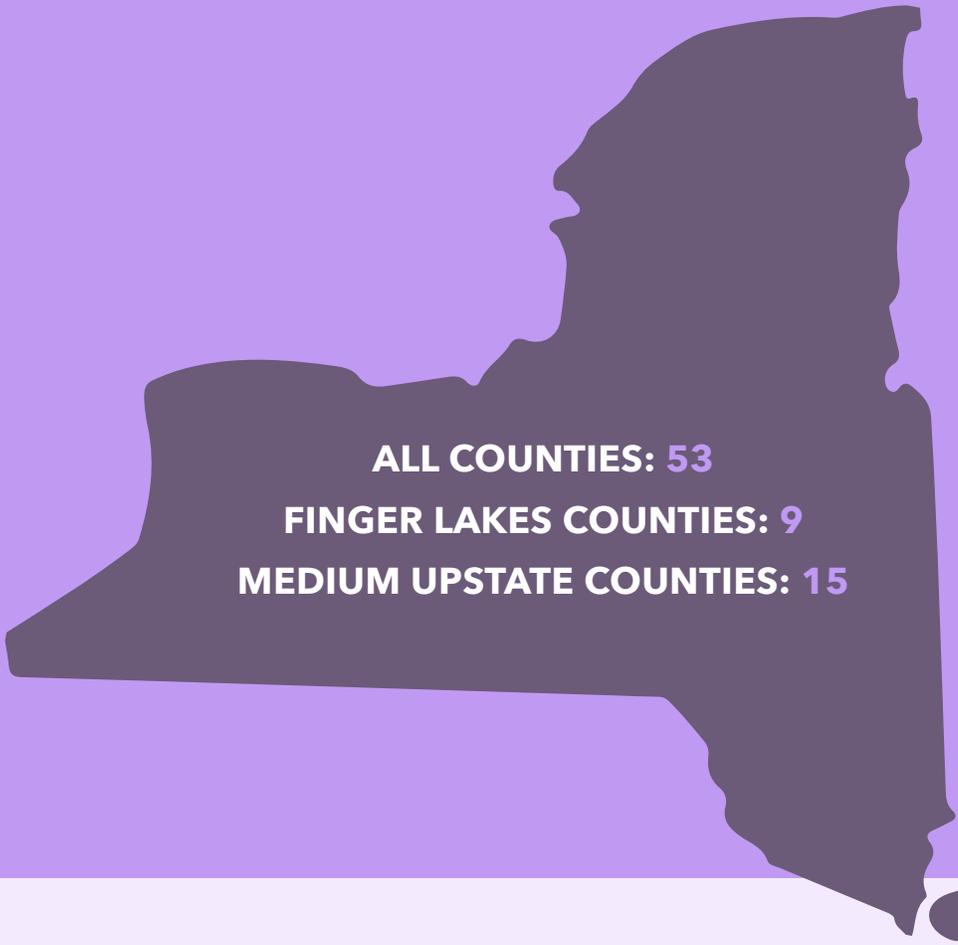
BELOW IS A CHART SHOWING HOW WE MEASURE UP:

	AVERAGE OF LIKE PEERS	LIVINGSTON COUNTY
TAX LEVY	\$31.9 Million	\$29 Million
BOND RATING	Aa3	Aa2 (as of 2016)
PER CAPITA GENERAL FUND SPENDING	\$1,599	\$1,598
PER CAPITA TAXES	\$500	\$433



Livingston County:

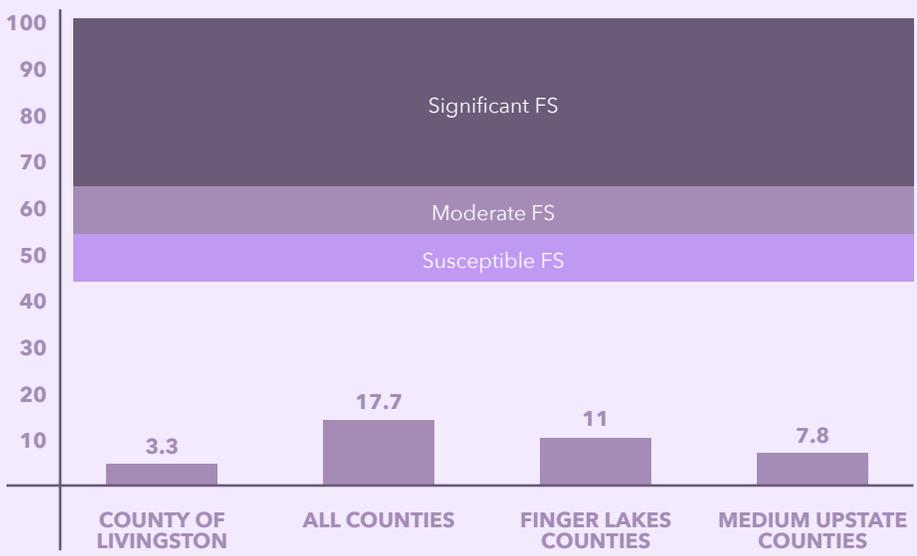
THE PICTURE OF (FISCAL) HEALTH



ALL COUNTIES: 53

FINGER LAKES COUNTIES: 9

MEDIUM UPSTATE COUNTIES: 15



Livingston County is one of the most fiscally-healthy Counties in all of New York State. Don't believe us? Just look at the numbers!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY FISCAL STRESS SCORES

Every year, the Office of the New York State Comptroller releases Fiscal Stress Scores and Reports for each municipality and School District in the State. According to the Comptroller, the scores are designed to act as an "early warning system" for local governments to measure certain fiscal impacts on local government budgets and the risk of that municipality or school district's budget being negatively impacted in the future.

Fiscal Stress Scores range from

0 to 100, with rankings from "No Designation" to "Significant Fiscal Stress."

2018 Livingston County Fiscal Stress Score:

*3.3
"No Designation"*

Departmental Accomplishments



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- » Livingston County was one of three counties in NYS to achieve **80% BY 2018** regarding colon cancer screening rates
- » In collaboration with Rochester Regional Health, **PROVIDED BREAST CANCER SCREENING** via Mobile mammography van
- » Livingston County Hospice completed our **TWENTY FIFTH YEAR** of providing end of life care to its residents.
- » A **24 HOUR MOBILE CRISES RESPONSE** protocol was established and implemented through collaborative efforts between FLPPS, RPC, CASA Trinity, Noyes, Law Enforcement, and Livingston County to decrease the number of unnecessary Mental Health Arrests
- » Helped secure **100K IN FUNDING** for supportive housing in Dansville.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

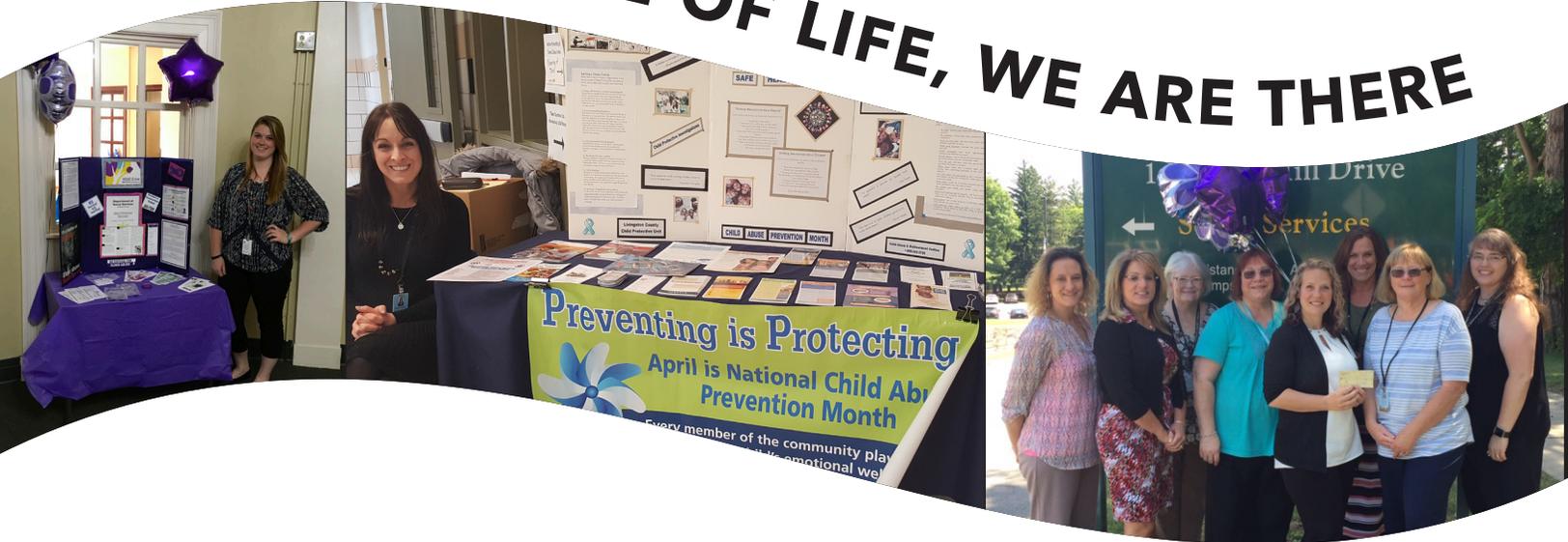
For 2017-2018, the Senior Nutrition Program provided 47,408 home delivered meals and 24,410 congregate meals in partnership with Morrison Community Living; Nutrition Education and Counseling were provided to over 600 individuals in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension. 360 older adults received Farmers Market vouchers and all home delivered meal clients received shelf stable food quarterly.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Prosecuted on average over
1,800 cases per month

Maintained a felony conviction
rate of 95%+

AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE, WE ARE THERE



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- » Reduced Temporary and Emergency Housing Assistance costs **BY 50.8% OR \$431,800.** This was primarily a result of a re-structured Housing Team model - putting more staff resources on follow up with clients in temporary housing.
- » **13 ADOPTIONS FINALIZED**
- » Work Happy Play Healthy Committee raised funds to assist partner agencies. **EARS LIFELINE; MAMA CINDY'S SOLDIER PROGRAM; CALEDONIA FOOD PANTRY; SANTA WORKSHOP FOR FOSTER YOUTH**
- » Promoted education and awareness through active participation in observing key recognition months: **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS IN APRIL, FOSTER PARENT RECOGNITION IN MAY, WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS IN JUNE, CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS IN AUGUST, ADOPTION AWARENESS IN NOVEMBER - CO CELEBRATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION.**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/ YOUTH BUREAU



2018 Teen Recognition Awards were held on Wednesday April 25, 2018. The County recognized 86 outstanding youth for leadership and involvement.



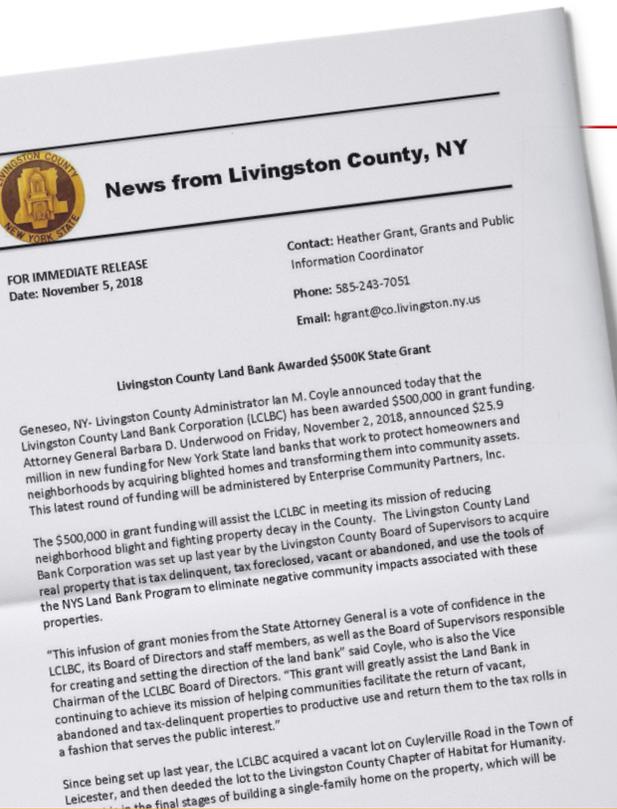
Provided summer work experiences for 52 youth with our Summer Youth Work Employment Program.

Grants & Funding

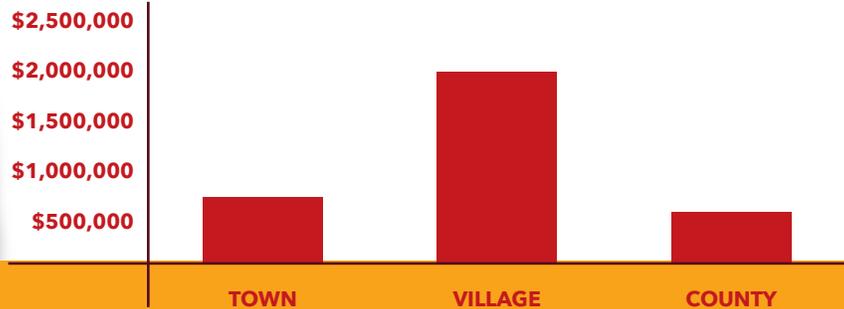
STAYING AHEAD OF THE CURVE



	TOWN	VILLAGE	COUNTY
2018 GRANT FUNDING	\$741,702	\$2,060,500	\$590,000
GRAND FUNDING TOTAL: \$3,392,202			



Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council



2018 GRANT FUNDING

What's Up Next?

Strategic Planning

PILLARS OF OUR EFFORTS

- » Economic Prosperity & Growth
- » Public Safety & Community Well-Being
- » Environment & Quality of Life
- » Efficient, Effective, & Accountable Government
- » Poverty Reduction & Multi-Generational Opportunity

EOC EXPANSION

Completing the Emergency Operations Expansion Project adding a total of 6,100 square feet including more space for training rooms, storage and administrative needs.

LAND BANK SUPPORT

The Livingston County Land Bank operates with a purpose to "support economic development by returning vacant, tax-delinquent properties to productive use." In 2018, the Land Bank partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build a single-family residence on formerly-vacant land in Cuylerville. This year, the Land Bank plans to continue that work by fighting neighborhood blight and rehabilitating existing vacant properties throughout the County.

PUBLIC MARKET/ COMMUNITY CENTER

Continue exploring both a multi-generational community center and Public Market.

GOVERNMENT CENTER FRONT ENTRANCE

Currently we are in the design phase for the reconstruction of the front Entrance of the Government Center to help increase security measures in the building.

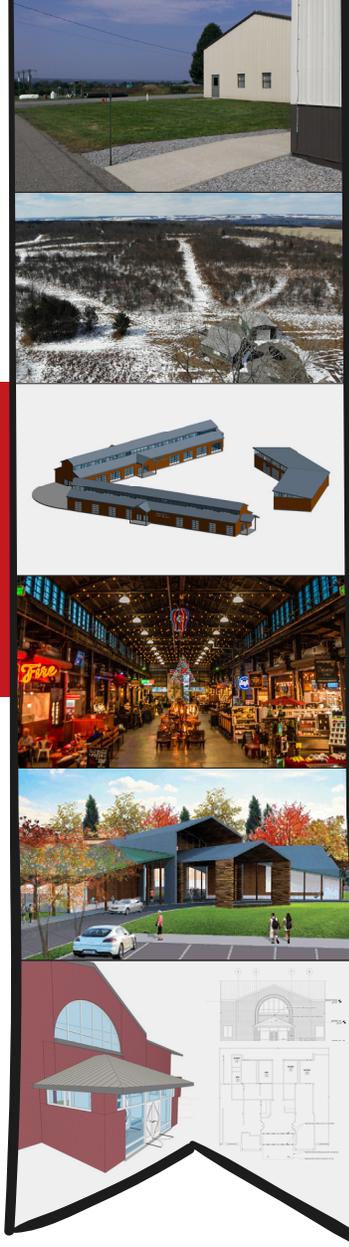
LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRAINING COMPLEX

Complete improvements to the recently purchased property on Route 408 to build out a Sheriff's Office training complex.

ANTI-POVERTY INITIATIVES

Livingston County has made significant progress in implementing **THRIVE Livingston** reaching major accomplishments. 2019 Goals include:

- » Securing New York State Funding
- » Continued utilization of the mobile work crew
- » Piloting triage specialists to target employable public assistance clients
- » Complete Housing Needs Assessment

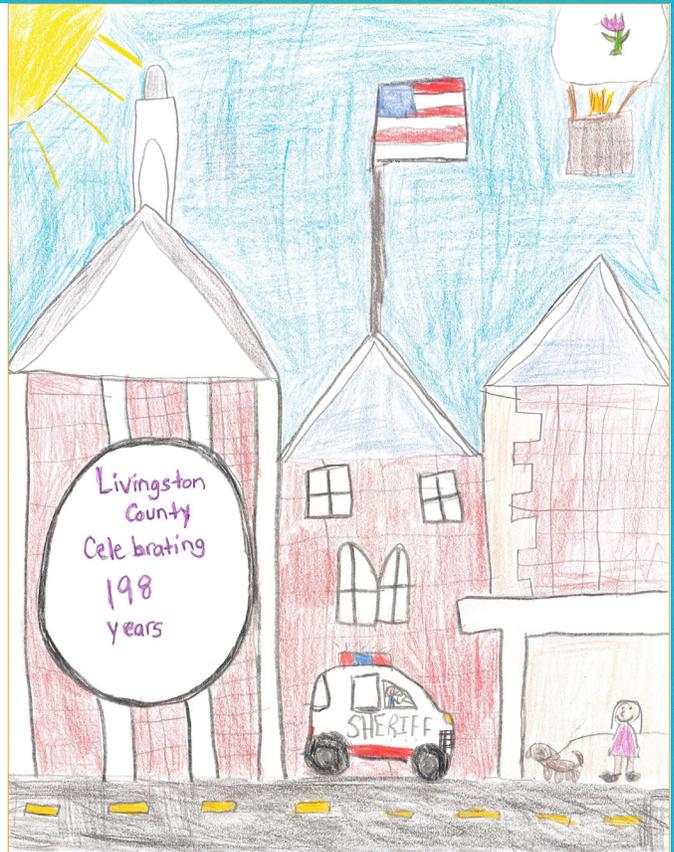


THRIVE Livingston



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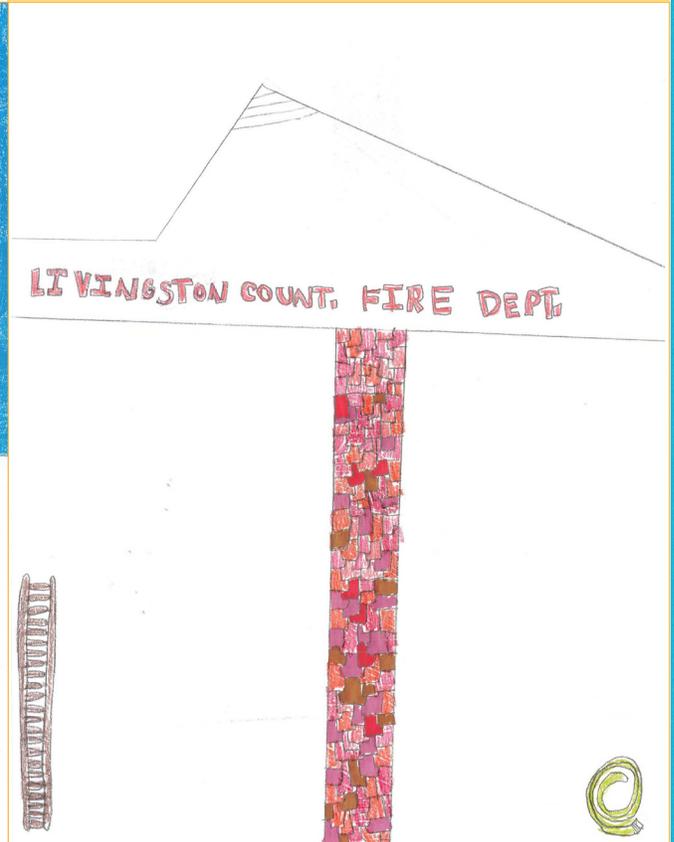


LAURA WOOD, Livonia Elementary School
(Featured above)



Bringing dogs
to where they belong!
LIVINGSTON
COUNTY
DOG CONTROL

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ADELINE AYERS, York Central School
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