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County Comptroller March Gallagher Shares Results of American Rescue Plan Survey
Comptroller's Office Solicited Input from Ulster Residents on Potential Uses of Funds

(May 12, 2021 - Kingston, New York) Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher's office has been gathering input from Ulster County residents on how to best use the \$34.44 million in funds the County is eligible to receive as part of the American Rescue Plan. The survey provided 14 options for fund use and elicited more than 200 responses.

"The American Rescue Plan has provided an important lifeline for many communities across the country, but Ulster was in a unique position given that our revenue was not as severely impacted as so many others," explained County Comptroller March Gallagher. "The funds we are receiving can provide for important investments in our communities and my office put together the survey to help amplify the voices of the taxpayers in determining the \$34.44 million Ulster County is receiving."

According to the survey, a majority of respondents believe that investments in affordable housing are the most critical, followed by youth programming, and internet connectivity for low-income families. Other ideas included relief for small businesses, property tax rebates, green energy projects, and workforce development.

The American Rescue Plan Survey was conducted as part of the County Comptroller's ongoing efforts to increase transparency and amplify the voices of Ulster County residents when it comes to important decisions that impact the quality of Ulster communities.

About the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, it is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ulster County is eligible to receive \$34.44 million with other municipalities to receive as follows: City of Kingston: \$18.66 million, Denning: \$60,000, Esopus: \$960,000, Gardiner: \$610,000, Hardenburgh: \$30,000, Hurley: \$660,000, Town of Kingston: \$100,000, Lloyd: \$1.15 million, Marletown: \$600,000, Marlborough: \$940,000, New Paltz: \$1.54 million, Olive: \$470,000, Plattekill: \$1.12 million, Rochester: \$790,000, Rosendale: \$630,000, Saugerties: \$2.09 million, Shandaken: \$320,000, Shawangunk: \$1.52 million, Ulster: \$1.38 million, Wawarsing: \$1.38 million, Woodstock: \$630,000

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