



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2023

Common Council Chambers

6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: *for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed nomination of 299 Main Street as a Local Historic Landmark.*

6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing Meeting – January 30, 2023

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Common Council Meeting – January 30, 2023

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any items not listed on the printed agenda.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. A PRESENTATION FROM JOULE ASSETS / COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**, Regarding Hudson Valley Community Power
- 2. A PRESENTATION FROM RELATED AFFORDABLE**, Regarding Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Opportunity - Rip Van Winkle House
- 3. A PRESENTATION FROM BAXTER LLC.**, Regarding Development of the Garden St. Lot
- 4. FROM WILLIAM SMART**, a notice of personal injury sustained on or around October 28, 2022.
- 5. FROM ROBERT SCORES**, a notice of property damage sustained on or around September 19, 2022.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:



Hudson Valley Community Power

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROGRAM IS RETURNING TO POUGHKEEPSIE

*The City of Poughkeepsie is exploring a relaunch
of Hudson Valley Community Power.*

The program enables municipal leaders to leverage the purchasing power of residents and small businesses to negotiate more favorable terms on their electricity supply, protect consumers and choose renewable energy resources.

If your municipality selects a new electricity supplier with the program, eligible residents and businesses will receive a letter in spring 2023 with their choices and info about how to opt-out.

To learn more, join us at one of the following information sessions:

MONDAY, FEB. 6th at 6:30 pm in City Hall at the Common Council meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15th 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Adriance Memorial Library

OR contact us by email or phone (see below)!

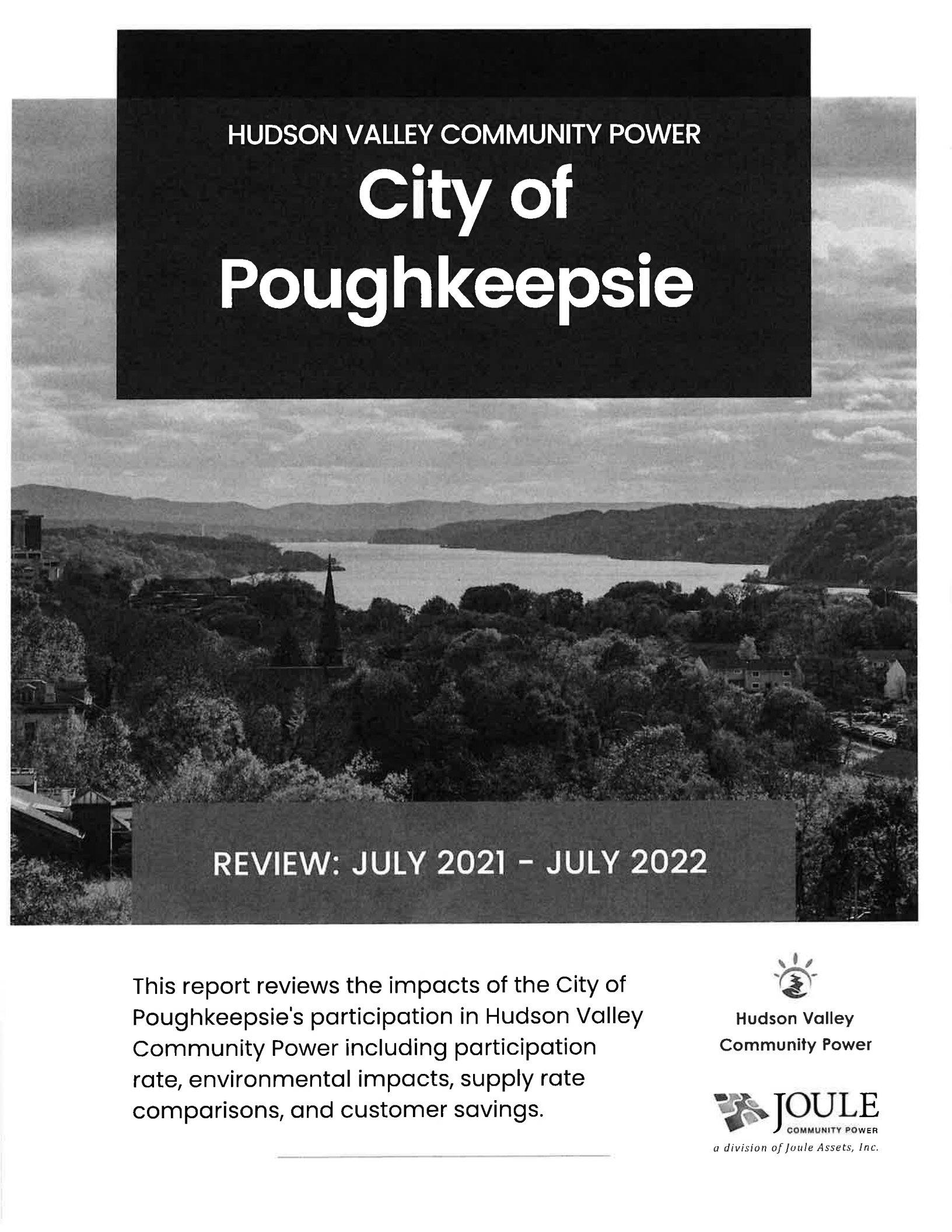
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*Together, we can access renewable electricity at competitive rates and
preserve our environment for future generations.*

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HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY POWER

City of Poughkeepsie

REVIEW: JULY 2021 – JULY 2022

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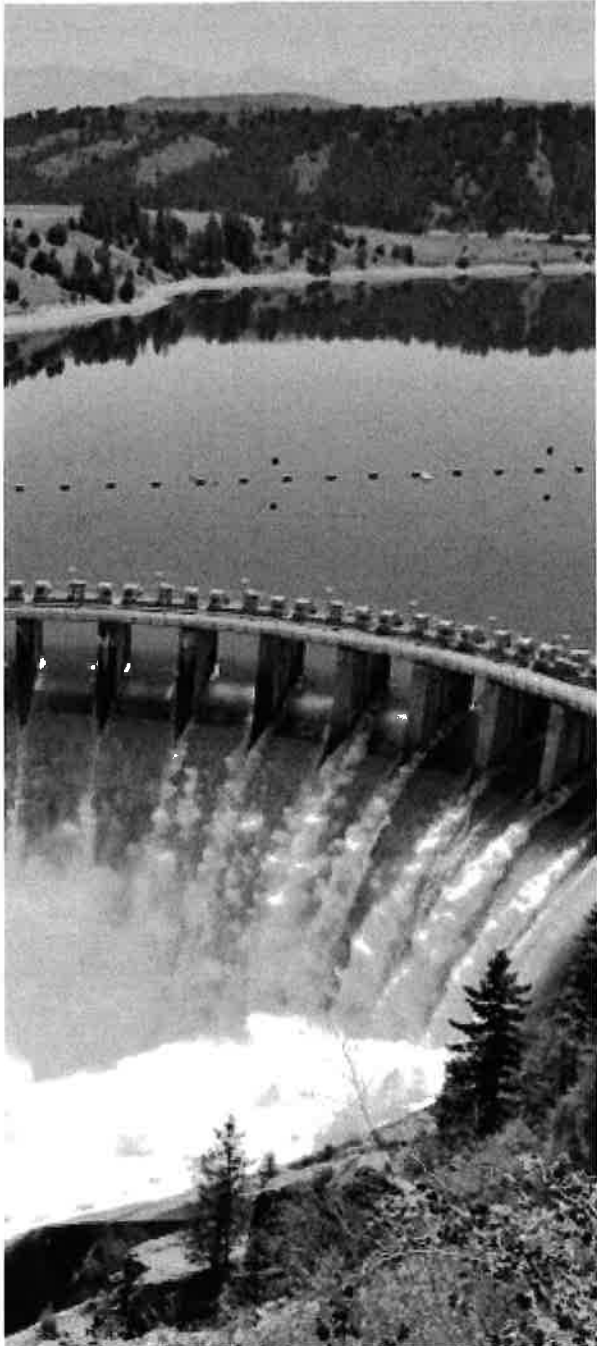
Participation



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Environmental Impacts



The following data represents environmental impacts of the City of Poughkeepsie's participation in Hudson Valley Community Power from the program's contract start date in July 2021 to July 2022.

61,500,000 KWH

**RENEWABLE ENERGY
CONSUMED**

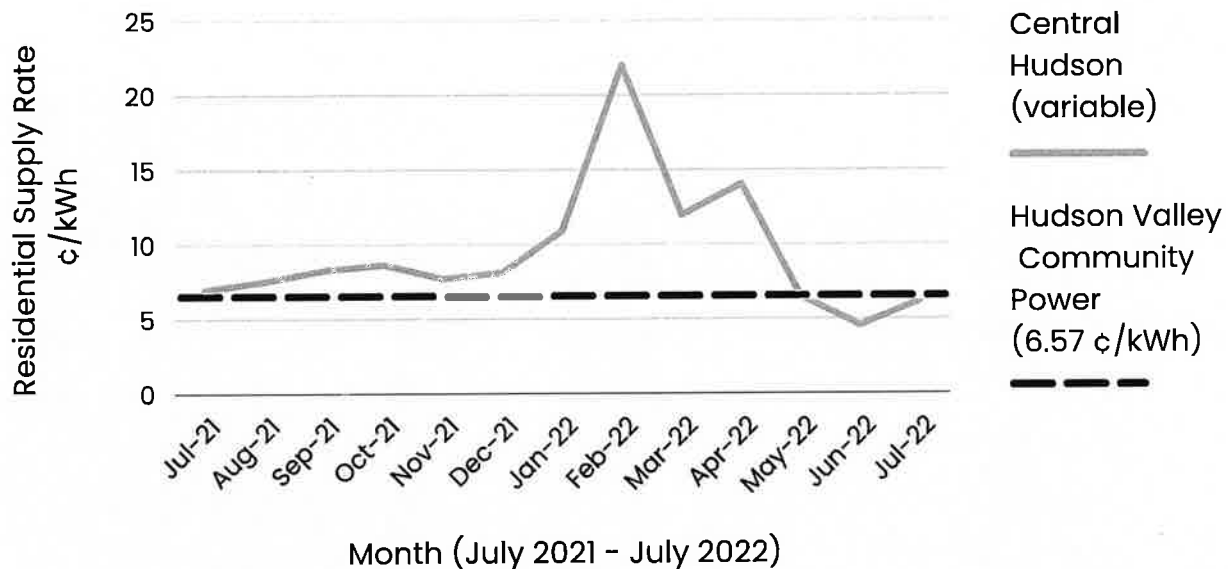
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6,910 METRIC TONS

CO₂e AVOIDED

Participants helped avoid over 6,910 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from what would have been produced using Central Hudson's default supply.

Monthly Residential Central Hudson Supply Rates vs Hudson Valley Community Power Residential Rate in ¢/kWh



Central Hudson residential supply data from NY DPS Power to Choose.
Data does not include taxes or GRT.

Total customer savings

\$2.14 Million

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References

DPS Power to Choose

EPA Power Profiler Emissions Tool 2020



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Renewable Electricity Choices



Hudson Valley Community Power



Overview

- Program savings
- What is Community Choice Aggregation?
- Benefits for Participants
- Central Hudson Role and Your Bill
- Who is Automatically Enrolled?
- Will CCA Affect Me?
- Next Steps
- FAQ
- Contact Info

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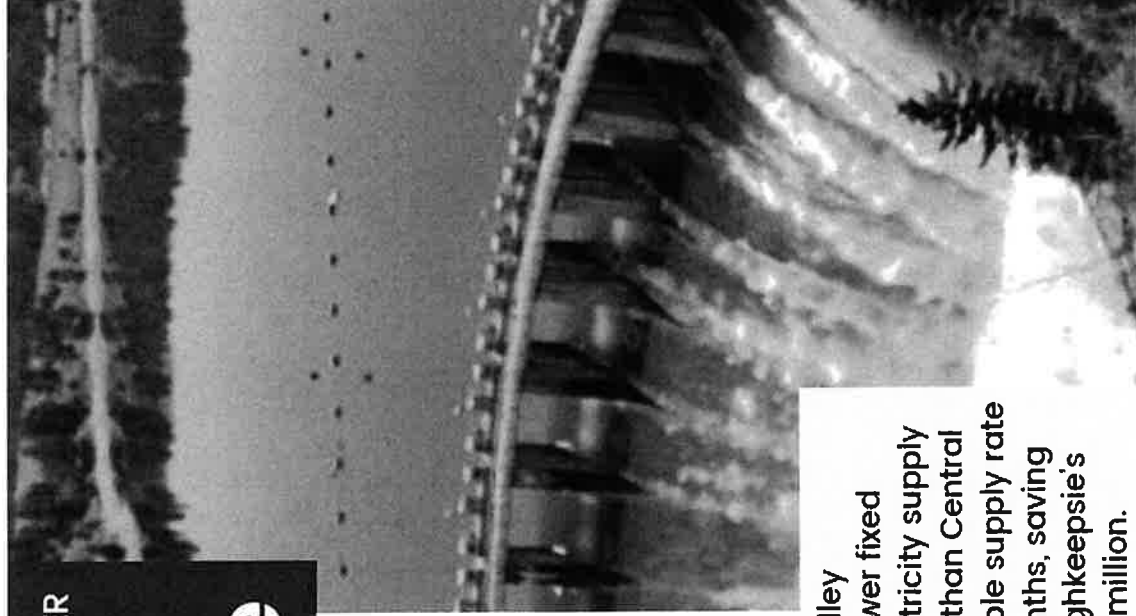
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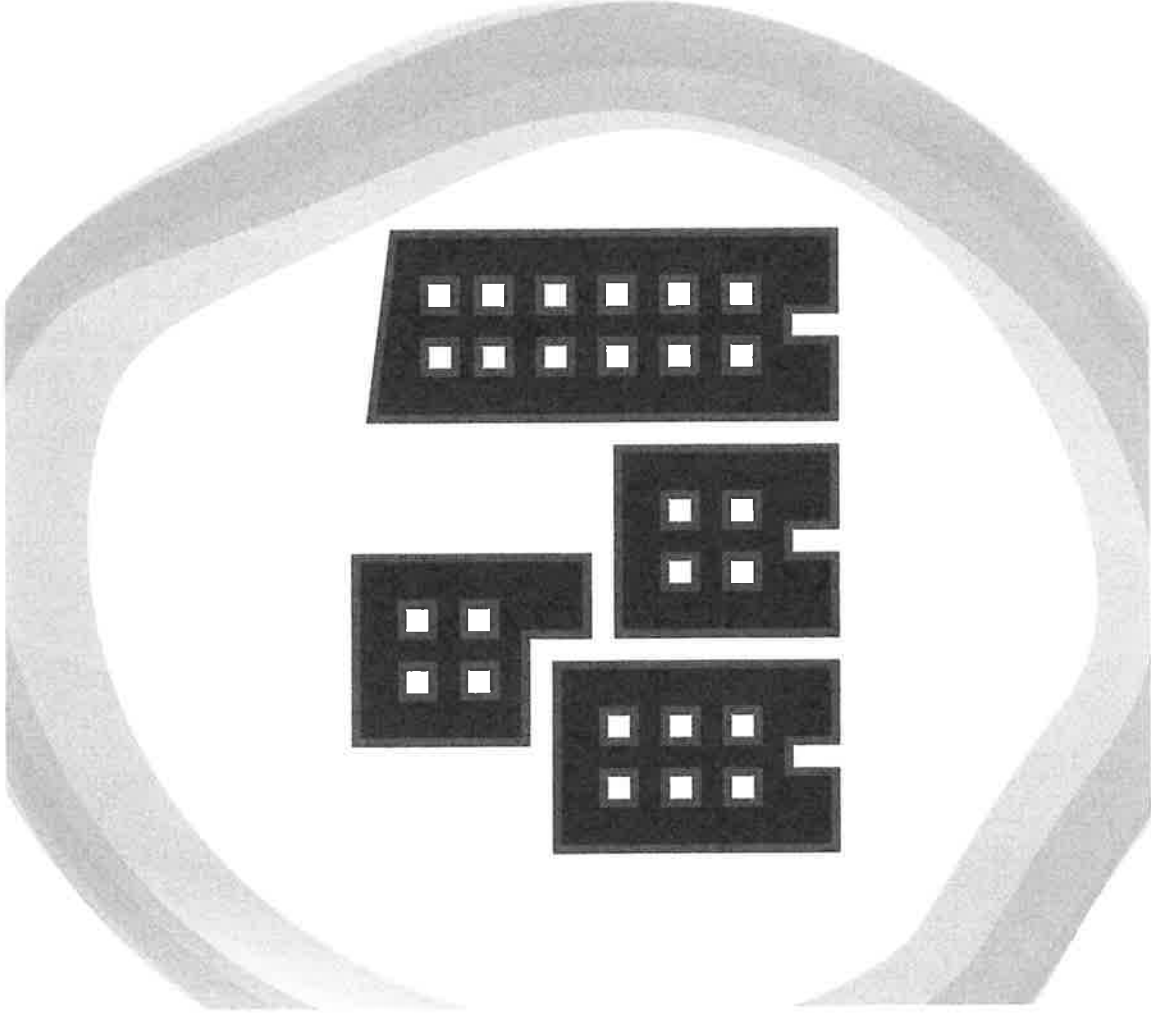
HVCP Program Savings 2020-21

Contract ended early in July 2022, due to the supplier defaulting on a payment with the NY grid operator, which required the supplier to return all customers to Central Hudson supply.

Municipality	Total Savings*
City of Beacon	\$651,800
City of Poughkeepsie	\$2,140,000
Town of Marbletown	\$614,590
Town of New Paltz	\$607,100
Town of Saugerties	\$971,230
Town of Red Hook	\$514,400
Town of Philipstown	\$941,380
Town of Clinton	\$418,760
Village of New Paltz	\$298,400
Village of Cold Spring	\$216,050

Hudson Valley Community Power's first CCA program launched July 2019.

During the most recent contract, participants collectively saved over \$7 million while using 200 million kWh of 100% NYS renewable electricity supply.



WHAT IS COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)?

**Allows municipalities to aggregate
energy demand and negotiate
bulk purchase for eligible residents
and small businesses**

What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)?

Shifts the selection of the default supplier from the state (the utility) to your local municipality

- allows for the default choice to support renewable energy
- competitive rates

CCA, an energy purchase program, authorized by the Public Service Commission in April 2016

Renewable Electricity Supply Benefits for Participants

- At least 50% Renewable Electricity as default
- Cost saving opportunity
- No individual contracts
- No exit fees at any time
- Strong consumer protection

Role of Central Hudson

With CCA, Central Hudson continues to:

- Deliver electricity
- Repair & maintain lines
- Bill customers

Where On Your Utility Bill?

Where is CCA on
Central Hudson
utility bill?

Electricity Delivered (kWh)		761
Cost for Electricity Delivered (for 1.0 months)		
Basic Service Charge	1.0 Mos @	20.00
Delivery Svc Chg	761 kWh @	63.54
MFC Admin Chg	761 kWh @	1.39
Transition Adj	761 kWh @	0.14
Bill Credit	761 kWh @	-2.34
SBC/RPS Chgs	761 kWh @	4.82
Misc. Charges	761 kWh @	3.44
RDM Chg	761 kWh @	-6.70
NYS & Local Taxes		2.79
Total Electricity Delivery Charges		\$87.08
ENERGY SUPPLY CHARGES:		
(You may choose another supplier for this part of your service)		
MFC Supply Chg	761 kWh @	2.10
Market Price	761 kWh @	59.38
Market Price Adj	761 kWh @	0.97
Total Supply Charges		62.45
NYS & Local Taxes		3.00
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Payments and Adjustments		
CENTRAL HUDSON Service		
COMMUNITY DISTRIB GENERATION CREDIT	APR 14	\$-81.01
PAYMENT RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY	APR 22	\$0.00
CUSTOMER CREDIT-CONSOLIDATED BILL	APR 29	\$-1.43
Electric Supplier: DIRECT ENERGY		
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Electricity Supply - 3 lines

Solar / Community Solar

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Electric Supplier Info - RATE F001
ELECTRIC SUPPLY ACCOUNT NO:
YOUR ELECTRIC SUPPLIER IS DIRECT ENERGY
P.O. BOX 180, TULSA OK, 741010180
For electric supply pricing information, call 866-348-4194

Cost for Electricity Supply
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CCA Electricity Supply – 1 line

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Solar / Community Solar

Who is Automatically Enrolled?

Most Central Hudson customers are eligible to participate. Those eligible are automatically enrolled in the program and can opt-out at any time.

Eligible customers are enrolled on an opt-out basis except for....

Not Automatically Enrolled

- Customers already contracted with a third-party electricity supplier/ESCO
- Customers with block on their account
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) recipients
- Customers on Time of Use accounts.

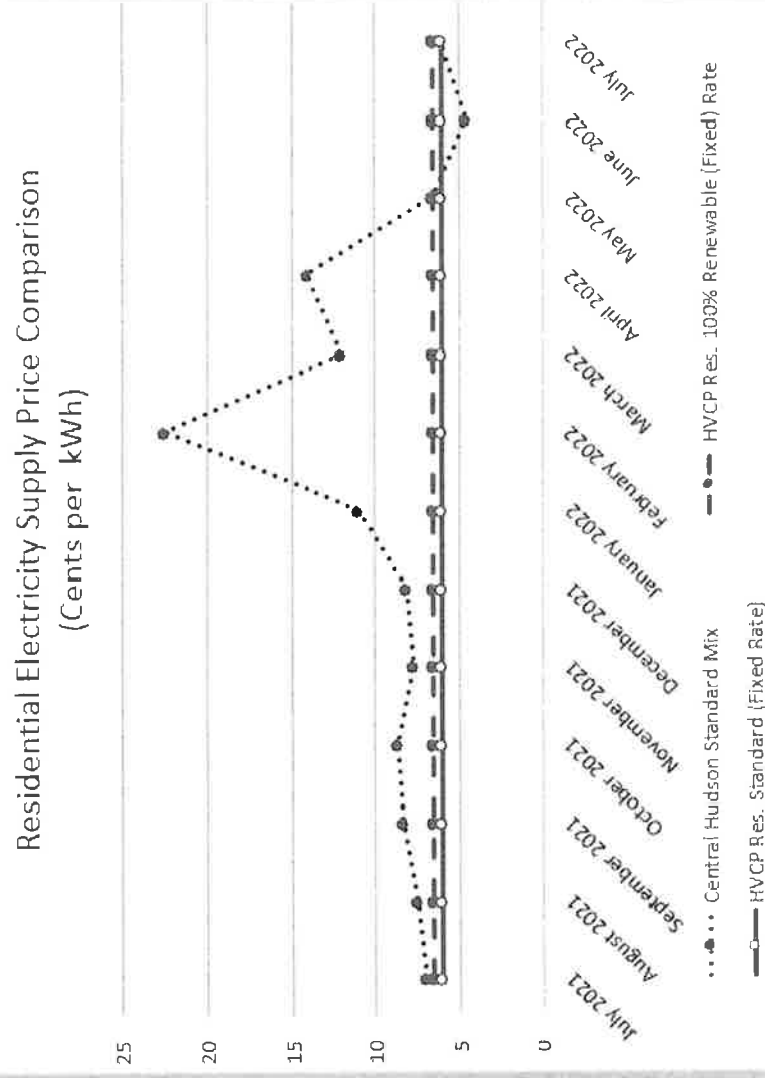
How Will CCA Affect Me?

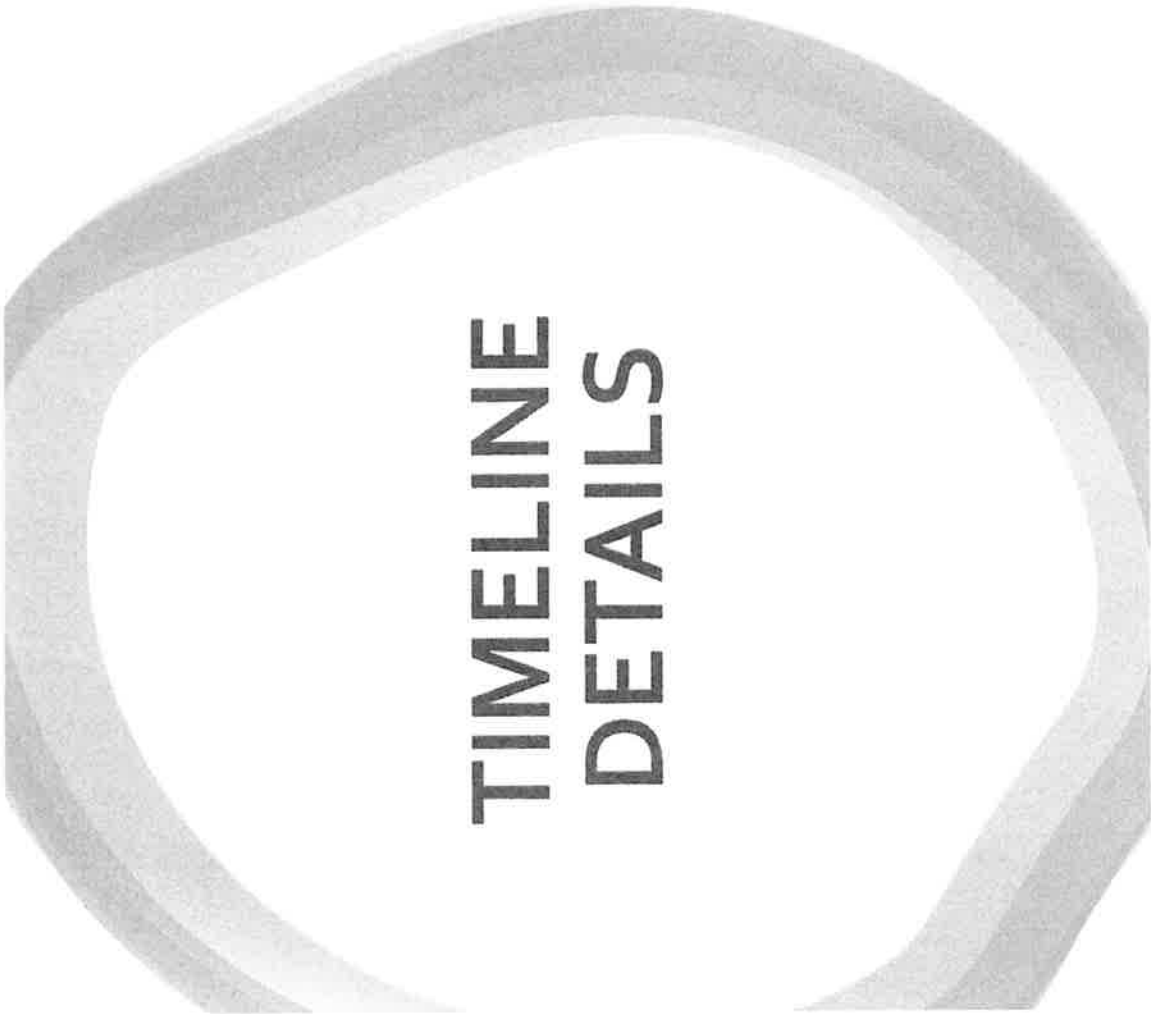
Eligible customers will be **automatically enrolled unless they take action** before the program begins, by phone, pre-paid opt-out card or website form.

RATE COMPARISON

Hudson Valley Community Power vs. Central Hudson

July 2021 – July 2022





TIMELINE DETAILS

All eligible customers receive info packet

- ***Spring 2023***
- Explains benefits, terms, conditions , provides opt-out options, & includes FAQ

30-day initial opt-out period

- ***Spring 2023***, but anyone can opt-out at any time during the program, with no exit fees

Launch

- Selected default supply for every municipality
- Program rate on Central Hudson bill beginning first meter-read in ***Summer 2023*** (new supplier identified on bill)

BENEFITS OF CCA

Support Renewable Electricity

Competitive Rates

Strong consumer protection

More choice for consumers

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Does this program replace my utility company?**

No. You continue to pay your utility bill and your utility remains responsible for delivery and maintenance of the electrical grid and billing.

- **Does this impact the reliability of my electricity?**

No, your utility continues to deliver your electricity and provides the same service whether you participate in the program or not.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will this program save me money?**

Savings are not guaranteed. Between July 2021 and July 2022, HVCP participants saved over \$7 million.

- **What if I want to change my supply choice?**

Once the program launches, you may call the helpline or fill out the Enrollment/Change form on website to change your supply section, opt-out, or opt back into the program, with no fees or penalties

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to stay in the program the entire time?**

No, you may opt-out or opt back in at any time with no fees or penalties.

- **Can I participate if I have my own solar panels or if I participate in community solar?**

Yes, even if you use solar power, you are still required to have a supplier on your O&R bill to cover any electricity not provided by your solar.

- **What happens when the program ends?**

When the contract ends, your municipality may choose to renew participation in the program. If not, you will automatically switch back to Central Hudson selecting your supply on your behalf.



Questions?

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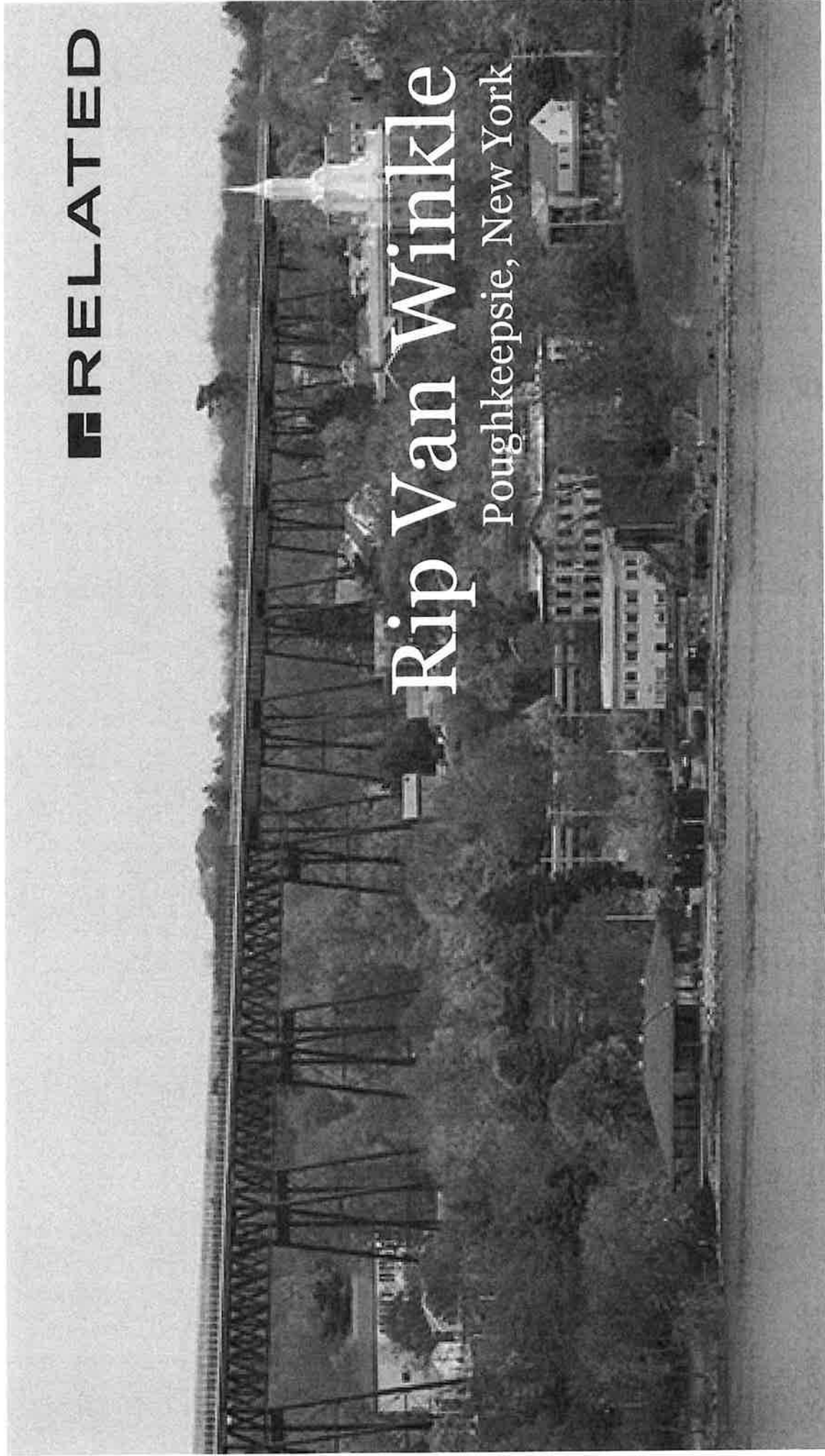
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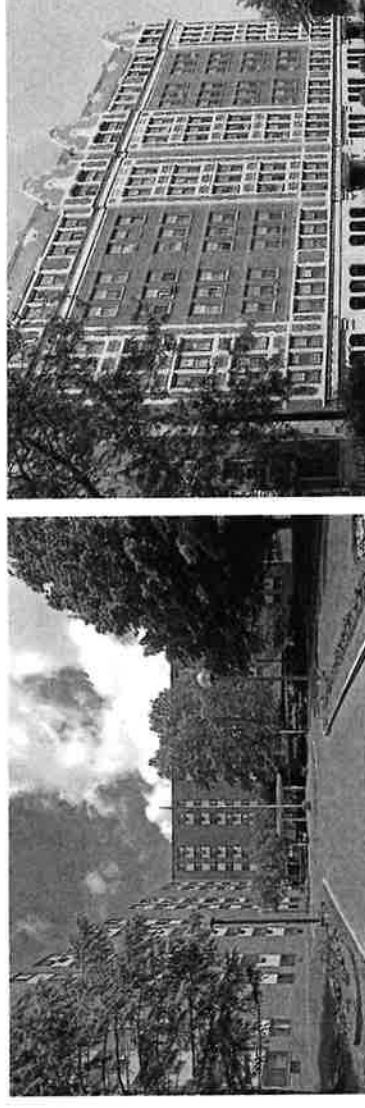
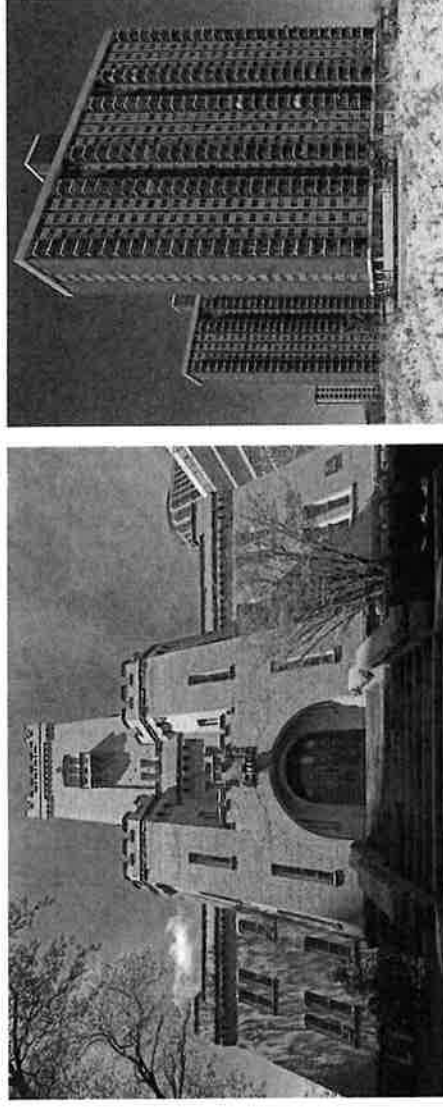


Related Affordable

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Related manages its large affordable housing portfolio through its affiliated management company, Related Management Company, a leader in the industry. In total, Related owns and manages **over 50,000 units of affordable housing** across the country.

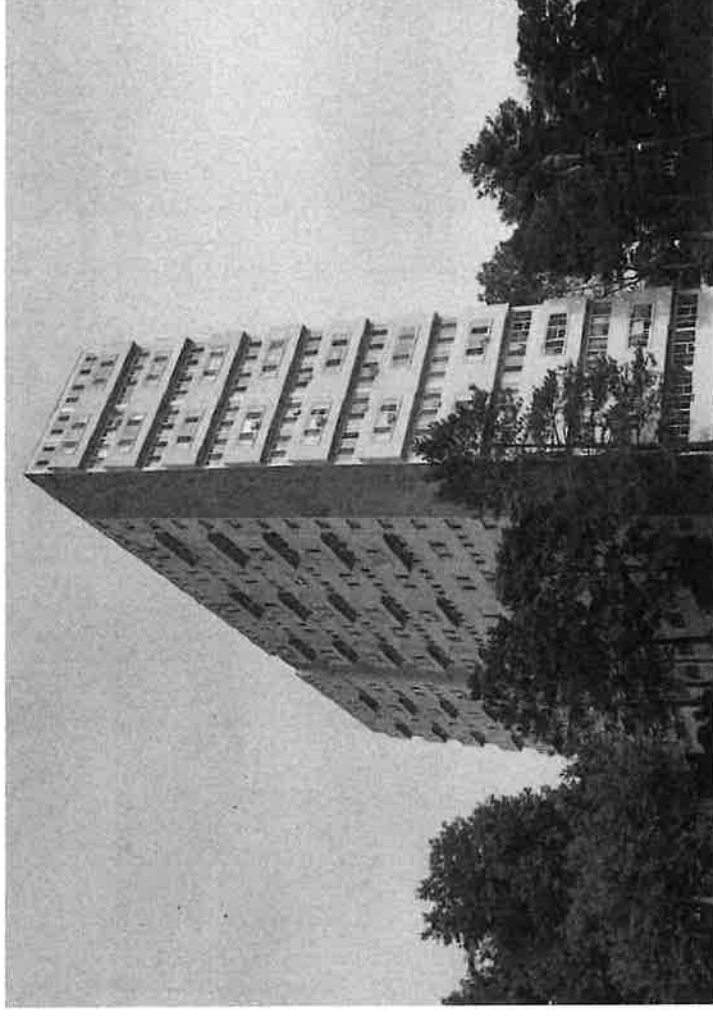


Property Overview

Rip Van Winkle House was originally built in 1968 on over 4.9 acres and is a 179-unit, single eighteen (18) story elevator high-rise building located at 10 Rinaldi Boulevard in Poughkeepsie, New York, directly adjacent to the Hudson River.

The property features 37 one-bedroom units, 90 two-bedroom units, 40 three-bedroom units and 12 four-bedroom units and caters to families and households of all sizes, as well as residents of all ages. The property benefits from open air on-site parking with approximately 148 spots provided on a first-come-first-served basis.

Community amenities include access to a laundry room, community room, business center, front desk reception, management office, and vending machines. Further, the property is well secured with security cameras monitored by management, and a 24/7 on-call patrol guard. Overall, the property is a quality place for families to live, but **it is in need of renovation to ensure its longevity as a critical affordable housing asset in the local community.**



Property Map



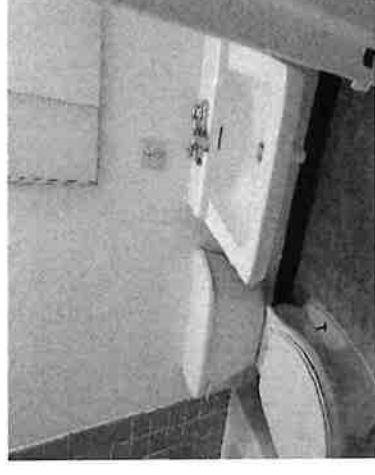
Affordability

Rip Van Winkle House serves low-income families that qualify for Section 8 housing who **make less than 60% of Area Median Income ("AMI") and contribute no more than 30% of their income towards rent.**

The property benefits from two Project-Based Section 8 HAP contracts (Option 2 - Basic) with one covering 126 units expiring on 12/31/2024 and the other covering 52 units expiring on 1/26/2025. The two HAP contracts are a result of the property being a former Section 236 HUD development that was decoupled in 2004 as part of a redevelopment through the use of NYS Housing Finance Authority ("HFA") bonds and low-income housing tax credits ("LIHTC").

The property is also encumbered by a 2004 NYS HFA and LIHTC regulatory agreement that restricts 90% of the units to 60% of AMI. The agreement expires in 2034.

RA intends to enter into new regulatory restrictions in order to **maintain the affordability of the property for current and future residents for at least another 30 years.**



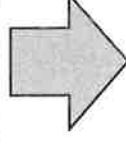
“The City of Poughkeepsie is in a Housing Affordability Crisis”



Source: Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, City of Poughkeepsie Housing Needs Assessment, 2022

2022 Housing Needs Assessment Findings:

- Housing costs are increasing while wages are not
- 1 out of 3 renters are “severely rent burdened”
- Long waiting lists for subsidized housing
- Homelessness among students grew for 5 straight years between 2014 and 2019



The development and preservation of affordable housing is needed now more than ever

Homelessness Worsens in Older Populations as Housing Costs Take Toll

A rising number of older people around the country are on the verge of homelessness or now living on the streets after falling on hard times.

By Dan Frosch / Photographs by Kyle Green for *The Wall Street Journal* December 11, 2022 10:00 am ET

“Homeless shelters and aging-service groups in numerous cities say they are seeing more elderly people in desperate need of housing than in years past. A confluence of factors are driving the increase...including soaring rents, a nationwide shortage of affordable housing and the winding down of pandemic-related aid programs.”

“In Boston, the group Hearth, Inc., which aids elderly homeless, said it had noticed a rise in newly homeless clients...Dawn Matchett, the group’s chief program officer, said **the first-time elderly homeless demographic struggled more with economic hardship than other problems like substance abuse or mental illness.**”



“Debbie Sholley, 62, is afraid of being evicted from her rented Boise, Idaho, home after experiencing financial difficulties following the death of her husband...”

Cobbling together enough money for rent is never a sure thing...She drained her retirement savings years ago to help care for her sick husband. She is on a waiting list for the Section 8 low-income federal housing program, but that could take well over a year.”

Proposed Rehabilitation Scope

Rip Van Winkle House is in need of a comprehensive renovation to modernize all apartments, replace aging building systems, enhance energy efficiency, refresh amenities, and improve security features to ensure resident safety. Related Affordable intends to complete a renovation in excess of \$12.5 million at the property with a focus on the following:

100% unit renovations: new counters, cabinets, fixtures, appliances, lighting, tubs and surrounds, flooring, painting, plus ADA upgrades

Outdoor Recreation and Amenity Spaces: new playground, community garden and sustainable green spaces

Common Areas: new flooring, painting, and upgrades to the offices, laundry area, mailboxes and community room

Wi-Fi: free in-unit Wi-Fi to be wired and installed throughout building to help bridge the digital divide

Exterior Upgrades: façade repairs, new windows, parking lot improvements and site signage enhancements

Opportunities for collaboration and aesthetic improvements:

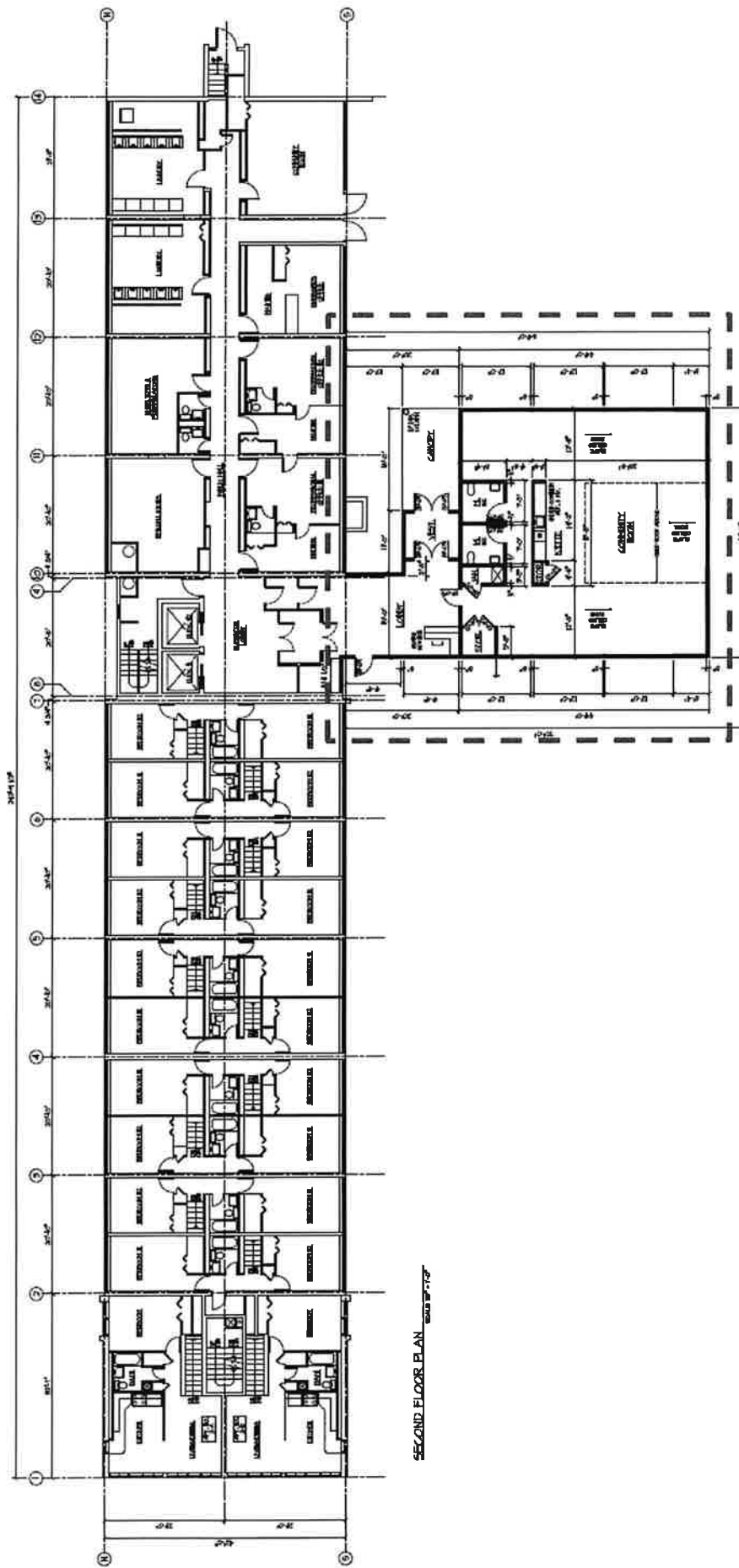
- Art installations
- Community garden

NO RESIDENTS WILL BE MANDATED TO PERMANENTLY RELOCATE AS A RESULT OF THIS PROJECT

Project Renderings & Diagrams



Project Renderings & Diagrams (cont'd.)



Opportunities at Rip Van Winkle House

Related Affordable will strive to work creatively and collaboratively to identify opportunities to maximize value of the project for both residents and community members alike:

- **Enhanced social services:** Coordinate with the Related Affordable Foundation (“RAF”) to bring additional resources and resident services to the property in areas of education, food security, health and wellness and workforce development.
- **Art installations:** Related Affordable has successfully commissioned murals and other art installations at various sites around the country, striving to achieve similar at Rip Van Winkle House.
- **Sustainable living:** Preliminary conversations with city officials highlight the importance of sustainable amenities including green space areas which would be explored as part of the project.

Benefits to Residents



Aging in Place: Senior households will be able to remain in place and age in their homes



Strong Financial Outcomes: Sustained housing affordability will promote residents' economic wellbeing and facilitate wealth-building



Strong Health Outcomes: Continued housing stability and enhanced apartment facilities will promote mental health



Access to Critical Local Community Amenities:

- Transportation (train station)
- Pharmacies / supermarkets
- Nuvance Health Vassar Brothers Medical Center
- Downtown shops & stores
- Waterfront, Kaal Rock Park & other public parks
- Public school system/library

Benefits to the City & Region



Curb Appeal: Rehabilitation will significantly improve the exterior appearance of the property and promote neighborhood attractiveness



Job Creation: Project is estimated to create 40 fulltime jobs over 12 months and will recruit from local communities



Local Spending: Mitigated rent burden will facilitate local business patronage and spending



Regional Business Support: Project will incorporate products manufactured by New York-based companies

Plan & Process

Related Affordable will take the following steps in order to complete the transaction and begin the preservation:

Communication: engage with local officials and other community stakeholders

Entity Formation: form a new single-purpose entity to acquire the property in 2023

Financing: arrange approx. \$35MM in tax-exempt bonds through local IDA

PILOT: structure Payment in Lieu of Taxes (i.e. PILOT) Agreement (10% Shelter Rent Formula)

Sale Tax Exemption: apply for sales tax exemption on all construction materials/products

Support from the City is needed to ensure the financial feasibility of the project

Tax Credit Equity: raise approx. \$28MM in equity through via generation of low-income housing tax credits

Construction: commence about 30 days after closing with an expected completion in 12 – 18 months

Related Affordable Foundation



AFTER
SCHOOL
matters

Charitable, tax-exempt 501(c)3 private foundation that provides grant awards to nonprofit organizations that focus on the following impact areas



Education



Food Security



Health &
Wellness



Workforce
Development

Notable Grant Awards

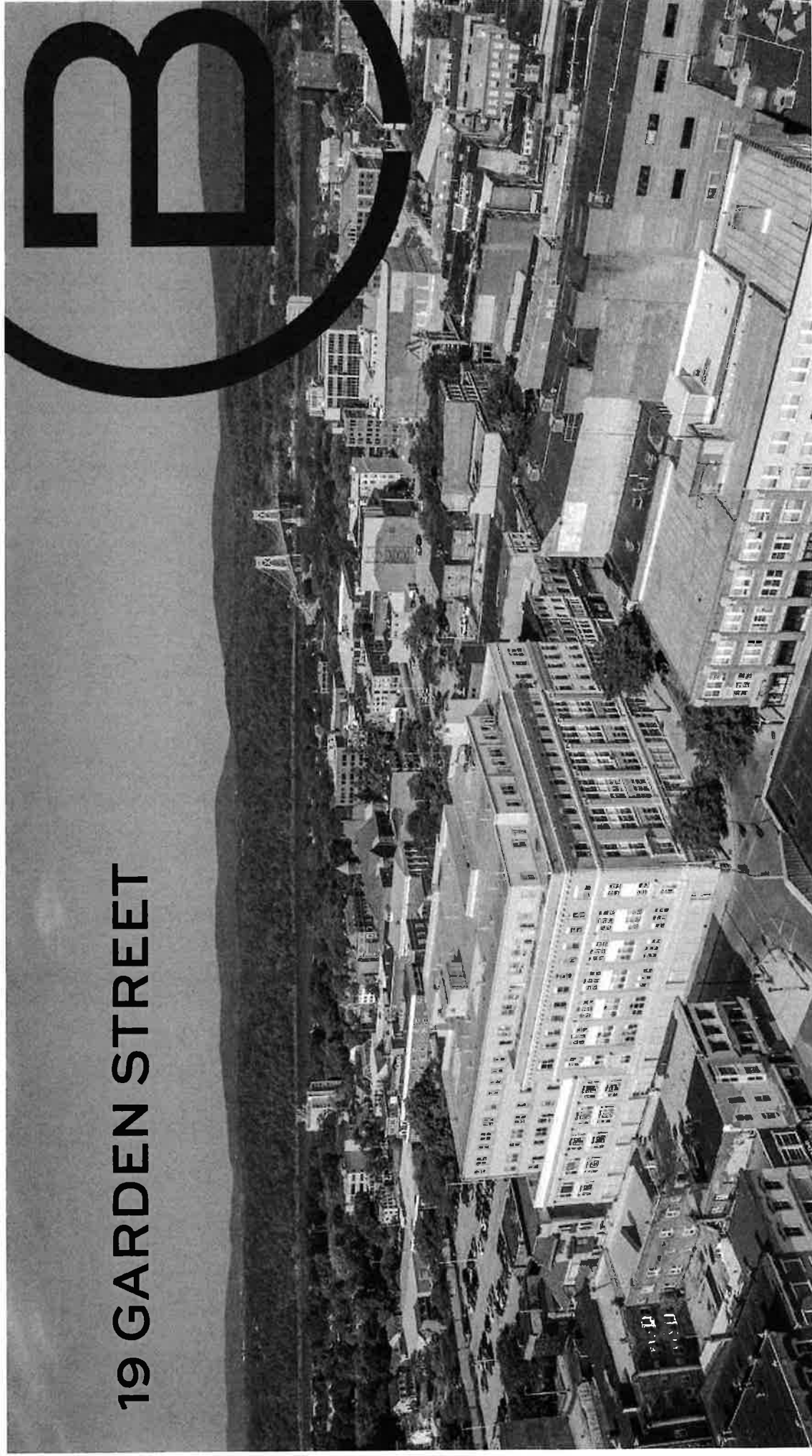
- After School Matters Parkway Gardens art mural
- City Harvest monthly meal distribution at Ocean Park
- KABOOM! Bella Vista playground & City of Anderson multi-sport court
- YMCA of South Florida Path to Health Program

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19 GARDEN STREET



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19 GARDEN STREET PROPOSAL

Contribute to the revival of Downtown Poughkeepsie by further activating Garden Street & Main Street with this ground up, mixed-use project to build a safe and vibrant community.

Community Investment: \$20M

Development Goals:

- Grow the market-rate housing stock
- Create an active commercial corridor
- Provide sustainable & healthy living
- Promote economic vitality
- Increase pedestrian safety with more activity and eyes on the street

Project Details:

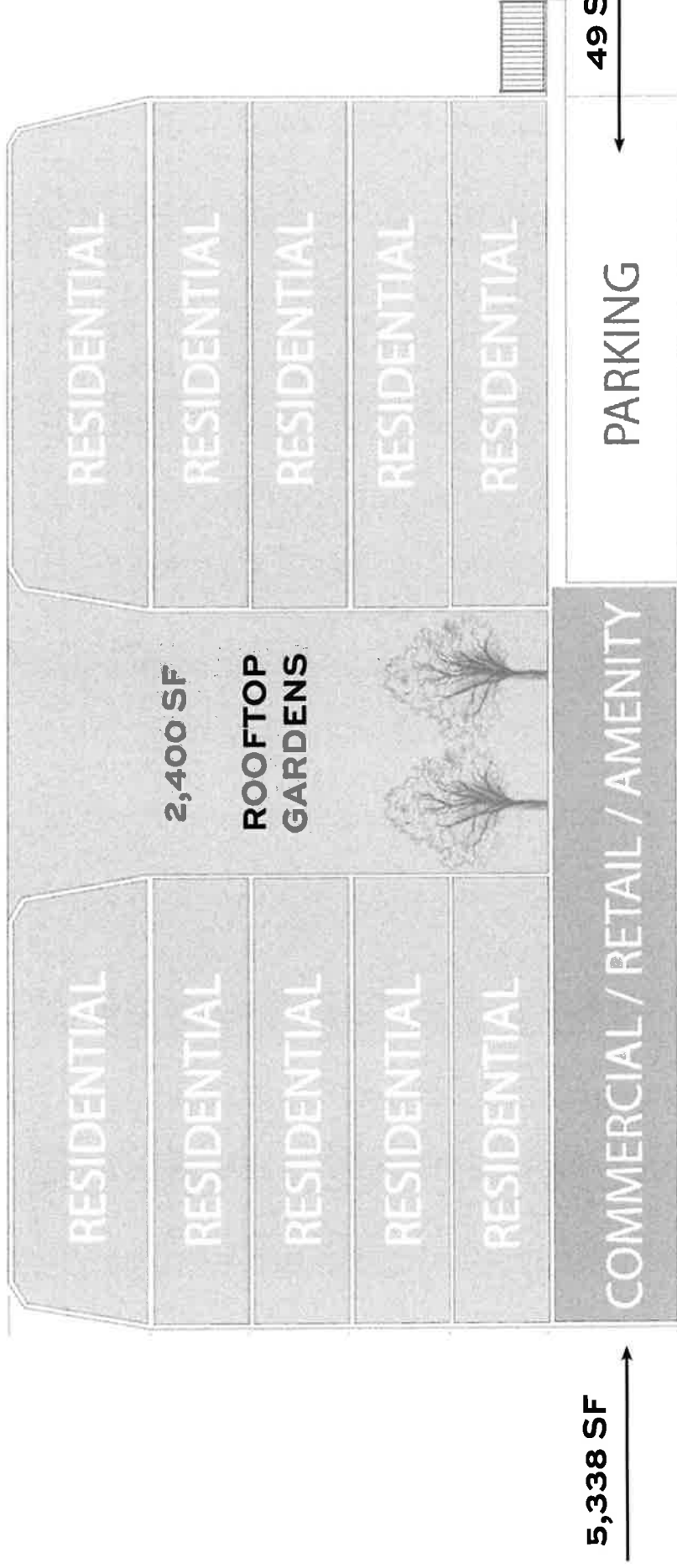
- 70 market rate housing units
- 5,338 SF of retail space
- 1,010 SF amenity space
- 2,400 SF of rooftop gardens
- 49 parking spaces (meeting parking code requirements)



Note: Visuals represented here are to show massing; these are not renderings of the final building design.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

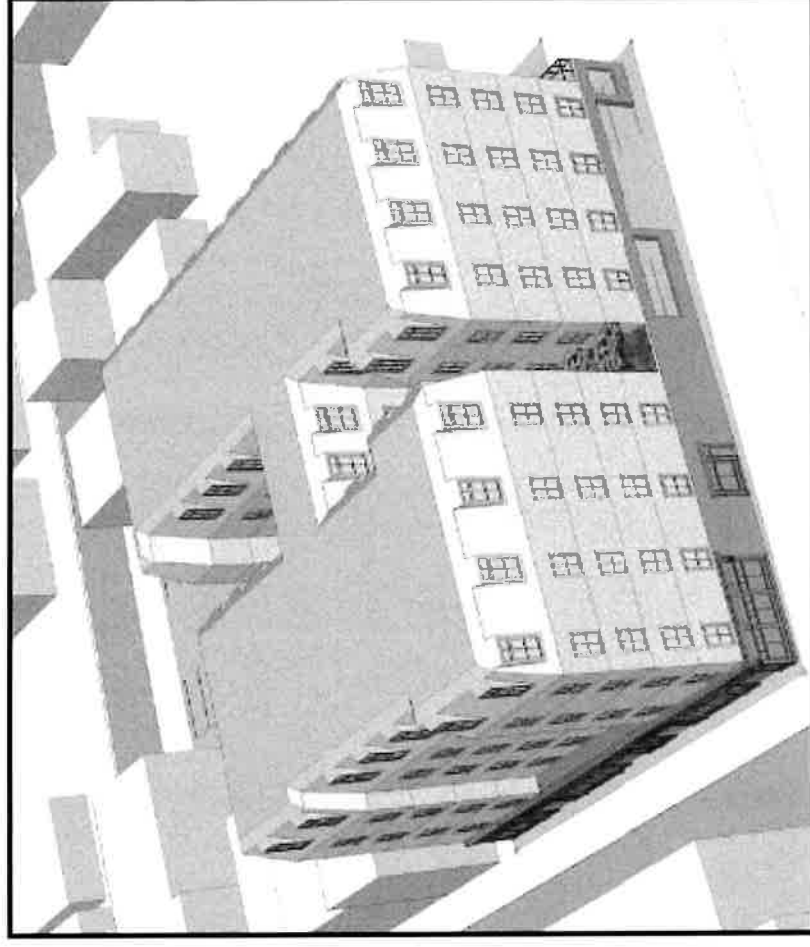
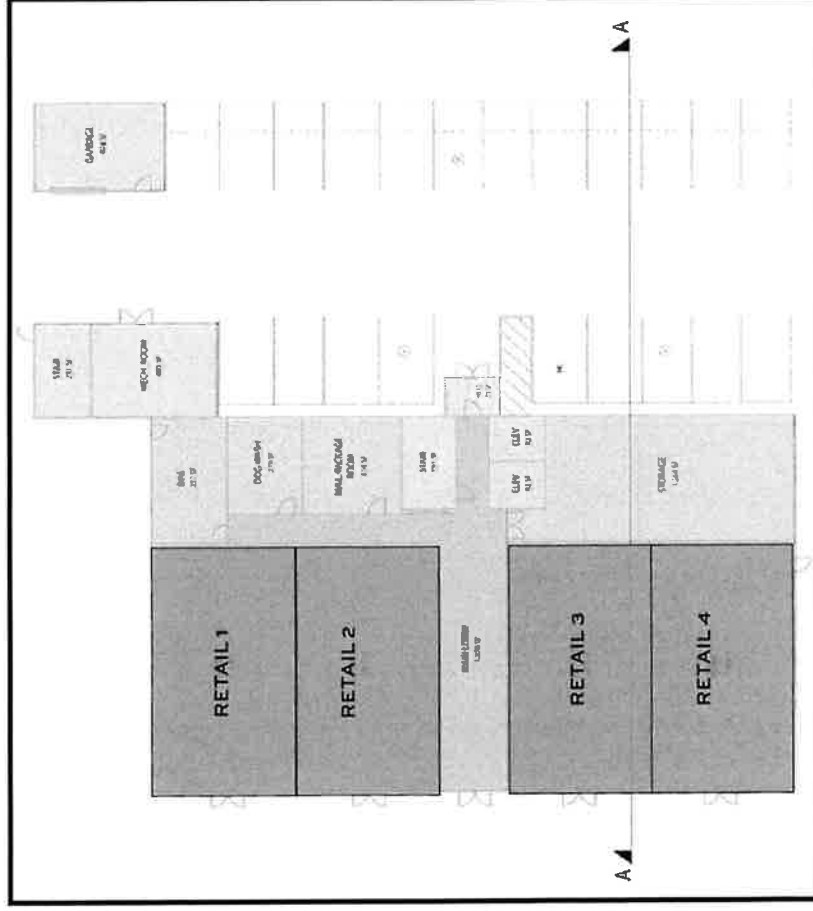
70 UNITS



EAST-WEST ARTERIAL

COMMUNITY + COMMERCIAL

- Create infill development from Main Street to Mill Street, by introducing a new commercial storefront along Garden Street, to activate the sidewalk and bring commerce to the neighborhood.
- The 5,338 SF retail space can be split into 2 - 4 commercial spaces, all with road frontage and entrances separate from the residential units.

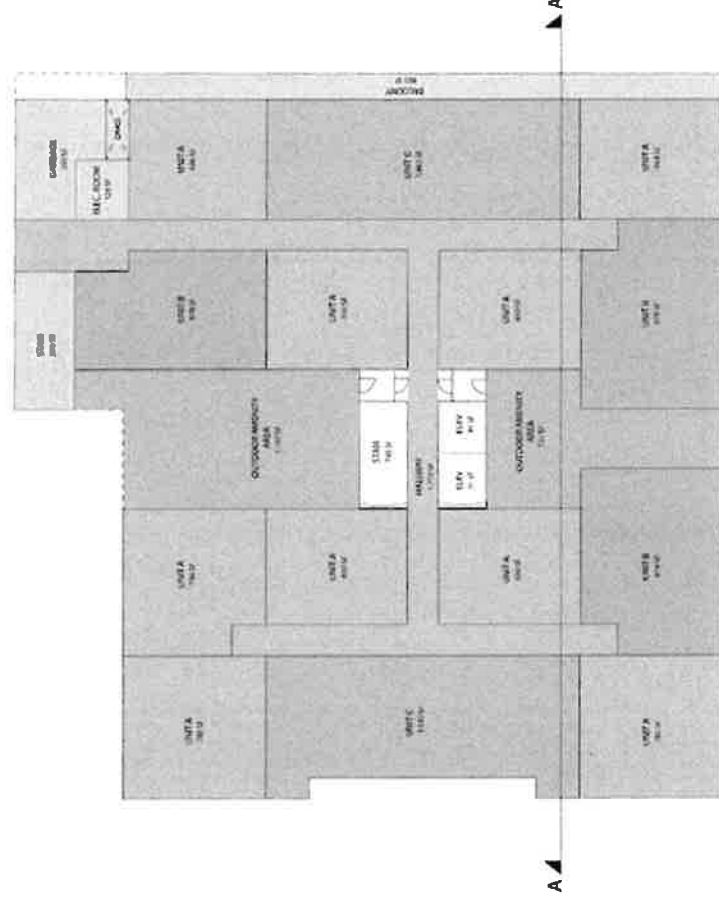


70 MARKET-RATE RESIDENTIAL UNITS

Unit Mix:

Unit Type	1 BD	2 BD	3 BD
# of Units	45	15	10
Avg SF	710	960	1,530

Sample Floor Plan:

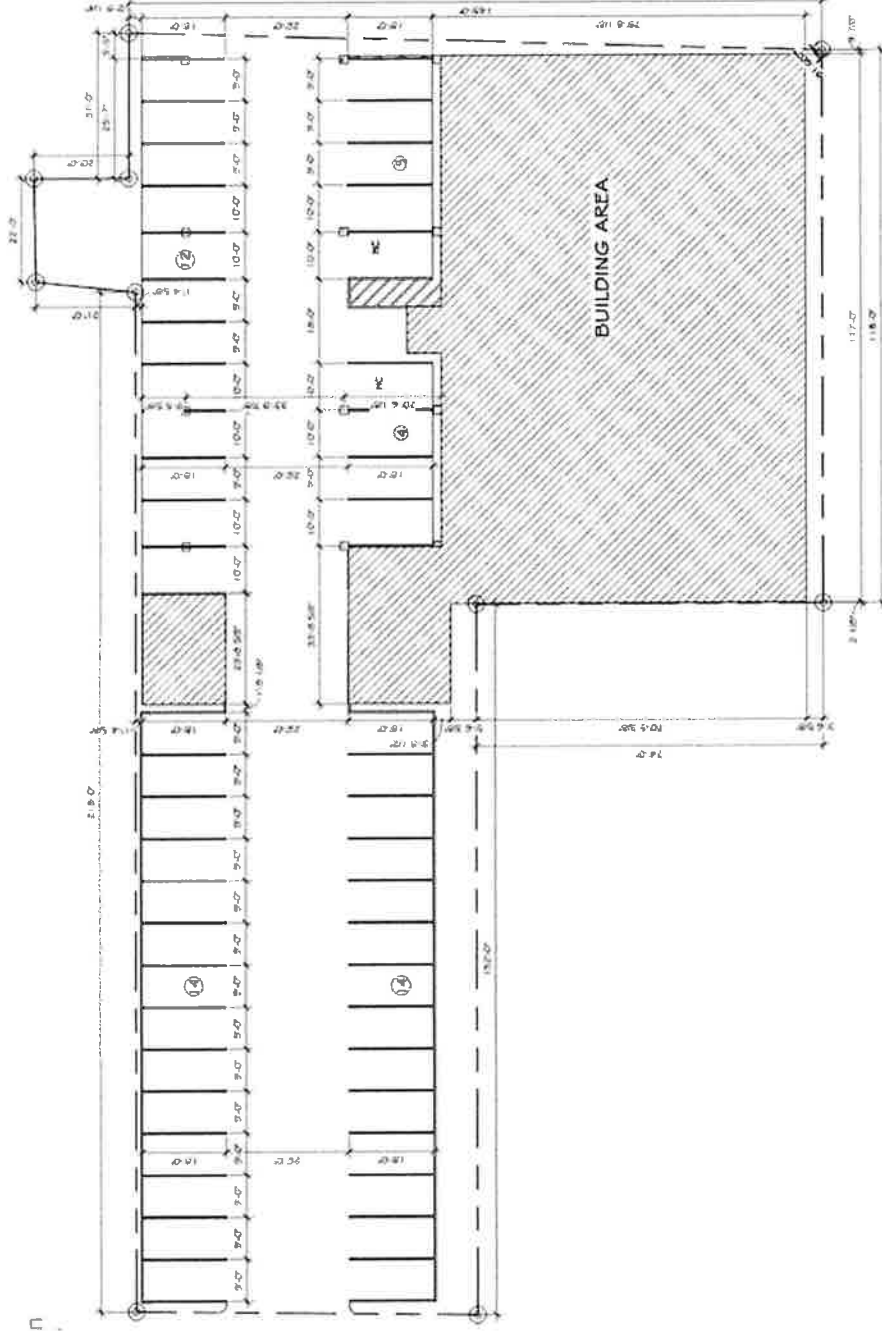


SITE PLAN & PARKING

Parking has been designed to building code, with substantial parking available both in an outdoor parking area as well as covered spots under the building.

Parking Notes:

- In addition to on-site parking, there is an underutilized parking deck across the street to provide additional parking for visitors
- Any parking deficit from a shortage of spaces will be paid into the parking fund for the city



PARKING STUDY

Analysis shows there is an excess of parking in the surrounding area of 19 Garden Street, with currently more than 360 unused spaces, even during peak times.

Area of Analysis: Evaluated all municipally operated off-street parking facilities within 600-ft of the site.
(excl the Garden Street lot)

Findings: 924 TOTAL PARKING SPOTS

Usage Analysis: Examined current parking utilization, using the most conservative estimates and “worse case scenarios” to inform an accurate analysis.

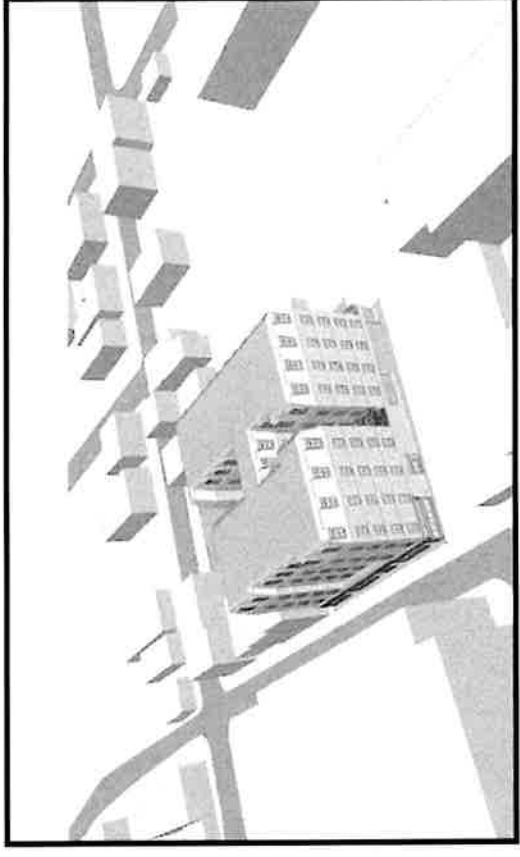
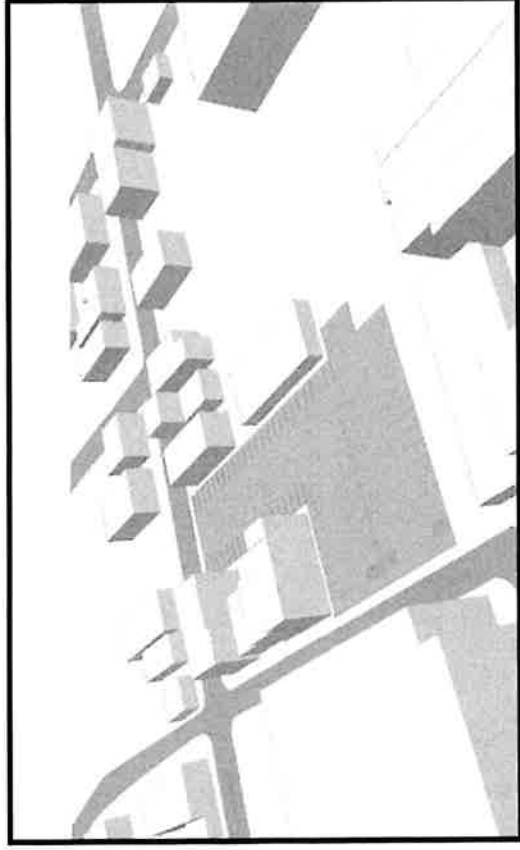
Findings: >360 UNUSED PARKING SPOTS

- The highest usage was on Saturday evenings/over night, with 61% of spaces occupied.
- More than **360 parking spots were still available** in the Market Street garage and Crannell Street lot during these peak hours.
- More spaces were available during the other study periods.

Note: The study also examined what the maximum demand for parking would be from potential new developments in the area. If these new projects came to fruition, they would require a total of 252 parking spots. This would still result in an excess of 108 parking spaces for the residents and customers at 19 Garden Street.

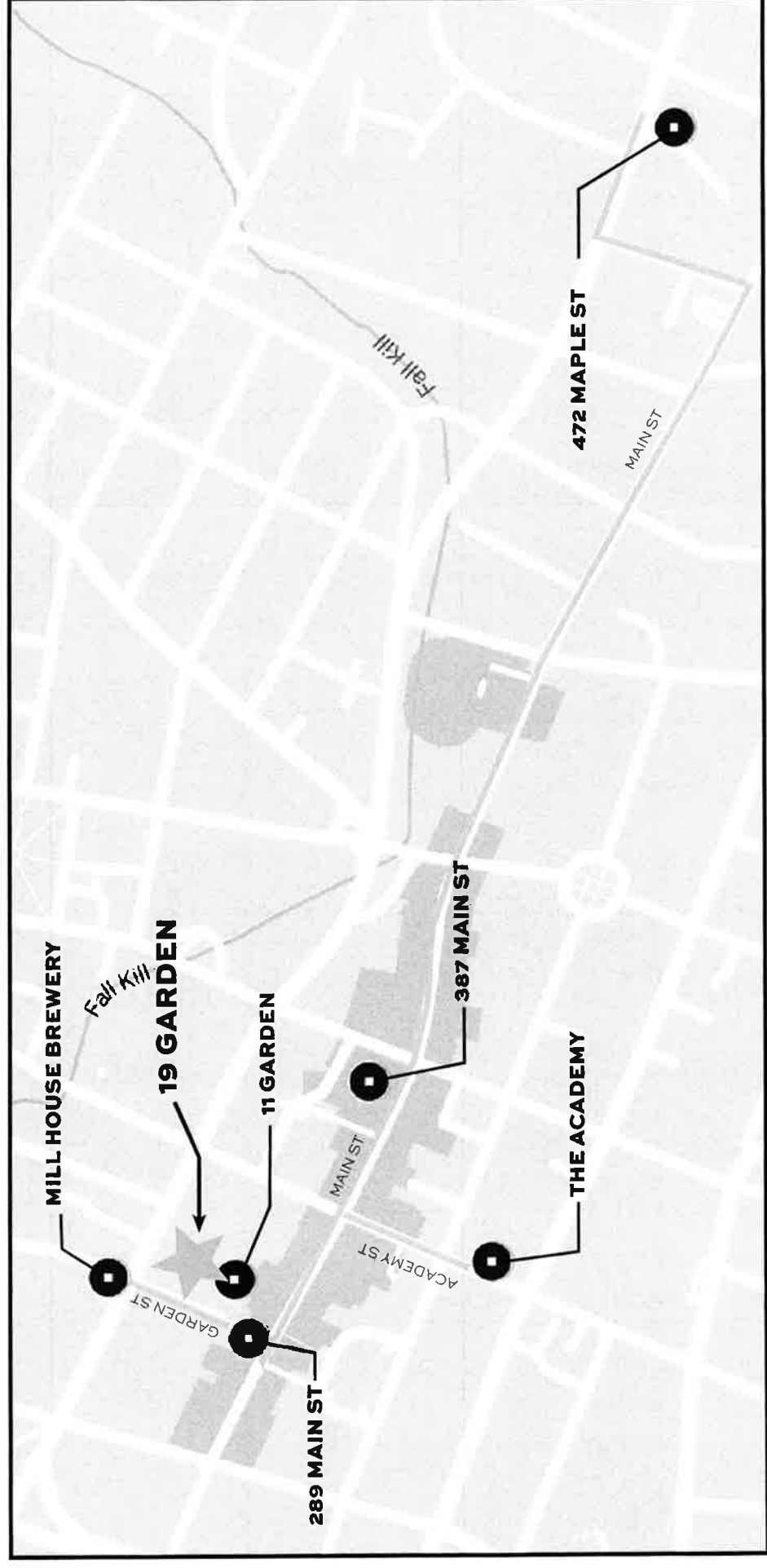
QUANTIFYING THE IMPACT

- This project is activating a low use parking lot where there is often loitering
- 5,338 SF of retail will create an estimated 16 new jobs, it will help activate the block, and it will generate new sales tax for the city
- Assisting the connectivity from northern Poughkeepsie to Main Street



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Over the past 10+ years Baxter has been investing in downtown Poughkeepsie to help activate the street and increase economic activity for the city.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

THE ACADEMY

MIXED USE

\$15M

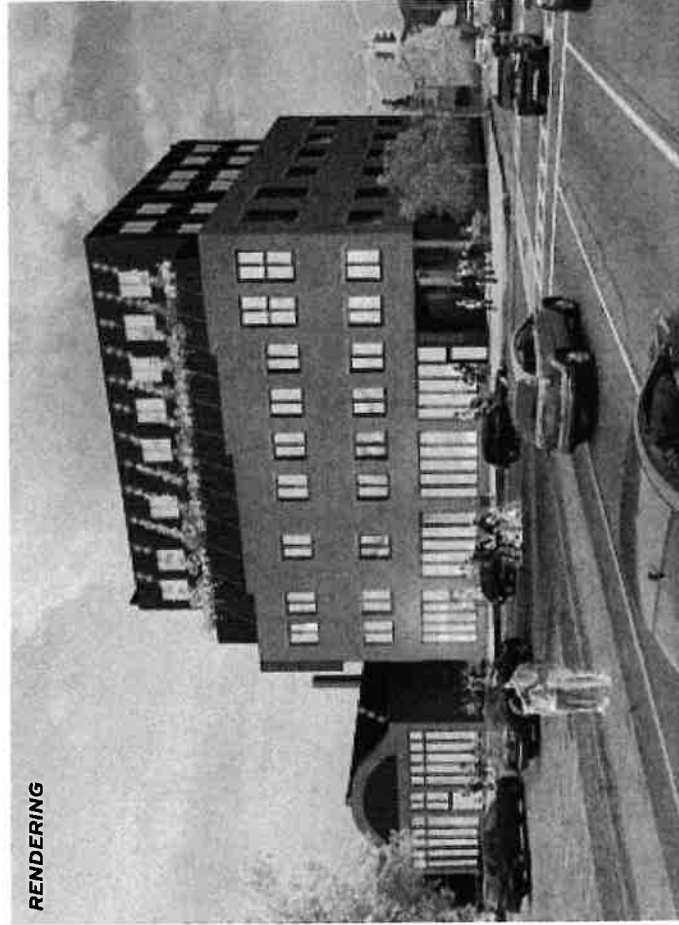
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70

Development Value

Residential Units

Jobs Created



||| DEVELOPMENT *City of Portland*

387 MAIN STREET

MIXED INCOME

\$4.5M

22

Development Value

Residential Units



Confidential | 10

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

289 MAIN STREET

MIXED USE

\$4.6M

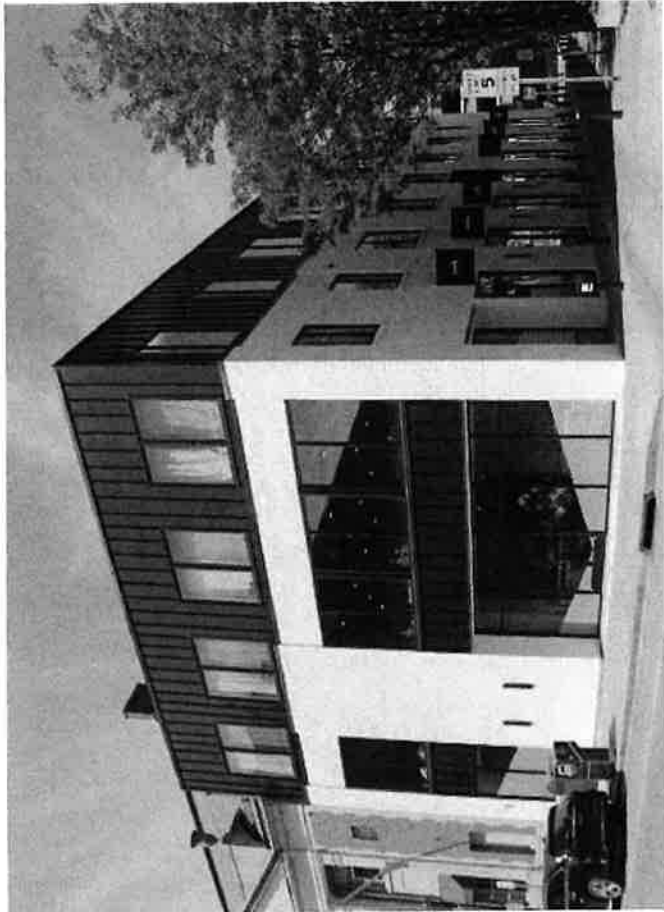
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Residential Units

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Businesses



||| DEVELOPMENT 289 MAIN STREET

472 MAPLE STREET

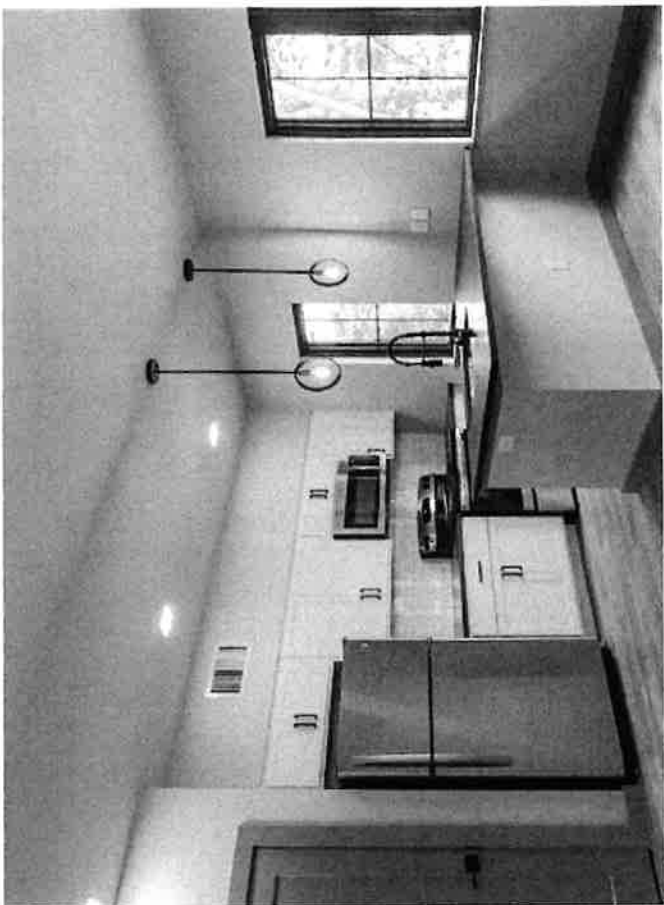
MIXED INCOME

\$8M

Development Value

40

Residential Units



Confidential | 11

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

MILL HOUSE BREWING CO
HOSPITALITY

\$4.6M

Development Value

60

Jobs Created



|||| DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATED VALUE ESTIMATED JOBS

11 GARDEN
OFFICE

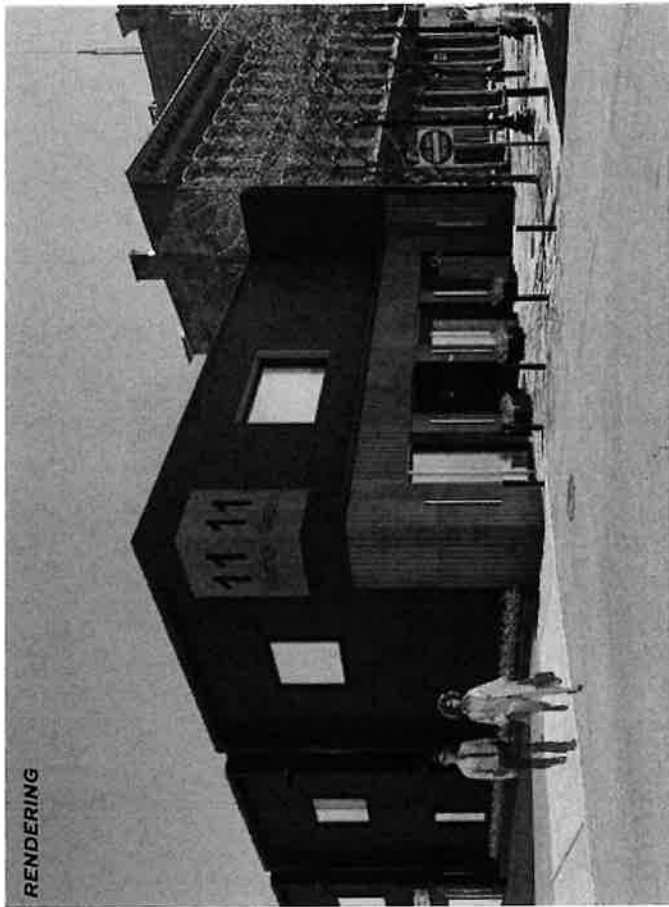
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Development Value

40

Jobs Retained

RENDERING



THANK YOU



Lauren Lopez Rutkowski | Director of Development

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE FORM CLEARLY

NOTE: Claim must be filed with and served to the City Chamberlain in triplicate (3 copies) within 90 days after the claim arises. Use additional sheets if necessary.

NOTICE OF CLAIM
AGAINST
THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

TODAY'S DATE: 1/23/23

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CLAIMANT:

KRM Properties 248 Smith St

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 845-656-9354

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY (IF ANY):

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND AMOUNT CLAIMED (PLEASE STATE DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND MANNER IN WHICH CLAIM AROSE):

TRESS FELL DOWN ON CARS IN THE YARD CAUSING DAMAGE TO THEM DATE SEPT-19-2022

ITEMS DAMAGED OR INJURIES SUSTAINED:

FORD EDGE VW FENCE SURROUNDING PROPERTY
PT CRUISER JETTA TRUCK

Signature of Claimant

Signature of Claimant

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF Dutchess s.s.:

Robert Scores being duly sworn, say(s) that he/she is/are the claimant(s) named in the foregoing claim, that he/she has/have read the same and know(s) the contents thereof; that the same is true to his/her own knowledge, except as to the matters alleged upon information and belief and as to those items, he/she believes it to be true.

Signature of Claimant

Signature of Claimant

Sworn to before me this

23 day of January, 2023

Kathleen M. Bauer
Notary Public

KATHLEEN M. BAUER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4952724
Qualified in Dutchess County
Commission Expires June 26, 2023

NOTE: After submitting this form to the City Chamberlain, please direct any inquiries to the Corporation Counsel at (845) 451-4065, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In the Matter of the Claim of
WILLIAM SMART,

Claimants,
-against-

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, KIRK IMPERATI,
SHERIFF OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, CITY OF
POUGHKEEPSIE,

**NOTICE OF CLAIM
PURSUANT TO
GENERAL MUNICIPAL
LAW SECTION 50-e**

**TO: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
% County Attorney
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601**

**DUTCHESS COUNTY JAIL
150 N Hamilton Street
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601**

**KIRK IMPERATI
SHERIFF OF DUTCHESS COUNTY
108 Parker Avenue
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601**

**CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
% Corporation Counsel
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601**

1. Name and Post Office Address of Each Claimant:

William Smart, 188 N. Hamilton Street, Apt. 1, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Name and Address of Claimant's Attorney:

Steven M. Melley, PLLC
24 Closs Drive
Rhinebeck, NY 12572
(845) 876-4057

2. Date, Place, Time & Location where the Claim Arose:

This claim arose on the 28th day of October, 2022 at approximately 11:30 AM on the public sidewalk which runs along the west side of North Hamilton Street in the City of

2023 JAN 31 AM 11:17
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CITY CLERK/REC'D

Poughkeepsie, generally in front of the motor vehicle entrance to the Dutchess County Jail at no. 150 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, more specifically depicted in the annexed photo prints of the said location.

3. The basis of the claims and the nature of the claims are:

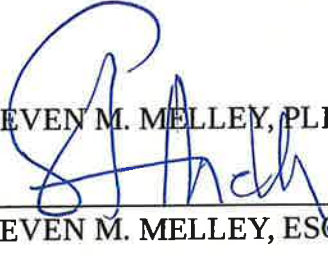
This claim is a tort claim by claimant for his bodily injuries and other losses and/or damages arising from his trip and fall incident which occurred on October 28, 2022 at approximately 11:30 AM when and while he was lawfully, prudently and carefully walking generally south from his residence at no. 188 North Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie, along the public sidewalk which runs along the west side of North Hamilton Street at the location identified in no. 2 herein, when without warning, a temporary flexible fencing/barrier was caused to be placed, put or permitted on the sidewalk where the said incident occurred when claimant was caused to trip on and over the said sidewalk obstruction, *i.e.*, the orange colored flexible fencing/barrier which was negligently placed there and was negligently permitted to be and remain at said location (which location is depicted in the annexed photos collectively annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**) for an unreasonable period of time as it posed a walking, tripping and falling hazard to pedestrians such as claimant who was lawfully walking on and along said sidewalk; and upon information and belief the said obstruction to the sidewalk which precipitated claimant's fall and resulting bodily injuries were due to the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of the contractor or other persons so employed to work, construct and maintain the said location and adjacent premises then and there under renovation by a contractor or contractors engaged by or in the employ of the County of Dutchess, Dutchess County Sheriff and/or City of Poughkeepsie all of who breached their duty of care owed to claimant and users of the said sidewalk at that time; and they and their officers, agents, servants and/or employees caused and created a public nuisance at said location by placing, permitting and/or allowing the said sidewalk obstruction to be and remain at the said location then and there impairing claimant's safe use and safe passage thereon when his foot or feet became entangled in the said flexible barrier material and/or apparatus used in connection therewith on and for an unreasonable time prior thereto; and they were otherwise negligent, careless and reckless in their ownership, maintenance, use and/or control of said location on and prior to the date and time of the said incident. Photos of the flexible barrier material are annexed hereto and made a part hereof and are collectively labeled **Exhibit "A"**, annexed hereto. All of the foregoing with both actual prior written and other notice and knowledge of said unsafe, dangerous and defective condition of the obstructed public sidewalk and walkway.

4. Injuries and items of damages:

Claimant seeks compensatory damages for his multiple trauma and bodily injuries sustained by reason of and in consequence of his said trip and fall incident, which injuries included fracture(s) of claimant's leg/knee/tibia and/or fibula and other bodily injuries, tears, contusions of his right lower extremity and multiple bruises and contusion of his upper body and upper extremities, all of which caused severe pain, suffering, mental anguish and necessitated emergency medical care and follow up orthopedic treatment which continues; and all of which has impaired his ability to use the said extremity, has impaired his gait

and ability to walk unassisted at all and has otherwise rendered him incapacitated, in need of surgery and/or other medical care and attention and he has thereby incurred reasonable hospital, medical and related expenses as a consequence of the said incident.

Dated: January 25, 2023
Rhinebeck, New York


STEVEN M. MELLEY, PLLC

STEVEN M. MELLEY, ESQ.
Attorney for Claimants
24 Closs Drive
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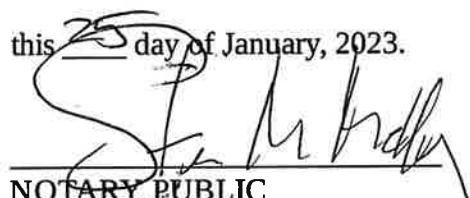
WILLIAM SMART, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a claimant in the action herein; I have read the annexed Verified Notice of Claim, know the contents thereof and the same are true to the best of my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be on information and belief and as to those matters I believe them to be true.


WILLIAM SMART

Sworn to before me

this 25 day of January, 2023.


NOTARY PUBLIC

Steven M. Melley
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Qualified in Dutchess County
No. 02ME6322548
Expires April 6 2023

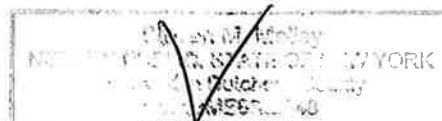

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EXHIBIT A







THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 30, 2023 5:30 pm

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the scheduled meeting of the Public Hearing in the City of Poughkeepsie.
The date is January 30, 2023 and the time is 5:34 pm.**

THIS HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THE
proposed Local Law Adopting the City of Poughkeepsie Redistricting Plan Pursuant to
Section 2.10 of The City Charter

Councilwoman-At-Large Brown called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

I. WELCOME

**II. ROLL CALL: 5 present, 4 absent (Absent: Councilmembers Flowers,
Deichler, Menist & Johnson)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) minutes per person public comment.

1. Peter Van Aken – reading comments on behalf of Naomi Brooks*
2. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments*

*** WRITTEN COMMENTS INSERTED BELOW:**

Public Hearing on Redistricting, January 23, 2023

Naomi Brooks

S. Grand Avenue

I often come to public hearings and city meetings to comment and ask questions. I really try to understand the problems the city faces, potential solutions that are offered, and how they are addressed within our city charter, comprehensive code, and resolutions. I am still

learning, though, and background research is often difficult if you don't know the ins and outs of where to look. If you do your own research, many times you find policy documents and laws that are difficult to understand.

Because the volume of information is enormous, and the tasks before you have wide and long-ranging implications, I continue to request that this background information is consolidated, explained clearly, and made easily available on the city website.

In the case of redistricting, I have not been diligent about following progress. I was almost unable to find anything in the public hearing agenda that would help me make well-formed opinions.

I don't know if the time limit for these public comments is 3 minutes or 5 minutes. That information should be included in every meeting's agenda.

I don't know the names of the members of the Redistricting Committee. Those should be included in every reference to their work.

There were no links to the two rejected maps submitted by the Redistricting Committee in October and November, no information listed here with the specific reasons why they were rejected, and no information helping to understand the current map proposed.

That current proposed map is missing any supporting data. It has only a few major streets named on it. Additional street names of major streets within each district would make it easier to understand the new boundaries. There is no graphic to show where the boundaries have changed – either from the current district boundaries, or from the two rejected map boundaries.

More importantly, the current proposed map does not explain the population contained within each new district and how that compares to the current districts and the two rejected maps' districts. I do not understand how to read the "deviation", "race", "PVI", and "comp" columns to the left of the map. There is no written explanation.

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If the purpose of redistricting is to provide a correct and fair representation of our population's characteristics, not having this information makes it impossible to comment on the redistricting proposal's success meeting this goal.

A note on timing: if I understand the Charter correctly, this committee was formed in 2021 and had an obligation to submit plans by November 2021. If the plans were rejected, the committee was to receive specific objections by specific council members in writing (and these are missing from today's agenda documents). The committee then was to submit a new plan by February 2022. If that one was also rejected, Common Council had until about mid-March of 2022 to create and approve another plan. But here we are in 2023 and it's still in the works. Is there a state penalty for being this late? Or could a citizen voting in 2022 elections argue that their voting district wasn't accurately updated in a timely way and therefore their vote was not counted in the way it should have been? Would this have impacted any of our council members' election results?

Finally, I see that the resolution to adopt a plan says that it is subject to permissive referendum, a term I'd never heard before but was also not explained in the agenda documents. I did my own research and still don't really understand it. Since there is a rather tight timeline for this permissive referendum to occur, I think we need to understand what it entails and how it would be publicized and conducted.

Thank you for considering our public comments in your decision-making process.

Few things will give the public a better window into this Common Council's lawbreaking, self-dealing, abuse of power and flat-out lies than a close look at how the Council has undermined and obstructed Redistricting.

We can start with the hooey that creating a Redistricting Commission was Sarah Salem's responsibility, and/or that Council did not address redistricting in a timely manner because they were (quote) "distracted" by Salem's resignation. So, first, let's be clear that "distracted" is a Council code word for "we were fighting behind closed doors". And is also a cover for "we never put anything on our plate with a long view; we prefer to address things only once we're forced to, after it's too late and has become a crisis".

Quoting from my own public comments at the Council's March 14, 2022, meeting, which was one year PAST the City Charter's deadline for creating a Redistricting Commission: "Salem has repeatedly circulated fake news that the Council did not have enough qualified, or the right kind of applicants to create the Redistricting Commission. So let's look at real history: Section 2.09 of the Charter required the Council to appoint a redistricting commission no later than the first day of March 2021. The Council did not even post a 'Public Notice Requesting Letters of Interest to Serve...' until February 19th, 2021, setting an application deadline of March 31st—thirty days past the deadline to create the Commission. At least 10 people applied by the deadline, yet none of them were interviewed until May 2021. Even after those interviews, behind closed doors (as usual), the Council chose not to create the Commission."

As it turns out, the **ONLY** time this Council has abided by the City of Poughkeepsie Charter regarding redistricting, has been when Evan Menist used one sentence from the Charter's Section 2.10(b) to deploy an extra 30-40 days of delay. Menist and fellow councilmembers specifically disregarded and failed the immediately following sentence of that same Charter section, which reads: "Should the common council fail to approve such plan, **it shall return it to the redistricting commission with its specific objections and those of individual members of the council stated in writing.**"

Evan Menist and others talk a good game about "collaboration" but what's the actual record? Despite repeated requests, no councilmember comments were ever sent to the Redistricting Commission (RC). Other Commission requests were similarly ignored and went unanswered. In advance of the Redistricting Commission's first presentation, the Commission provided the Council with two different maps. For nine days prior to the RC's first presentation on October 17, Evan Menist sat on the Commission maps that were in his hands and then blindsided the Commission with criticism that he neither shared prior to, or after the presentation. Contrast this to the Redistricting Commission's actual meetings with, and invitations to councilmembers to meet with the Commission to review maps and proposed boundaries.

In addition, evidence is now emerging that—whether through Evan Menist or someone else—at least one of those maps was provided to Josh Simons at the SUNY New Paltz Benjamin Center in advance of the Redistricting Commission's October 17, 2022 presentation, and that Josh Simons both spoke with, and also corresponded with, a member of the Corporation Counsel's office about the maps he'd received.

As recently as Thursday, January 19, I sent a note to all Council members, Corporation Counsel Rebecca Valk, newly-installed Mayor Marc Nelson as well as the Chamberlain's office noting deficiencies in the packet posted for the January 23 Common Council redistricting public hearing [which meeting the Council subsequently rescheduled to January 30, 2023]—the absence of which documents seriously under-informed public comment and the public record. My correspondence was not acknowledged by any recipient, but as a result of my correspondence, the packet was slightly revised. Yet this Council still chose to exclude the following from the packet:

- the November 7 Common Council (CC) resolution rejecting the Redistricting Commission's (RC) first map proposal;
- a posting of the Common Council's specific objections and those of individual council members in writing, as required by that November 7 resolution, pursuant to City Charter Section 2.10(b);
- the correspondence sent to and received by the Common Council from both the Democrat and Republican Chairs of the Dutchess County Board of Elections regarding a December 1, 2022, deadline for providing a new redistricting map;
- as opposed to the useless map posted with today's packet, providing that same map Evan Menist-created and Council-favored map in a format that clearly displayed the actual streets and street names forming each ward's boundaries, and the demographics within each ward boundary;
- providing the Redistricting Commission's proposed 2nd revised map which the Council seeks to reject, in the same clearly displayed format showing the actual streets and street names that form each ward's boundaries, and the demographics within each ward boundary;
- providing the Redistricting Commission's chart which compared and contrasted the demographics in the Commission's proposed map v. those in the Council-created and favored map;

—a plain English explanation of “permissive referendum” which appears to place the burden on the public to collect an extraordinary number of voter signatures should they seek a public vote on the redistricting map.

Had those items been posted, it would become clear to the public that the Common Council has chosen boundaries favorable to their own incumbencies, over boundaries that meet the Voting Rights Act obligation regarding the integrity of communities of interest. Instead, even though no current councilmember will still be in office in the next 10 years, the Council has chosen to favor their own incumbencies over redistricting that would properly account for and acknowledge the city’s population shifts and changing demographics with a ward whose boundary would include a Hispanic plurality.

The duly-seated members of the Redistricting Committee made repeated requests for certain items, which requests were ignored. Among them:

- Councilmember comments regarding the Commissions’ proposed ward map;
- A copy of the letter the Council received from Josh Simons, of the SUNY New Paltz Benjamin Center

Because the Council—and specifically, Evan Menist—was non-responsive, I [Laurie Sandow] submitted a Freedom of Information request. Here, the Chamberlain was non-responsive, requiring me to submit an appeal. The documents supplied in response to the appeal raise a series of their own questions, including:

- How Josh Simons, whose own Benjamin Center was non-responsive to the City-issued Request for Proposals (RFP), and Jeffrey M. Wice from New York Law School, allegedly on their own, reached out to Evan Menist offering criticism and assistance with redistricting;
- Why Josh Simons claims that he wrote to Corporation Counsel, but Valk denies any correspondence;

—Why Evan Menist would assert, through Corporation Counsel Valk, who wrote “I am advised that no other maps were created. Rather, software was used to collectively [sic] view other layouts for discussion but no document was saved/created during that process. Therefore, there are no other documents responsive to this portion of your request.” Why claim that only one map was drawn for Councilmembers, when Evan Menist previously stated on the record saying that he circulated at least three maps among Council members? Street-corner shell game and Three-Card Monte much? How does a so-called “B” map come to exist, without first, at minimum, creating an “A” map?

—Why does Evan Menist, in reply to my FOIL appeal, claim he received no Council comments, when Yvonne Flowers is on record stating that all councilmembers were instructed to send their comments to Menist, and that she and at least one other unnamed councilmember did so, and when Menist himself stated he was in the process of collecting comments?

If only I had more time, I could say much more about the deceit, lawbreaking, crass manipulation and self-dealing of this Council demonstrated throughout this redistricting process. [I concluded my remarks by saying that I would include further details when I submitted by written comments. Most of those details have been rolled into this document.]

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IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Public Hearing ended at 6:01pm.

Dated: February 3, 2023

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on January 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 30, 2023 6:00 pm

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the scheduled meeting of the Public Hearing in the City of Poughkeepsie. The date is January 30, 2023 and the time is 6:00 pm.

THIS HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THE proposed Local Law Amending Section 14.35 of The Administrative Code of The City of Poughkeepsie Entitled "Taxes – Partial Exemption Granted; Conditions"

Councilwoman-At-Large Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

I. WELCOME

II. ROLL CALL: 7 present, 2 absent (Absent: Councilmembers Flowers & Johnson)

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) minutes per person public comment.

1. Peter Van Aken – reading comments on behalf of Naomi Brooks*
2. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments*
3. Nick Kalogris – 14 Maryland Ave.

*** WRITTEN COMMENTS INSERTED BELOW:**

Public Hearing Senior Tax Exemption January 23, 2023

Naomi Brooks
S. Grand Avenue

I keep track of my spending on a monthly basis. Here are the categories with regularly occurring bills.

A little less than 20% of my budget is for food, household supplies, and transportation expenses.

Another 20% is for health insurance and deductibles, co-pays, etc.

Another 20% is for utility bills – gas and electric, phone, and Internet.

Another 20% is for property tax, home insurance, sanitation, sewer and water bills.

The remaining 20% is for everything else. Everything. Income tax. Unexpected expenses like replacing everything in the refrigerator after a power outage, or roof repair, or dental work that isn't in my insurance plan, or travel to be with an ill loved one. There is rarely money for a night out, or for presents for family and friends, or for donations, or for savings.

I do everything I can to lower my costs. I am a sale shopper, a coupon clipper. I research the least expensive options for my needs - on everything from insurance to toaster ovens. There's still never enough money.

How much does a typical senior receive in social security? As of October 2022, the average payment is \$1550 a month, or \$18,600 a year. Without a pension or substantial investment income, a senior who has finished their working years is already unable to cover the most basic living expenses. \$1550 a month does not cover the items in my budget. Not by a huge margin. It is a grim reality.

How can we help close that budget gap and retain our seniors, some of whom have lived here, worked here, contributed to our community for decades? What can we offer so they are not priced out of our city, so they can afford to maintain their health and to maintain their homes? A senior tax exemption based on income limits is one way, and top thresholds for exemptions were set at \$29,000 in 2009. That has not kept up with the true cost of living, and NYS has recently raised their income guidelines for exemptions to \$50,000. Many municipalities have taken the opportunity to raise **their** guidelines as well.

What would it mean for Poughkeepsie? We know from our city's 2022 S495 Exemption Impact budget report that under current guidelines, 111 seniors qualified for exemptions worth about .31 – that is, 1/3 of 1% - of our property tax revenue. I think that giving over 100 senior households some tax relief to help them afford to live here is very much worth the small amount of our tax revenue we give up with these exemptions. Even if these same 111 seniors would get **additional** tax relief with new guidelines, and even if **more** senior households would be eligible, the small percentage of revenue loss to the city is worth the value of supporting our senior population.

Forcing seniors to decide between paying taxes or repairing their homes, between paying taxes or buying food and medicine? That is not the way I want to think of our community, which has benefitted from the contributions this segment of our population has provided over the years.

Please support this amendment to raise the income thresholds for senior tax exemption.

There are two public hearings scheduled tonight—the first being Redistricting, and this second one being the Senior Property Tax Exemption. Each, in their own way, is an election year stunt. But calling them a stunt would be the least of it—each, in their own way is an act of self-dealing by Common Council members.

As has become the norm with the Council's abuse of both the consent agenda and last minute agenda additions, the councilmembers themselves have said little to nothing on the record prior to tonight's public hearing, nor made resource and reference materials available to the public for knowledgeable commentary.

The current resolution made an appearance as a last-minute addition and "First Read" on the Common Council agenda of December 5, 2022. Then, it made another appearance on the Council's December 19 consent agenda.

You know, surprise!, the Council's consent agenda where no written policy controls its content. The Common Council's consent agenda which is used by colluding and conspiring members to advance resolutions and items without transparency, and without ever themselves speaking on the record, and without ever revealing and stating for the record the extent to which they, themselves, have read and understand the items to which they're consenting

At the December 5 First Read of the Senior Exemption resolution, Evan Menist made a claim that he'd discussed this with the City of Poughkeepsie's Assessor. I would like Menist to not only re-assert that on the record, but provide a table of how this proposed resolution will affect taxes for each income category he seeks to benefit. Prediction One: He didn't have the discussion and can't produce such a table. Prediction Two: we'll {air-quotes} "learn" more in an online article that will day or so after tonight's public hearings and Common Council meeting, when Councilmembers either leak or use an online source to disclose information about issues that they, themselves, won't commit to speaking into the permanent webcast record.

"House rich, cash poor" is a term used when a homeowner has equity built up in their home but is burdened by expenses that might exceed their budget. Though this certainly applies to many seniors, it does not **EXCLUSIVELY** apply to seniors. Yet the resolution being proposed is a blanket program seeking to provide benefit to only one class of property owners, regardless of financial hardship—a benefit that is neither being provided to other property owners nor made available to renters, who might be equally or even more burdened, and who often pay more in monthly rent than a property owner pays for their mortgage.

Are current councilmembers even familiar with the Council's and the City's recent history of senior exemptions? That a revision to the senior exemption was instituted less than two years ago? That the 2021 revision increased the exemption limit from \$27,000 to \$29,000? The current resolution, on first inspection, appears to revise the upper limit to \$50,000, an increase of \$21,000 that would be close to, but not quite double, the previous limit.

But read the proposed resolution even further and one finds computations for incomes, after deductions, of up to \$58,400—far exceeding this City's median income. Do our councilmembers even read or understand their own election year stunts and propaganda?

Persons in poverty have been reported as 18.8% of the city's population. What, specifically are the population numbers and incomes for seniors in the City? How many seniors would this proposal apply to? What will be the net effect of this proposal on the City's revenue and expenses?

Furthermore, Menist's proposal, in a City that refuses to undertake property registration, provides way too much fuzziness regarding property ownership, use and residence. There are examples galore, even among certain councilmembers and Dutchess legislators who claim one address as their legal residence, even when it might not be their primary residence, and when their primary residence might not be in the City of Poughkeepsie at all.

I speak tonight as a senior who lives on a fixed income and who owns their own home. I am unalterably opposed to this Resolution as written.

Official Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 5, 2022 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2023 budget for the City of Poughkeepsie

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Public Hearing ended at 6:30pm.

Dated: February 3, 2023

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on January 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 30, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is Monday, January 30, 2023, and the time is 6:31 pm.

I. ROLL CALL: 8 present; 1 absent (Councilmembers Johnson)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Organizational Meeting – January 3, 2023

Common Council Meeting – January 3, 2023

Motion to accept the minutes: Councilmember Long

2nd: Councilmember Thompson

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any items not listed on the printed agenda.

YES – Under Agenda item XIII., item

3. A PRESENTATION FROM BAXTER LLC., Regarding Development of the Garden St. Lot

has been removed from the January 30th, 2023 Agenda.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Laurie Sandow, S. Grand Ave. –**
 - **submitted written comments from January 3rd meetings and January 30th meetings.**

No matter your tradition, New Year's sparks a universal urge for reflection, introspection and resolutions to do better.

Universal, that is, except among members of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council.

Composed almost entirely of members with no previous interest or involvement in the Council's work, nor personal record of public participation, our current Council released their 2023 Rules only at the last minute, and made 2023 Rules revisions that are almost exclusively aimed at further limiting and intimidating the public, while revising hardly a word of rules about their own behavior, unless it provided them an advantage.

Dating back to 2016, and perhaps earlier, the Council's rules contained exactly one short paragraph governing public comments. Since that time, over the last eight years, this Council's legacy is a public comment Rules section that now fills two-and-a-half pages of a six-page document, running to 27 paragraphs and sub-sections,.

Councilmember lateness? absences? lawbreaking? public work done in secret behind closed doors? Abuse of authority, access to information it never shares? Council rules to reduce its own member obligations, transparency and accountability? So-called public hearings without proper documentation, and without ever putting councilmember's own opinions on the record, followed by consent agendas where they bury their opinions and their ignorance even further? All these have been protected and are present in abundance.

We have a Common Council, an about-to-be Mayor, a Corporation Counsel, and more than one—but not all—departments heads who are hostile to Open Meetings Law, Freedom of Information Law, and conducting public business in the presence of the public. While extending malice to the public they're sworn to serve, this Council has added not a single paragraph of enforcement, censure or sanctions against Councilmembers who play fast and loose with their meeting attendance, collecting a paycheck regardless of absences; Councilmembers who won't reply to constituents, who illegally and subjectively hide public comments from people they perceive as critics and otherwise manipulate their social media despite, by law, the public forum nature of their social media; who violate the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ethics by leaking certain information to news outlets, or who claim "family emergencies" rather than disclose, for example, babysitting arrangements gone sour. With the revision to Rule XXII (22), will the Council start camouflaging their bad behavior as confidential medical information? Is there a councilmember who puts this City's interests before their own?

This may seem like harsh commentary for the beginning of the year, but not nearly as harsh as the electeds who talk collaboration while exercising authoritarianism, exclusion and abuse of power. Not nearly as cynical as the electeds who rely on restrictions to diminish public knowledge and attendance, and who pretend to work in behalf of the public while using their seats to climb a ladder of personal advancement.

The people's right to know the process of government decision-making is paramount to democracy. Access to such information should not be thwarted by this Council's penchant for shrouding their work with a cloak of secrecy and confidentiality, including their lack of work, their disputes, and their willing failure to comprehend, undertake, anticipate and execute the duties and tasks before them.

A new year has just begun. It's not too late to turn over a new leaf in the new year. I hope this Council will.

It would be great if, between the City Administration and the Council, we had a good cop and a bad cop, never mind two good cops. But instead we have two branches of government, each of which fails the public.

We have an unelected Mayor reported to be in the process of secretly assembling a Charter Review Commission. An unelected Mayor who might or might not be collecting two salaries, as both Mayor and City Administrator. The same unelected Mayor who doesn't trust the City's webmail system enough to use it for his own transition team, instead creating an outside "fastmail" account. And who, at a recent Planning Board meeting, both lied about and dismissed documented City delays in responding to Freedom of Information requests, as well as delivered a not-so-covert message to City boards, committees and employees about questioning or criticizing plans by developers.

On a regular basis, we have so-called public hearings where councilmembers themselves haven't spoken on the record prior to the hearings, and where the background information and resource material necessary for knowledgeable public comment is never posted for easy public access or any public access, thus requiring a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request.

We have a Common Council that uses a loophole in Open Meetings Law to decide the public's business behind the doors of closed caucus meetings, rather than disclose, debate and decide in public. We have a Corporation Counsel who won't put her instructions to the Council (and perhaps also to others) in writing, and Freedom of Information requests which are regularly denied with claims of protection as being inter- or intra-agency and/or attorney-client privileged communications, or which regularly suffer "constructive denial" by virtue of having lingered unanswered past a certain NY State law deadline.

While the Dutchess County legislature has a consent agenda policy specifically limited to **"Any item of business requiring action by the Legislature but considered to be routine or not controversial in nature"**, a Freedom of Information request confirms that our own Common Council has **NO** consent agenda policy whatsoever. [*"There are no documents responsive for request number Request Number: POK-202X-XX. Therefore, your FOIL request has been closed upon receipt of this e-mail."*]

That's right—our own lawmaking body has chosen not to create a policy controlling and limiting their own consent agendas, and also won't justify any other change made in the Common Council's rules. As a consequence, our Councilmembers are allowed to collude and conspire in closed-door caucus meetings, using both so-called consent and last-minute agenda additions to advance resolutions and other items through a process where councilmembers never have to speak on the record about any given item they're approving, or disclose whether they've even read and understand the item. Two examples on tonight's consent agenda are the process whereby the public's been led by the nose through a series of meetings and resolutions for a parcel on Pershing Avenue, from a surrender by Scenic Hudson to tonight's consent agenda lease to Mental Health America. Another example is the acceptance of an allegedly benevolent, no-strings attached grant from Chai Builders.

At the Council's January 3, 2023, meeting Council Chair Natasha Brown, explaining a delay in posting the once-again, newly revised Council rules, said: "But in speaking with our corporation council, there was some legal ramifications that the way the rules were written, we needed to change." A Freedom of Information request was submitted for "Each specific rule change and references to specific legal basis for each rule change." The reply through Jasmin Davis in the Chamberlain's office came in two parts:

- 1) *"There are no documents responsive for request number Request Number: POK-202X-XX. Therefore, your FOIL request has been closed upon receipt of this e-mail";* and
- 2) *"There are no documents responsive to your request. Further, even if such legal opinions had been reduced to writing, the information requested is covered by the attorney-client privilege and, therefore, exempt from disclosure under law."*

We find Council meetings where promises are made, yet never delivered. For example, a recent Council meeting where the Chair promised, yet did not post the schedule for the so-called council boot camp. And where this boot camp was depicted as an improvement over Lorman online learning, rather than as training tied to the Council's annual mandatory obligation to fulfill a minimum number of training hours. After the fact, the City website quotes the Council chair as saying: "This training is important so that we can better serve the public."

Ask yourselves: which councilmember has better served the public by engaging the community with what they claim to have learned in their training? Which councilmember engages and informs the community on a regular basis in any form whatsoever, both through regular ward meetings and social media? And I'm not just talking about re-posts of someone else's post; I'm talking about information conveyed in their own words about the work of the Council and their own community service as Councilmember. Regarding an urgent current issue, also ask: which councilmember has read and responded to the PK4Keeps 247-page draft zoning document posted only online in a city with a digital divide? Which councilmembers are demanding that Natalie Quinn, "czb" (the PK4Keeps consultants), and her secret zoning subcommittee (Natalie Quinn, c/PK Development Director; Paul Hesse, Dutchess County Planning; Heather LaVarnway, Dutchess County Planning [who lives in Millbrook, not in c/PK]; Evan Menist, 2nd Ward Councilmember; and Mary Linge, Hudson River Housing Director of Real Estate Development) discuss and answer questions about that document in a well-publicized public meeting that's recorded for the permanent record?

It's shameful that diligent members of the public who spend so much time researching and understanding various aspects of City government are given only three minutes to comment on issues that our own branches of government keep hidden behind closed doors.

- **Nick Kalogris – 14 Maryland Ave.**
- **Peter Van Aken – Wilbur Blvd.**
- **Kamal Diogun**
- **Saymon Sakowich**
- **Julie Nemon – Union St.**
- **Daniel Atona – College Ave. – For the Many**
- **Kane Bowers – Union St. – For the Many**

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

I just I wanted to clarify some of the agenda items because Councilmember Flowers will be making a motion to move Resolution R23-17 to action. So we have a need to be more efficient in government. We have a new system that the mayor and I have developed to have department heads submit agenda items. There's a requisition form and it goes into a shared folder. And the City Chamberlain, Corporation Counsel, myself and the mayor have access to that. This is the first time we use that system. So things that went on consent that weren't necessarily supposed to go to consent until we caucus. But you know, two error is human and to forgive is divine.

The main thing is that we have a system in place now, so people actually have a form they have to fill out to get on the agenda. And this will fuel conversations that we have in our leadership meetings, which are scheduled for Wednesdays at noon for members of the public who would like to know and know it's not an open meeting, but our leadership meetings are scheduled. So I just wanted to point that out. Sitting up, all of us sitting up here can say the same, that it's not easy.

Being at these meetings are one thing, but developing systems and policies and procedures to put in place to make our government more efficient are the things you all don't see. So there are a lot of things behind the scenes that are being done to kind of make us work more efficiently at this, at patiently together.

Next. And it's funny that she's looking at me. I want to say congratulations to Debra Long. She'll be honored this Saturday receiving a Lincoln Douglas Award for her stellar community commitment and all the things that she's done for Poughkeepsie. So congratulations, Councilmember Long. Well deserved.

Happy belated birthday to Vice Chair Shook. And a special, special congratulations to Councilmember Flowers, who officially retired today.

And that's all the comments I had because we'll be meeting again next week. One more thing I wanted to say, so I made a decision to reschedule last week's meeting due to the weather forecast. And I just want to tell you that when the weather is predicted to be unfavorable, I will be rescheduling. I have a close family member who got in a very bad accident and almost died due to weather. So I'm always going to err on the on the side of caution, but I just want the members of the public to know that. So with that said, I'll turn it

over to mayor's comments.

And if I may ask Mayor Nelson, if you wanted to like also in your comments, briefly talk about the grants we're going to accept since they're already on cassette in the public did not have an opportunity to hear about it, if you don't mind.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Not at all. Thank you. Chairwoman Brown, members of the council and to the public, good evening. My comments are brief. I do want to address a comment from Mr. Van Aken at the in the public comment section. We absolutely will conduct a very transparent process regarding next season's paving.

I want to be clear that under the Rolison administration, the city for a couple of years tripled the amount of money that it was spending on paving. We got some additional state aid that allowed us to do that. And Mr. Van Aken was absolutely correct when he said that the paving of the park's parking lots was facilitated by our Parks initiative, which is something that was widely discussed and for the most part heralded throughout the community morale and felt that the condition, particularly of I believe the Spratt Park parking lot, had deteriorated to the point that it was a priority.

And again, more people utilized the parks and the parking lots at the parks than I would say use, you know, in particular streets, with obviously the exception of the more populated areas of the city. So that was a decision that now Senator Rolison and me we will be posting on the city's website. The plan on that plan will go up by the 1st of March, and anybody who wants to make comments about it can contact the mayor's office.

And we'd be glad to take a look at individual paving requests. We do plan on facilitating requests that were made last year that we were not able to accommodate those, particularly, I know Councilmember Deichler very patient in the Eighth Ward. And so we are trying to catch up on some things that we weren't able to do last year.

I want to just add my voice to the chairwoman comments about the weather. You know, we also have city employees that need to get home safely. I think that the weather, while it didn't turn nasty last week, better err on the side of caution. So we appreciate the chairwoman making that decision.

And we're here next week to take care of all of these things. I also want to echo her comments about leadership. I think many people in the community who particularly know me and have talked to me over the last seven years know it's no secret that I've had some frustration about the administration not being able to have leadership meetings with council leadership over the years.

And I want to thank Councilwoman Chair Brown for really just a phenomenal start to her leadership. We speak almost daily. The leadership meetings are going to be on Wednesdays, and I'm looking forward to having a much better dialogue and constant communication with the legislative branch of the city. I think it's been said we're not going to agree about everything, but when you don't have any communication at all, it's hard for me to take the blame for some of

the things that didn't get done over the years. I'm glad to say those days are coming to an end.

Specifically to the grants, I believe in your packets, there is some information about this grant

Chairwoman Brown: The council's fine, it's for the members, for the public.

Mayor Nelson: Okay. This was work that was being done on the 300 block of Main Street. It didn't capture the entire project.

And I, a private individual, has offered the city the financial capability to, while we're doing that project, just extended a little bit and captured what was missed. You know, this is also I just want to say this is something that my administration is going to welcome. We had something similar happen in the Sixth Ward where individuals proximate to park. That was some work going on over there and came to the city and actually made an offer to us to give us some grant funds for some lighting, which the council was very eager to accept. And that work is going on, I believe, over on Circular Drive as well. This is a similar grant.

We don't see them that often, but I want to thank the members of the public and the philanthropists from around the city that from time to time come forward and help us. It's important that if we're going to dig up the street, that we capture it and do what we need to, right in that area.

I can't tell you how many times when I was city administrator, we'd go pave Hooker Avenue, and Central Hudson would dig it up day. And people would call my office and say, "What are you crazy?" And I'm like, you know, I want to blame anybody else. It wasn't our office that was not thinking strategically. So in this case, our development department director spoke with the donor and conveyed that we just didn't have the resources to do it and we support it. We hope the council will, too. And that's it for me for tonight. Thanks very much for listening.

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

~~VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:~~

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to move Resolution R-23-17 to the Action Agenda was made by Councilmember Flowers and seconded by Councilmember Long.

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist.

- 1. R-23-15, Resolution Accepting a Grant for the Fallkill Creek Project**

(R-23-15)

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(WQIP) GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION FOR THE FALLKILL SEWER INTERCEPTOR
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN: _____

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie applied for financial assistance from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), under the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant fund, for the rehabilitation of the Fallkill Sewer Interceptor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has been awarded a grant from the WQIP grant fund in the amount of **\$3,566,800.00** for the rehabilitation of the Fallkill Sewer Interceptor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.05(j) of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie, the Common Council is authorized to accept this grant on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of accepting such grant to be used for the rehabilitation of the Fallkill Sewer Interceptor; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council accepts these grant funds in an amount not to exceed **\$3,566,800.00** for the rehabilitation of the Fallkill Sewer Interceptor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council authorizes the Mayor to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with the DEC for the rehabilitation of the Fallkill Sewer Interceptor and to execute that document and other required agreements and certifications to effectuate the Master Contract.

SECONDED BY: _____

R-23-15- VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. R-23-16, Resolution Setting the Bond for the Fallkill Creek Project

R-23-16- VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

4. R-23-18, Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement with MHA

RESOLUTION R-23-18

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN: _____

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of a parcel of vacant land located adjacent to Pershing Avenue Park in the City of Poughkeepsie, and more accurately described as Lot 492044 on the official tax map of the City (hereinafter “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, Mental Health America wishes to acquire a leasehold interest in a .2 +/- portion of the Property for the purpose of constructing and administering one or more Outdoor Classrooms as shown on the concept plan made a part of the Lease (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to enter into the Lease with MHA as attached hereto at Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement attached at Exhibit “A.”

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

R-23-18- VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

5. R-23-19, Resolution Accepting a Grant from Chai Developers LLC.

**RESOLUTION
(R-23-19)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN _____ :

WHEREAS, Chai Developers LLC has notified the City of Poughkeepsie of their intent to donate \$6,750.00 toward the 300 Block Main Street Streetscape Project as set forth in the letter annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.05(j) of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie the Common Council is authorized to accept gifts on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of accepting such donation to be used toward the 300 Block Main Street Streetscape Project on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby accepts the donation of \$6,750.00 toward the 300 Block Main Street Streetscape Project as set forth in the letter annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized take all steps necessary to process and receive such donation.

SECONDED BY _____ .

R-23-19- VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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**6. R-23-20, Resolution Approving the Inter-Municipal Agreement with
Poughkeepsie City School District**

**RESOLUTION
(R-23-20)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS:

WHEREAS, Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) owns and maintains gymnasiums and related facilities at its High School, Middle School, and five elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of utilizing PCSD's gymnasiums for the Student Athletic Basketball Program (SABP); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie and governing boards of PCSD have determined that it is in their mutual interests to enter into an Agreement for the purpose of allowing the Student Athletic Basketball Program to use the gymnasiums for the 2023-2024 program year; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie and governing boards of PCSD have determined that it is in their mutual interests to share the costs of running such program which operates for the benefit of youth in the City of Poughkeepsie who are students of the Poughkeepsie City School District; and

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law specifically authorizes and encourages municipal corporations to enter into an agreement with each other in order to provide cooperatively, jointly and by contract any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each participating municipal corporation has the power to provide separately; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Inter-municipal Agreement in form and substance as attached hereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-23-20- VOICE VOTE							
☒	Accepted			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐	Defeated	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. R-23-17, Resolution Approving the 2023 Budget Amendment

A motion to table Resolution R-23-17 was made by Councilmember Johnson. There was no second. The Chairwoman called for the vote to be taken on Resolution R-23-17.

RESOLUTION (R-23-17)

INTRODUCED BY MAJORITY LEADER MENIST:

WHEREAS, the Common Council by resolution R-22-93 adopted a budget for the fiscal year 2023 (the “2023 Budget”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to amend the 2023 Budget to remove funding for the position of Planning Director as the City has been unsuccessful in finding a candidate to fill that role, and allocate the funds to the positions of Planner and Junior Planner; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 Budget adopted by the Common Council as Resolution R-22-93 is amended as shown on Schedule A, annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-23-17			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐ Defeated	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
☐ Tabled	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. COMMUNICATION FROM ASSESSOR JOHN TAYLOR,** Regarding the Standards for Electronic Real Property Tax Administration
- 2. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR NELSON AND CORPORATION COUNSEL VALK,** Regarding the Proposed Acceptance of Land Along the Northern Waterfront

A motion was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Long to suspend the rules to allow comments from Louis Kaufman, General Counsel and Jessica Gordineer, Property Asset Manager.

- 3. A PRESENTATION FROM BAXTER LLC.,** Regarding Development of the Garden St. Lot

A motion was made to defer the below communication/petition to Corporation Counsel by Councilmember Menist and was seconded by Councilmember Long.

- 4. FROM RAYNA POLLARD,** a notice of property damage sustained on or around October 14, 2022.
- 5. FROM GENEVA'S BLUES HOUSE,** a 30 day advance notice of intent to obtain a NYS Liquor License.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Shook to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Dated: February 2, 2023

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, January 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain