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# THE IMPACT

Chautauqua County's  
Use of American Rescue  
Plan Act Funding









FROM THE DESK OF  
**County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr.**

**Dear Residents of Chautauqua County,**

It is with great pride that I present to you this summary of Chautauqua County's achievements made possible through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). In total, our County received \$24.6 Million in ARPA funding, which we have strategically invested in more than 80 projects to enhance our community today and for generations to come.

These initiatives span a wide range of categories, demonstrating our commitment to addressing diverse community needs. From infrastructure improvements to bolstering emergency services, public health, environmental conservation, parks, economic and workforce development, and public safety, every project reflects our dedication to improving the quality of life for our residents.

This funding enabled critical investments, including, but not limited to: purchasing snowplow equipment to ensure safer roadways during our challenging winters; providing SWAT team tools to enhance public safety; improving parks, waterways, and trails to enrich recreation and environmental stewardship; expanding broadband internet access and implementing IT updates to connect our communities; equipping our firefighters with essential gear to safeguard lives and property; and enhancing the Jamestown Airport to support regional connectivity and growth.

Bringing these 80+ projects to life required a thorough and collaborative process. We gathered input from a wide array of stakeholders, ensuring that our decisions reflected the needs of our residents and the values of our County. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our ARPA Steering Committee, department heads, and County legislators for their leadership and vision. Their dedication was instrumental in turning this funding into meaningful action.

The goal of these investments has always been clear: to enhance our community for generations to come by using this funding wisely and responsibly. Each project highlighted in this summary tells the story of progress and purpose, and I encourage you to explore how these initiatives are shaping our County's future. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make Chautauqua County a stronger, safer, and more connected community.

Sincerely,

**Paul M. Wendel Jr.**  
Chautauqua County Executive



## County ARPA Funding Allocation Process Overview

In 2021, Chautauqua County received an award of \$24,600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, of which \$18,219,169 was available for general county spending, based on the Treasury Department's revenue loss formula and other guidance. The remaining \$6,380,831 in funding could only be spent on designated ARPA categories including premium pay; water, sewer, and broadband projects; and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic impacts.

An ARPA Working Group consisting of the County Executive, several legislators, and several department heads worked for many months to create an ARPA Spending Plan (Plan) consisting of priority projects to address the key strategic categories as defined by the Department of Treasury, and were selected based on their sustainability and County-wide impact. Projects were solicited directly from County Department Heads over several months due to their familiarity with and knowledge of county-wide issues and challenges that this funding could address.

The Plan, consisting of more than 80 priority projects, was thoroughly reviewed by the ARPA Committee, the County Executive, and the County Legislature and was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 202-21. Over time, projects were added and/or deleted from the original plan only after thorough review and recommendations made by the working group, and approval by the full legislature.





# Summary Statement

To summarize, Chautauqua County Government utilized its ARPA funding to assist 85 projects involving Economic/Workforce Development, Environmental Clean Water & Parks, Infrastructure, Public Health & Social Services, Public Facilities, Public Records, and Public Safety. The total amount of ARPA funds obligated as of December 31, 2024 is \$24,649,420. The total cost of all projects assisted by the ARPA funding is \$77,024,229. This means that the county was able to invest its ARPA funding to help leverage an additional \$52,374,809 toward the 85 projects. Put another way, for every dollar of ARPA funding invested by the county toward these projects, it was able to leverage an additional \$2.12.

The following pages provide details for each project by category, including a project description, the amount of ARPA funding invested in the project, and the total cost associated with each project.

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# Economic/Workforce Development Projects

## SITE ACQUISITION FOR SHOVEL-READY SITE(S)



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$3,400,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$15,500,000

**Project Description:** This project aided in the acquisition of property for a proposed Shovel-Ready Site in Ripley by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA). The CCIDA will develop the 147 property into a State-Certified Shovel Ready Site with all prerequisite engineering, design, and infrastructure work complete. This includes, but is not limited to: site master planning; water, sewer, gas, electric, and broadband infrastructure; access roads/driveways; storm-water management; environmental due diligence; and pre-permitting. Site work will begin in 2026 and be ready for marketing to developers and site selectors soon thereafter.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** CCIDA's industrial parks are currently at or near capacity. The acquisition of land for industrial development will dramatically increase the County's prospects of attracting new businesses

by ensuring predictability in the development process and speeding the time-line by ensuring "shovel-readiness." This projects aims to increase the economic atmosphere in Chautauqua County by attracting new and upcoming industries and creating jobs at and above living wage. This addresses the County's current need for creating new jobs and will lead to improvements in the quality of life throughout Chautauqua County.

## WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SHOVEL-READY SITE(S)



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$1,400,000  
**Total Project Cost:** See above.

**Project Description:** This project will aid the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) in extending critical infrastructure to create a 147 acre State-Certified Shovel Ready Site with all prerequisite engineering, design, and infrastructure work complete. This includes, but is not limited to:

site master planning; water, sewer, gas, electric, and broadband infrastructure; access roads/driveways; storm-water management; environmental due diligence; and pre-permitting. Site work will begin in 2026 and be ready for marketing to developers and site selectors soon thereafter.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** CCIDA's industrial parks are currently at or near capacity. This project will dramatically increase the county's prospects of attracting new businesses to the County by ensuring predictability in the development process and speeding the time-line by ensuring "shovel-readiness." This projects aims to increase the economic atmosphere in Chautauqua County by attracting new and upcoming industries and creating jobs at and above living wage. This addresses the County's current need for creating new jobs and will lead to improvements in the quality of life throughout Chautauqua County.



## SITE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE - MASON INDUSTRIAL PARK



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$499,500  
**Total Project Cost:** \$639,205

**Project Description:** The project involves contracting with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) to undertake various infrastructure enhancements and site improvements to the 66-acre Mason Industrial Park in the Town of Ellicott. Site improvements will include: erosion control; storm water management; stubbing in an access road, water and sewer infrastructure; extending a natural gas line; extending telephone and communications infrastructure; and any other necessary site improvements.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** CCIDA's industrial parks are currently at or near capacity. The acquisition of land for industrial development will dramatically increase the County's prospects of attracting new businesses by ensuring predictability in the development process and speeding the time-line by ensuring "shovel-readiness." This projects aims to increase the economic atmosphere in Chautauqua County by attracting new and upcoming industries and creating jobs at and above living wage. This addresses the County's current need for creating new jobs and will lead to improvements in the quality of life throughout Chautauqua County.

## CCPEG - MULTITUDE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$500,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$33,306,591

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) utilized this funding to help leverage local, state, and federal resources to advance a multitude of transformational community and economic development projects/initiatives by providing critical matching funding to meet various grant requirements. This funding complimented other funding secured through the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to advance several dozen initiatives, both directly led by CCPEG, and via individual partners. In total, this funding helped to leverage more than \$33 Million of additional investment to support more than 30 individual projects and initiatives (including the Live CHQ Talent Attraction and Retention marketing initiative), consistent with Chautauqua County's Economic Development Strategy.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The Economic Development Strategy builds the case for substantial support from government and philanthropic entities to support, protect, and grow industries of the future, and invest in critical projects that will improve quality-of-life and create economic opportunities in Chautauqua County. This project provided critical funding to meet match requirements and leverage other resources coming into the County.





## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FEE WAIVER

**Department Facilitated:** Health – Environmental

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$155,473

**Total Project Cost:** \$155,473

**Project Description:** ARPA funds were used to cover permit fees for regulated facilities that operated in 2020 and 2021. These facilities struggled to remain in business during the Covid-19 pandemic and suffered tremendous financial burdens.

Permit fees for 585 facilities were covered for facilities including: food service establishments, mobile food service establishments, temporary residences (hotels/motels), campgrounds, mobile home parks, swimming pools, tanning facilities, and body art establishments. The permit fees were covered from October 2021 through September 2023, for a total of two years of operation.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Project supported established businesses that struggled to remain in operation during and immediately following the Covid-19 pandemic. By providing financial support directly to established Chautauqua County businesses, County Government aided economic diversity and workforce retention in the community.

## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$229,202

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,753,984.78

**Project Description:** This project assisted farmers with business improvements to remove, remediate, or redesign inefficiencies in an effort to increase farm sustainability and improve management practices. This program assisted county producers to enhance sustainability

practices by providing financial assistance to facilitate best production practices. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) also provided educational programming to assist participants with the information needed to efficiently remove any existing infrastructure and prepare sites for replanting or re-purposing. CCE also facilitated access to information for producers to determine suitable business improvements through meetings, on-site visits, phone consultations, and office visits.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The investment to this program supported agricultural improvements through a variety of improvements, including: soil health and crop production; soil drainage improvements which ultimately results in less nutrient losses, increased crop yields, and is better for the environment; addressing a number of needed building improvements in the agricultural industry which helped producers market locally produced meats, fruits, vegetables, and cheese; improving livestock management and new technologies, resulting in increased farm production and profitability; and making improvements to agricultural equipment, which increased both labor and fuel efficiency and improved the safety for farm workers and livestock.



## CHAUTAUQUA BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - MARKETING & ESG



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$471,411  
**Total Project Cost:** \$729,411

**Project Description:** The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), CHQ Chamber, NY Small Business Development Center at Jamestown Community College (JCC SBDC) and other key partners established a grant program (up to \$10,000) that assisted 84 businesses throughout the County to help them with upgrading their marketing presence, which included branding, website development, social media, etc. The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation contributed \$258,000 to this cause. Secondly, Insyte Consulting developed an ESG whitepaper to help companies improve their company culture by establishing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policies, thereby positioning them to attract and retain more employees. Lastly, the CCIDA worked with Invest Buffalo Niagara to provide their “Economic Gardening Program” to six “Stage II” companies to take it to the next level.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The pandemic presented major challenges for local businesses, not-for-profits, and other institutions, and they had to adapt to survive. This included methods for them to communicate with customers in new and innovative ways. Evolving and expanding their marketing reach increased foot traffic and boosted sales. Developing an ESG Whitepaper with Insyte provided a means by which companies could improve company culture, thereby improving their ability to attract talent. The IBN Economic Gardening Program helped a multitude of companies by giving them the knowledge they needed to expand and grow. 92 county-wide companies directly benefited from these county-funded programs.

## OCCUPANCY TAX BOLSTER

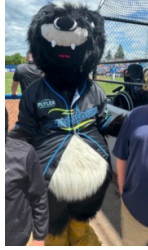
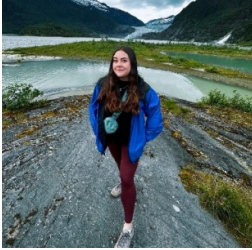
**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$786,935  
**Total Project Cost:** \$786,935

**Project Description:** Funds were allocated to replace the loss in tourism funds resulting from the COVID-19 lockdowns. Of the total funds allocated, \$400,000 went to replenish both the County’s 2% and the 3% Occupancy Tax Funds. Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau created a special fund for tourism recovery and enhancements to bring tourists back to Chautauqua County, while the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) created special tourism development and marketing programs. On the 2% side, 14 projects that had previously been on hold were approved to move forward to enhance the County Lakes and Waterways.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The 2% program funds agencies and special projects that improve water quality which creates a better quality of life, increases tourism and recreational spending, and positively impacts property values. The 3% program drives increased visitation and visitor spending supporting local businesses and creating jobs. Restoring funding in these program was critical for both hospitality/tourism industry recovery and water quality efforts.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$352,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$352,000

**Project Description:** The mission of the Workforce Development Initiative - Chautauqua Advancement Project (CAP) is to connect college students, college educated, certificate training program students, and/or certificate bearing young professionals to internships at local businesses providing them with valuable work experiences that ultimately lead to employment opportunities. It also provides local businesses the opportunity to have young professionals on their staff potentially filling their employment needs. And it engages young professionals in team and leadership building activities and asset discovery within their community, resulting in retention.

The Chautauqua County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been and will continue to identify potential businesses through established partnerships with local businesses and professionals that benefit from having interns work on projects or fill an anticipated work need. E-mail blasts are sent out to all businesses from the WIB's extensive distribution list and those of its partners such as Jamestown Community College, SUNY Fredonia, and the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency for the purpose of matching business needs with intern candidates' interests. The overarching goal is to establish meaningful internships within the County's demand occupation areas that struggle to find young talent. The interns are employees of the WIB, so that the required payroll and insurance obligations are handled at no cost to the hosting organizations. The WIB also supports the placements with regular contact with the host organizations.

This program offers many win/win elements that transform an unfortunate situation into something positive for the community. The young professionals benefit mainly from gaining experience in an internship that may turn into long term employment directly related to their career goals. Interns receive valuable career coaching while also developing a professional network locally.

The outcome of the program also promises to provide assistance to our local businesses by connecting them to talent that they may not have been able to find, while also providing financial assistance. Businesses are essentially "trying out" talent at no cost to them.

To date, 31 interns have completed the program. 2025 is our last year to offer this program.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The program benefits the county as a whole by retaining local young talent and filling employment needs of area businesses. Providing an opportunity for local young professionals to get their foot in the door at a career-related job and business is a critical step in ensuring retention and attraction of young professionals to Chautauqua County. Investing in our local young professionals, their careers, and our local businesses results in long term commitment to the County. It also addresses the issue of population decline.

### ARPA Economic/Workforce Development Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Economic/Workforce Development Projects: **\$7,794,521**  
 Total Investment for All Economic/Workforce Development Projects: **\$53,223,600**





# Environmental Clean Water & Parks Projects

## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY STREAMBANK STABILIZATION



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development/Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$249,594

**Total Project Cost:** \$249,594

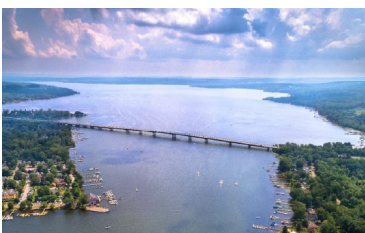


**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District coordinated with local highway departments to assist in the stabilization of streambanks that run alongside roads/road rights of way. The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development administrated the project. With an increase in intense rain events experienced across Chautauqua County, there has also been an increase in damage to municipal infrastructure. Short-

term solutions, such as dumping gravel or fill dirt along the streambanks, is only a short-term fix. This project funded heavy rock rip-rap and contractors with sufficient equipment to install numerous stabilizations, providing municipalities a long-term treatment of reoccurring problem areas.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Roadways are a common and critical type of municipal infrastructure that connect the County and provide benefits to both residents and non-residents. The ease of transportation is a benefit to the County as a whole. Not only will the physical benefits on the specific road segments be seen, but the economic benefits to the local highway department budgets, and subsequent municipal tax base, will also be realized through these projects. The photos provided depict an ARPA-funded streambank stabilization effort to protect Deming Drive in the Village of Falconer, which is the truck access to Jamestown Container Corporation, a large local employer.

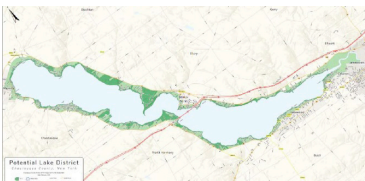
## CHAUTAUQUA LAKE DISTRICT WORK PLAN



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development/Chautauqua Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Agency

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$136,365

**Total Project Cost:** \$136,365



**Project Description:** This work plan initiative explored the formation of a Special District to raise funds to protect and rehabilitate Chautauqua Lake. The objective was to provide information for the Chautauqua Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Agency (CLPRA) to determine viable funding options and to seek regulatory approval from the New York State Department of State, Office of General Services, and Department of Environmental Conservation. With the assistance of a consultant, a series of public meetings were held, surveys

were performed, and case studies were investigated. Upon review of the draft report, the CLPRA concluded there was not sufficient public support to form a Special District. The report was finalized to document the process and summarize the outcomes. One such outcome was a recommendation to examine potential Boat User Fees. The consultant researched case studies, estimated the number of recreational watercraft, and developed numerous implementation and revenue models. Upon review of the draft report, the steering group concluded that the cost to implement the program would exceed the financial benefits. The report was finalized and filed for future reference.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** In 2019, spending by tourists in Chautauqua County totaled approximately \$282 Million, with associated state and local taxes of \$36 Million. Tourism within the County is driven in large part by Chautauqua Lake. Based on 2011 sales tax data, about 47% of sales tax within the county is generated in the municipalities surrounding Chautauqua Lake. A 2015 marketing survey found that 66% of visitors to the County utilized a lake or waterway. The need for a sustainable source of revenue to fund lake protection and maintenance activities prompted the formation of the CLPRA, which was formed by the Chautauqua County Legislature in 2017, pursuant to Article 5-A of the New York State County Law.

## JEFFERSON PROJECT

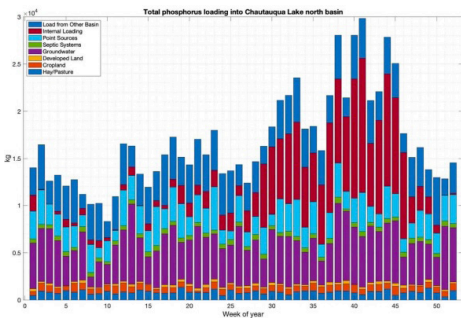


**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$1,250,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,250,000

**Project Description:** The Jefferson Project (JP) at Chautauqua Lake is a state-of-the-art program for water quality and Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) research. In collaboration with Chautauqua County, Chautauqua Institution, the Sheldon Foundation, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, IBM Research, and the FUND

for Lake George, the JP initiated work in 2020. From 2021 to 2023 the JP deployed Vertical Profilers (VPs) to continuously record lake currents, weather conditions, and water quality parameters. In 2024, six tributary stream monitoring locations were installed and updated VPs were deployed. VP and stream monitoring

data coupled with biweekly biological/chemical lake surveys feed sophisticated computer models for lake circulation and other HAB building blocks. This comprehensive scientific approach continues to increase our understanding of lake and HAB dynamics so they can be better predicted, prevented, or mitigated.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Chautauqua Lake is a major economic driver and ecological resource in the County, but its health and usability are threatened by HABs. Only by first understanding the drivers and dynamics of HABs can the County and other stakeholders develop

responsible solutions for HAB reduction and mitigation. This public-private partnership leverages nearly a decade of research and millions of dollars in investments at Lake George to benefit our lake and County. The leveraging power of this public-private partnership was recently demonstrated in October, 2024, when the Governor of New York State awarded an additional \$3.75 Million to continue the JP in 2025 and 2026.



## UPGRADE COUNTY TRAILS



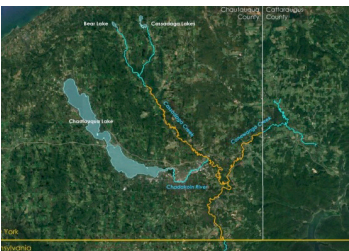
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$252,131  
**Total Project Cost:** \$252,131

**Project Description:** The Department of Public Facilities, Department of Planning and Development, Friends of the Chautauqua County Greenway group, and Chautauqua County Parks Commission coordinated on this project. Of the \$250,000 project budget, \$125,000 was allocated to the Department of Public Facilities for materials for in-house trail repairs, Division of Parks equipment purchases, and

improvements to County parks. The remaining \$125,000 was allocated to the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation for trail materials, trail improvements, and other trail recommendations that align with the Chautauqua County Greenway Plan.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The County trails and parks are a recreational asset to Chautauqua County. These repairs and purchases will help improve the longevity and improve maintenance efficiencies of the trails and parks while improving the experience for all users.

## WATERWAYS MASTER PLAN



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$105,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$105,000

**Project Description:** Over the past decade, the invasive forest pest Emerald Ash Borer has decimated the County's Ash trees. The different Ash tree species in our region comprise nearly 25% of the trees along the County's river banks. Dead standing Ash trees have been shedding large branches into the county waterways over the past several years and fallen logs have inhibited stream flow in many locations throughout the Marden E. Cobb Waterway Trail system. Log jams are negatively impacting water quality by causing excessive erosion and create potentially dangerous conditions for recreational users. Many of the log jams are now beyond routine maintenance level and require more intensive

debris removal efforts. This project was proposed to evaluate the Marden Cobb waterways and associated Chadakoin River in its entirety, and produce a comprehensive strategic plan for its ecological restoration and economic activation, as well remove some of the large log jams. The project was completed in collaboration with the County's Department of Public Facilities' Parks Division and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The Marden E. Cobb Waterway Trail system (comprising the Cassadaga and Conewango Creeks) crosses much of the county. In addition, the Chadakoin River connects it to Chautauqua Lake. A comprehensive plan to restore health and functionality of these waterways will increase the county's ecological health, sustainability, scenic beauty, and public safety, as well provide a myriad of opportunities for development, tourism, and strengthening local economies for residents and visitors.





## OVERLAND TRAIL PHASE III



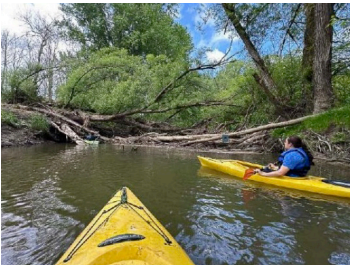
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$54,176  
**Total Project Cost:** \$100,000

**Project Description:** The Overland Trail Revitalization project is a collaborative project with Department of Public Facilities’ (DPF) Parks Division and the not-for-profit group Western New York

Mounting Biking Association (WNYMBA), which is headed up by Parks Commission member Jacob Bodway. WNYMBA has been able to secure grant funding to improve the trail sections that go through state lands. The DPF Parks Division has been working on the sections that run through County lands and private lands. WNYMBA had difficulties securing grant monies for Phase III, which covers the section that runs through the Harris Hill State Forest and is extremely popular with mountain bikers, hikers, and hunters. The Overland Trail bridges at Harris Hill had fallen into such disrepair that a long section of trail needed to be closed temporarily. There are sections of trail that are “fall line,” which means that they are incredibly eroded and had been temporarily fixed with gravel.

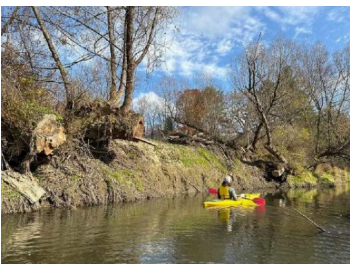
**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The Overland Trails are a recreational asset to Chautauqua County. These repairs will help improve the longevity and improve maintenance efficiencies of the trail by remedying and stopping erosion, while improving the trail experience for all users.

## RAPID RESPONSE EMERGENCY FUND



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development / Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$94,999  
**Total Project Cost:** \$94,999

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy advocated for and took the lead on a pilot rapid-response emergency action program for waterways throughout Chautauqua County to quickly identify and mitigate emergency erosion and flooding problems. The program was administrated by the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development. The County’s forests are populated with approximately 20% Ash species, most of which have succumbed to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. As a result, many of the County’s waterways have become obstructed due to fallen Ash trees along the streambanks. Significant debris jams located on Chautauqua Lake tributaries, Cassadaga Creek, and the Chadakoin River were mitigated through this initiative.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** New tree falls are regularly encountered on Chautauqua County’s waterways. Accelerated streambank erosion and flooding are two probable outcomes of this problem, but damage to public transportation infrastructure can also occur as the trees break down and the debris aggregate and form jams during high water events. Fallen trees and woody debris also become navigational hazards if they are washed into one of our lakes. Chautauqua County’s Mardin E. Cobb Waterway Trail on Cassadaga Creek was rendered unnavigable for nearly a decade due to woody debris jams. A portion of the funding from the Rapid Response Emergency Fund was used to supplement County Department of Public Facilities/Parks funding to clear the remaining debris jams and revitalize the trail for public use.



## LAKE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$927,339  
**Total Project Cost:** \$927,339



**Project Description:** ARPA funds were used to purchase a large aquatic plant harvester, large capacity transport barge, shoreline debris transport barge, and research/work boat for use on Chautauqua County lakes. The County's competitive procurement process yielded an approximate 8% savings over preliminary cost estimates sourced from manufacturers. This project bolsters existing County investments in lake maintenance equipment to create a more comprehensive, publicly owned lake maintenance and monitoring/research fleet, which complements existing fleets owned by others and addresses critical gaps. The previous County-owned fleet included two skimmers, two mobitracs, one utility trailer, and one shore conveyor.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Lake maintenance is critical in ensuring the County's lakes and waterways are suitable for swimming, boating, and for property owner satisfaction. The County's economy is driven in large part by recreational spending, real estate transactions, and real property tax revenues in proximity to Bear, Chautauqua, Erie, Findley and Cassadaga Lakes. In 2019, spending by tourists in Chautauqua County totaled approximately \$282 Million, with associated state and local taxes of \$36 Million. Tourism within the County is driven in large part by Chautauqua Lake. Based on 2011 sales tax data, about 47% of sales tax within the county is generated in the municipalities surrounding Chautauqua Lake. A 2015 marketing survey also found that 66% of visitors to the County utilized a lake or waterway.

## ARPA Environmental Clean Water and Parks Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Environmental Clean Water & Parks Projects: **\$3,069,604**

Total Investment for All Environmental Clean Water & Parks Projects: **\$3,115,428**



# Infrastructure Projects

## WIRELESS NETWORK UPGRADES

**Department Facilitated:** Information Technology  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$173,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$173,000

**Project Description:** With the expansion of a remote workforce, new on-line business processes, and a shift to cloud-based solutions, Chautauqua County Government requires a significant upgrade to its current Internet bandwidth. By increasing bandwidth from one of the County’s internet providers, and upgrading the County’s ISP aggregation equipment, the County IT Department will be able to increase security while improving reliability and performance. Optimizing the wide area network will have a positive impact on the entire County workforce.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This will improve application and business process efficiencies for County users.

## REPAIR & REHABILITATION OF NCIWD WATER STORAGE TANK



**Department Facilitated:** North County Industrial Water District  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$863,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,079,010

**Project Description:** This project repaired and rehabilitated an existing 400,000 gallon water storage tank that serves the North County Industrial Water District (NCIWD) located in the towns of Dunkirk and Sheridan. The tank serves to supply potable water and water for fire suppression for industrial, commercial, and residential customers. The tank is 45 years old, and during an inspection performed in 2011, many deficiencies were determined to exist that needed repair and rehabilitation in order to bring the tank up to code and enable the tank to continue to serve the industrial park, which includes Purina, one of the largest industrial water users in the County.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The water storage tank is essential for the customers in the North County Industrial Water District, and is also an integral component of the North Chautauqua County Water District, which serves customers in the towns of Dunkirk, Sheridan, Portland, Pomfret, and the Village of Brocton.

## CONEWANGO DAMS



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$1,250,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,250,000

**Project Description:** Chautauqua County is the owner of four Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) earthen flood control dams within the Conewango Watershed. The four dams were constructed in the mid-1970s by NRCS. Two of the dams are Class C high hazard dams and two of the dams are Class B moderate hazard dams. The dams are located in the Towns



of Villenova, Cherry Creek, and Ellington. All four dams consist of an earthen embankment, concrete outlet control structure with primary outlet pipe, an earthen auxiliary spillway, a permanent pool reservoir, and a reservoir drain with valve control. The sizes and configurations vary by dam. This project involves the dredging of the reservoir bays, uncovering and clearing the reservoir drains, and rehabilitating the valves on the reservoir drains at the four Conewango Watershed NRCS Dams located in the County. Permitting and development of necessary design documents required for permitting and bidding is also part of the project. The project is ongoing.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project is required for continued compliance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Dam Safety Requirements, as well as operational and maintenance requirements with NRCS. NRCS provided the funding to complete the dams and the County is currently under contract to provide maintenance and operation of the dams. The reservoirs for the dams were designed to provide 40 to 50 year storage of built-up sediment. This storage amount is at or nearing design capacity and is a main reason why this project was needed.

## BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$1,000,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,831,52

**Project Description:** There are several areas within Chautauqua County that do not have access to reliable high-speed Internet and are deemed unserved or under-served. In recognition of the need to focus on critical infrastructure and economic resiliency, as well as changes in the way people work and do business, this funding was used to identify such locations and leverage available investment by the County's Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to continue the build-out of its broadband infrastructure. The consultant group ECC Technologies was hired to define current coverage and to quantify the existing need for service by dividing the County into four zones, based on ISP infrastructure prevalence. The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency conducted a competitive procurement process to select an ISP to

acquire and construct broadband infrastructure. DFT Communications was the low bidder for Zone 3 and was awarded 50% of project costs to serve 385 addresses. ECC Technologies continues to monitor DFT Communications' progress and continues to provide expertise and grant writing services for upcoming state and federal grant applications, in order to access resources for the County's remaining zones (Zone 1, 2, and 4) through funding from ConnectAll, the State's comprehensive broadband initiative.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** ECC Technologies identified more than 4,000 unserved and under-served locations without access to reliable high-speed Internet throughout Chautauqua County. High-speed Internet is imperative in today's world, it is an essential piece of infrastructure for education, healthcare, jobs, recreation, and social interactions. Without accessible, affordable, and equitable Internet, Chautauqua County will be uncompetitive with other communities in terms of attracting and retaining residents and businesses.



## COURTHOUSE/GERACE OFFICE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT



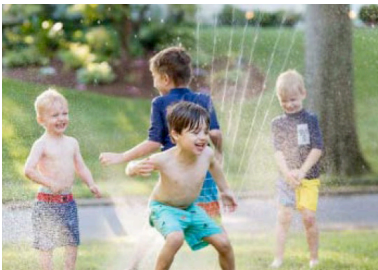
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$1,492,739  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,492,739

**Project Description:** The roof on Chautauqua County’s Gerace Office Building in Mayville had a single membrane EPDM (an extremely durable synthetic rubber roofing membrane) roof that was nearing the end of its life expectancy. The roof was

in decent shape but starting to wear with occasional repairs needed. This project rehabilitated the roof by making spot repairs, re-sealing, and coating the roof with a urethane sealant system. The roof on the Courthouse also had a single membrane EPMD roof covering that was beginning to detach from the roof structure. This project rehabilitated this roof by installing a raised seam metal roof system over the existing EPMD roof. This project also extended the life expectancy of both roofs by well over 20 years.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the infrastructure at the County buildings.

## TOWNS OF NORTH HARMONY & CHAUTAUQUA WATER DISTRICT



**Department Facilitated:** Planning and Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$24,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$24,000

**Project Description:** The project area is located in the Town of North Harmony and Town of Chautauqua along the west side of Chautauqua Lake. Town residents have long advocated for public water because the water sourced from drilled wells is

often of poor quality and diminished quantity. A licensed professional engineer was retained to examine the feasibility and cost to develop a County-owned water district to efficiently deliver water purchased from the City of Jamestown to the Towns of North Harmony and Chautauqua. This project examined the need for, and feasibility of, creating a County-owned water district to provide clean and safe drinking water to these County residents. The City of Jamestown is currently evaluating the request to sell water to the proposed County Water District.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Clean and safe drinking water is important to every community for public health and community development purposes. The surficial and bedrock geology of Chautauqua County is diverse, with good quality groundwater-sourced drinking water not available in many areas of the County. The study area has a relatively shallow depth to bedrock and the groundwater resides in localized fracture systems in highly mineralized shales and siltstones, often in close contact with surface water runoff. Conversely, the City of Jamestown’s municipal water system is blessed with two deep and highly productive aquifers in the Cassadaga and Conewango Valleys. The water from these aquifers is of exceptional quality and quantity, and the City’s drinking water distribution system extends through the Village of Lakewood to the southern terminus of the study area. Many Town residents rely on bottled water for drinking and maintain costly water treatment and filtration equipment in their households. A few residents rely on untreated water from Chautauqua Lake for their non-potable water needs. This project would address these challenges to a broad audience.



## INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IDENTIFICATION & DEVELOPMENT



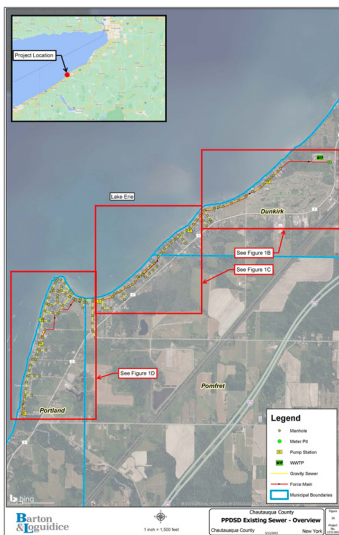
**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$63,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$63,000

**Project Description:** This project helped initiate a process in which Chautauqua County convened various departments to collaborate in order to create a comprehensive inventory of needed infrastructure

investments, focusing on leveraging economic development opportunities. The County contracted with the firm Clark Patterson Lee Engineers to help both identify, prioritize, and advance multiple infrastructure projects, with the goal of better positioning the County in the coming years to take advantage of State and Federal infrastructure funding. Projects include, but are not limited to: water and wastewater infrastructure, transportation projects (i.e. roadway reconstruction, complete street initiatives), harbor improvements, and other related projects.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** When complete, this project will better position Chautauqua County for Federal and State funding for critical infrastructure improvements while helping County departments have a better grasp of priorities.

## PORTLAND POMFRET DUNKIRK SEWER DISTRICT FUNDING GAP



**Department Facilitated:** Portland Pomfret Dunkirk Sewer District (PPDSD)  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$3750  
**Total Project Cost:** \$1,612,00

**Project Description:** Engineer and repair existing infrastructure to reduce the amount of Inflow and Infiltration entering the sanitary sewer system. The Van Buren Point and Shore Acres neighborhoods’ sanitary sewer systems within the PPDSD were both installed in the 1930s, and consist of a combination of vitrified clay and PVC pipe, and brick or precast concrete manholes. A majority of the manholes in the Van Buren Point neighborhood were replaced in the 1980s; however, few additional improvements to the collection system piping had been completed since original construction. Almost no improvements had been made to the Shore Acres neighborhood collection system since original construction. This project addressed those issues.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This work addressed old sewer lines in the PPDSD. A 2022 engineering study of the District’s collection system identified numerous items in need of repair which were allowing for infiltration out of and inflow into the sewer collection system. This caused increase volume to the Fredonia wastewater treatment plan, while also contaminating wells within the affected area. By repairing the infrastructure, a cost savings was realized by the PPDSD and residents in the area saw an environmental benefit.





## STUDY OF PUBLIC SEWERS CHAUTAUQUA LAKE



**Department Facilitated:** Planning & Development/Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$40,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$40,000

**Project Description:** The Department of Planning and Development followed the competitive procurement process to retain the services of a licensed professional engineer to evaluate collection and treatment of wastewater in the area along the northeast of Chautauqua Lake between the terminus of the



North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District service at Galloway Road and the terminus of the Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District service at Midway State Park. A Preliminary Engineering Report was prepared that evaluated all reasonable alternatives and made a recommendation to construct a hybrid collection system to convey sewer flows from an estimated 822 Equivalent Dwelling Units to the South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer District’s Wastewater Treatment Plant in Celoron. The report also identified permitting requirements, estimated capital and operating costs, and funding alternatives.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Chautauqua Lake is a large nutrient rich lake that has been officially designated by The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and United State Environmental Protection Agency as impaired due to

excessive phosphorus loading that is causing problematic growth of nuisance submerged aquatic vegetation and algal blooms. Untreated and poorly treated sewer flows are rich in phosphorous and other nutrients. In addition, harmful algal blooms have become common summertime occurrences that threaten the viability of the lake for its multiple uses. Chautauqua Lake is the primary cultural and recreational attraction in the County. This study identified the best course of action to complete public sewers entirely surrounding Chautauqua Lake, which will reduce the amount of nutrient loading and improve public health.

### ARPA Infrastructure Totals

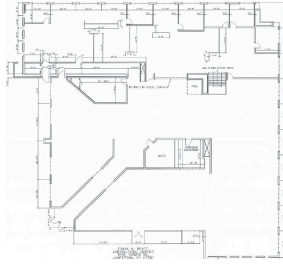
Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Infrastructure Projects: **\$4,909,489**

Total Investment for All Infrastructure Projects: **\$7,565,276**



# Public Facilities Projects

## AG CENTER UPGRADES



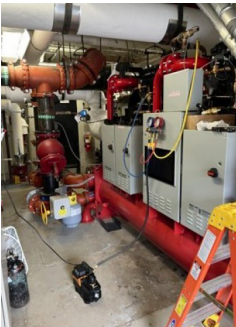
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$7,276  
**Total Project Cost:** \$7,276

**Project Description:** This project was initiated to explore potential upgrades to the Ag Center to accommodate a possible relocation for a County department. A review of the department needs

and an assessment of the building was progressed, but it was determined that this option was not advantageous and the project ceased.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project looked at finding a possible solution for potential department space needs.

## HVAC UPGRADES



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$542,725  
**Total Project Cost:** \$542,725

**Project Description:** The Hall R. Clothier Building houses the central cooling system for the Mayville campus of Chautauqua County Government, along with the County Jail. The central cooling system contains two chillers. One of the chillers was experiencing constant issues requiring repeated maintenance and repairs, which was affecting the operation of the cooling system. This project

replaced one chiller with a more energy efficient, variable drive chiller. This project not only replaced aging equipment that required continual maintenance, but it improved the functionality of the system and reduced energy usage and expenses.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the infrastructure and the comfort for County employees and visitors at the County buildings.

## 60 TON CRANE



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$543,626  
**Total Project Cost:** \$543,626

**Project Description:** Purchase one (1) 2011 Grove TMS 9000E 60-ton crane to replace the existing 1970 Bucyrus 30B crane.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the equipment capabilities of the County Department of Public Facilities.



## DUMP/PLOW TRUCKS



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$535,156  
**Total Project Cost:** \$535,156

**Project Description:** Purchase two (2) 2024 International HX 520 dump/plovers that will replace two (2) existing 2010 International HX 520 dump/plovers.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the equipment capabilities of the County Department of Public Facilities.

## SNOW BLOWER

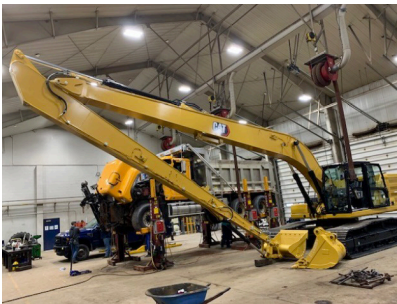


**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$624,050  
**Total Project Cost:** \$624,050

**Project Description:** Purchase one (1) 2024 Larue T-70 Snow Blower to replace the existing 1982 Oshkosh H2218 Snow Blower.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the equipment capabilities of the County Department of Public Facilities.

## LONG ARM EXCAVATOR



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$310,713  
**Total Project Cost:** \$310,713

**Project Description:** Purchase one (1) 2022 CAT 330 LR Excavator for the need of projects that require this specialized long reach machine.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the equipment capabilities of the County Department of Public Facilities.



## ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS) STUDY



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities – Airports (JHW)  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$50,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$50,000

**Project Description:** This project covered the Market Research and Analysis task of the EAS Study for the Jamestown Airport, which included: Catchment analytics Data; Consultant support discussions with the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for air service reinstatement; Virtual Project Status Meetings; and presenting findings of the study to the Chautauqua County Legislature. The data from the Study will be used to submit an EAS funding application to the DOT.

### Next Steps and Action Plan

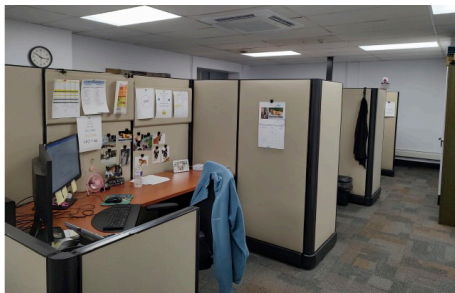
Phases	Activities	Timeline	Owner
1. Stakeholder Buy-in	Community Meetings and Presentations to Garner Support	1-2 months	Passero (ASM) and JHW
2a. Funding Discussions	Work with FAA and DOT along with interested airlines	3-4 months	Passero (ASM) and JHW
2b. Airline Negotiations	Finalize support and agreements with interested airlines	3-4 months	Passero (ASM) and JHW, Community Partners
3. Service Reinstatement	Marketing and airline operations support	4-6 months	Passero (ASM) and JHW, Community Partners, Airline Leadership

**Key Takeaways:**

- EAS provides the most immediate path to reinstating air service, yet will need significant support.
- SCASD funding can support marketing, incentives, and route development – an annual process.
- MRG ensures long-term financial viability for airlines – requires significant investment.
- Collaboration with airlines and stakeholders is critical for success regardless of the approach.
- Legislative support is paramount to achieve intended goal of reinstating commercial air service.

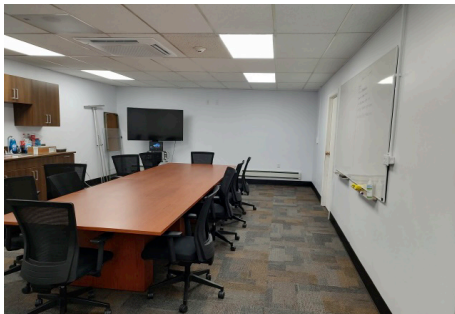
**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project creates the opportunity for the public, including residents, visitors, and businesses, to have commercial air service at JHW; Increase operations at the airport; and provides a revenue generating opportunity.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE EXPANSION



**Department Facilitated:** District Attorney  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$124,708  
**Total Project Cost:** \$124,708

**Project Description:** This project expanded the size of the District Attorney's Office by remodeling the vacant Print Shop immediately adjacent their existing office. The District Attorney's Office staff has increased since 2021 and had outgrown the office to the point that employees were sharing desks and secretaries were sitting in non-office space. The remodel accommodated the increase in staff by providing a new cubical space for secretarial staff, an office for the District Attorney investigators, and a large conference room.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The District Attorney's Office is an extremely high-volume office, serving the Chautauqua County community. The office staff had outgrown the office space which was unprofessional. The ARPA funding provided the opportunity to turn unused space into a professional office for a growing department. The

District Attorney's Office now has a fresh professional look and is functional for all staff employed. This has allowed the office to perform at a higher level and increase the efficiency of all staff members.



## LANDFILL TRAILERS



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$416,289  
**Total Project Cost:** \$416,289

**Project Description:** The Division of Solid Waste had some waste transport trailers that were in deplorable condition and needed to be replaced with new trailers.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Replacing the worn out transfer trailers ensures the County waste disposal system will be safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly for many years to come.

## SHERMAN SHOP FUEL SYSTEM



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$250,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$250,000

**Project Description:** The fuel system at the Sherman Shop was in need of upgrades. The previous existing system utilized below grade fuel tanks that were nearing the end of their life expectancy and the fuel dispensers and operating system needed to be upgraded. This project replaced the below grade tanks with above grade tanks and updated the fuel dispensers and operating system.

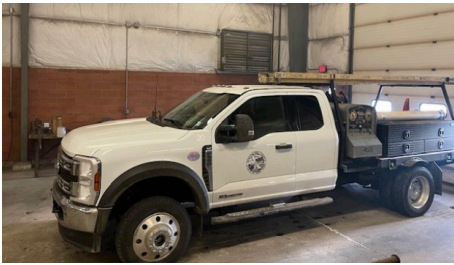
**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The fuel system is a necessary component of DPF operations. The fuel system serves the DPF Sherman equipment and vehicles, as well as adjacent municipal and school district users and sheriff vehicles.

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$416,289  
**Total Project Cost:** \$416,289

**Project Description:** Purchase one (1) 2024 Kenworth Heavy Haul Tractor to replace the existing 2014 Tractor. Purchase one (1) 2025 Ford F-550 Mobile Welding Vehicle to replace the existing 2011 Ford F-350 Welding Vehicle. Purchase one (1) 2024 International HV Sign Truck to replace the existing 2011 Sign Truck.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the equipment capabilities of the County Department of Public Facilities.

## STORAGE ASSESSMENT

FEASIBILITY STUDY

**PROJECT SITES:**

- FALCONER LOCATION**  
454 North Work Street, Falconer NY 14733
- SHERMAN LOCATION**  
Sherman Highway Rd & Sherman Steedman Rd, Sherman NY 14783
- SHERIDAN LOCATION**  
Sheridan Drive, Sheridan, NY 14088
- BLUFF LOCATION**

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

- Building Condition Assessment
- Space Planning Analysis
- Renovation / New Construction Recommendations

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**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$29,610  
**Total Project Cost:** \$29,610

**Project Description:** The purpose of this project was to complete a Feasibility and Architectural Study related to the storage needs and facility recommendations at the Highway Facilities located in Falconer, Sherman, and Sheridan. Many of the current storage buildings located at the Highway Maintenance Facilities are in poor condition. This study included a review of the storage needs of each facility, as well as the building conditions, to make recommendations for repairs to the existing facilities and/or recommendation for new buildings based upon the needs of the facility. The rehab and/or rebuild options involve a significant investment. It was preferred to have a better understanding of need prior to proceeding. Storage facilities are needed to maintain the equipment stored in the facilities in good working order and keep the equipment out of the weather.

FALCONER SITE ANALYSIS

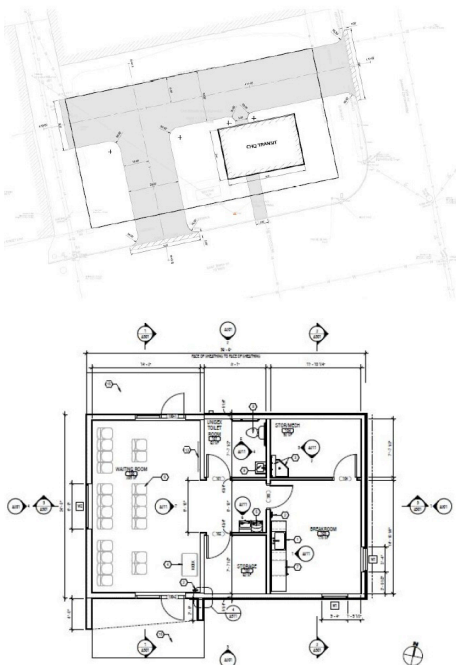
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**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The Highway facilities currently utilize several outbuildings for storage. The storage buildings are vital to DPF operations and are needed to store the equipment and materials out of the elements. Some of these buildings are in very poor condition and are in need of repair, in particular at the Sherman and Falconer facilities. Rather than proposing repairs to the buildings or full replacement, we decided to review the storage needs and devise an improvement plan based on need.





## CHQ TRANSIT HUB



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$100,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$500,000 estimated

**Project Description:** CHQ Transit (previously known as CARTS) had an ongoing project to renovate a former service station for a new transportation hub in the City of Jamestown. CHQ Transit had previously secured funding for the project; however, rising material costs caused the project to require additional funding. During the project, structure issues within the existing building required the project to be redeveloped into a new building for the transportation hub. The funding that was allocated from the available ARPA funding was used to supplement the funding that had previously been secured for the project. The project is ongoing.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Development of a transportation hub for the county-wide bus system.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS EQUIPMENT



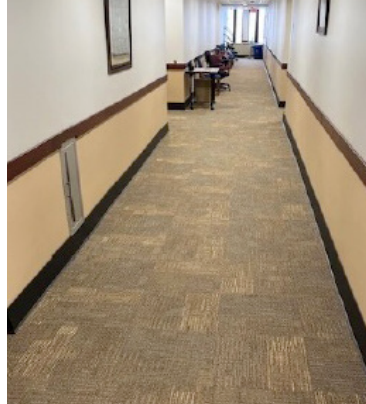
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$26,149  
**Total Project Cost:** \$26,149

**Project Description:** This project included the equipment purchase of a zero turn lawn mower, a Z730 riding mower, and four vacuum cleaners for the Buildings & Grounds Division of the DPF to replace equipment that was worn out and often

times unrepairable. This equipment enhances the efficiency of the Buildings & Grounds division (both in Maintenance & Cleaning).

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This equipment is necessary for Buildings & Grounds operations. The equipment that was requested to be replaced had become worn due to age, and the continual need for repairs and maintenance. This project benefits the County by allowing the Buildings & Grounds staff the ability to complete their tasks in a more effective and efficient manner.

## FINISH CARPETING GOB & HRC ENTRANCES



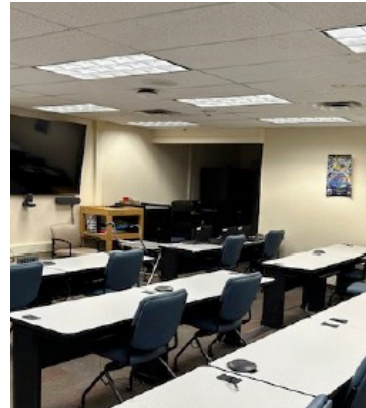
**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$47,091  
**Total Project Cost:** \$47,091

**Project Description:** This project included the extension of the carpet tiles in the remaining corridors of the Gerace Office Building, as well as replacement of the interior entrance matting at the Hall R. Clothier Building. The project was undertaken to enhance the overall appearance of the buildings, create a professional atmosphere, create a general positive attitude for the public

and employees who enter and work there, and continue to help with the safety aspects throughout the facilities by reducing the potential for slips and falls.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project helped to make the hallways safer for employees and the public visiting the facilities by reducing the potential for slip and falls from the hard-surface floors that were present in the corridors prior to the project.

## TRAINING LAB RENOVATIONS



**Department Facilitated:** Information Technology  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$57,004  
**Total Project Cost:** \$57,004

**Project Description:** This project includes updates to the training lab and some minor office renovations in the Gerace Office Building basement. The lab update includes new chairs and laptops. This lab is utilized by many departments for meetings, teleconferences, and trainings. The office renovations include the replacement of a few cubicles for staff.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Many departments utilize the training lab for various purposes.

## SECURITY AT FALCONER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$48,555  
**Total Project Cost:** \$48,555

**Project Description:** The DPF highway facility located in the Village of Falconer was burglarized in the summer of 2024. This project proposed to add/repair fencing around the perimeter of the facility where vehicles and equipment are stored, as well as to add security cameras that will provide surveillance of the entire site.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project provides much needed security improvements to this facility to protect the vehicles, equipment, and materials stored at the site from any potential future vandalism.

## RESURFACING PARKING LOTS HRC/DMV



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$40,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$254,750

**Project Description:** The Department of Public Facilities was in process of completing a project to replace the sidewalks and make parking lot repairs adjacent to the Hall R. Clothier Building (HRC) and employee entrance at the Gerace Office Building (GOB). The additional money received from the available ARPA funding allowed the

project to be expanded to include a full resurfacing and re-stripping of the parking lots adjacent to the HRC Building and GOB employee entrance.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improved the infrastructure at the County buildings.

## ASPHALT HOT BOX TRAILER



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$78,940  
**Total Project Cost:** \$78,940

**Project Description:** Purchase two (2) new Asphalt Hot Box Trailers.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The asphalt trailers will provide additional support to the road maintenance operations.



## RESTAURANT FREEZER REPAIR & APPLIANCES



**Department Facilitated:** Public Facilities – Airports (JHW)

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$23,307

**Total Project Cost:** \$23,307

**Project Description:** In an effort to improve our Restaurant Facilities, at the Chautauqua County – Jamestown Airport, and in anticipation of a new tenant, some of the current equipment was extremely dated, not working properly, and at the end of its useful life. This project enabled the County to undertake improvements to the restaurant which add value for the new tenant, while benefiting the County for years to come. The equipment included a new freezer unit, including a new condenser.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project improves the facilities, which will result in a new lessee and revenue for the County. It also creates an opportunity for the public to utilize the restaurant facility at JHW.

### ARPA Public Facilities Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Public Facilities Projects: **\$4,271,891**

Total Investment for All Public Facilities Projects: **\$5,184,677**



# Public Health & Social Services Projects

## HEALTHY HOMES - LEAD HAZARD REMEDIATION



**Department Facilitated:** Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$700,488

**Total Project Cost:** \$700,488

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Health Department partnered with Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) to conduct lead hazard remediation in owner-occupied homes where children have been identified with elevated blood lead levels. Funds support large scale abatement, such as window/door replacement, as well as treatment to floors and stairs. Contractors complete all abatement required; CCHD inspectors complete clearance sampling. Homeowners are responsible for any painting required on the work plan. CCHD offers free Lead Safe Work Practice training and painting supplies to complete the work. CCHD complete a visual inspection to ensure work is completed.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Addresses inadequate/unsafe housing stock that results in childhood lead exposure and poisoning. Lead poisoning negatively impacts growth, development, learning, and behavior. Negative impacts can last a lifetime and frequently result in additional support needs such as medical/therapy expenses and

special education costs. Funds were used in owner occupied homes to abate lead hazards resulting from high friction surfaces. 16 projects have been completed by the contractors through COI. CCHD is working to train homeowners and will provide supplies for homeowners to complete abatement. Three homes have completed bids while another two homes are in the bidding process. As of December 2024, funds are still available for an estimated three homes.

## STRONG STARTS CHAUTAUQUA



**Department Facilitated:** Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$213,166

**Total Project Cost:** \$213,166

**Project Description:** While Chautauqua County Government has transitioned away from Strong Starts Chautauqua programming, the County's dedication to supporting families and young children in our community remains unwavering. By working collaboratively with local organizations and partners, such as UPMC Chautauqua Hospital, the County aims to address the unique challenges faced by families throughout the county. These efforts include implementing evidence-based screenings and enhancing Early Intervention programs to ensure children

and families have access to the resources and support they need for a healthy and successful start.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Health



## IT UPGRADES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

**Department Facilitated:** Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$9,429

**Total Project Cost:** \$9,555.90

**Project Description:** Following an internal review of the Department's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Information Technology (IT) needs were identified. ARPA funds were used to upgrade IT readiness such that Health Department and Public Health Emergency Preparedness staff are able to mobilize and move into the community with technological support as the need may arise. Funds (\$110,000) were originally allocated for a variety of IT related capabilities. However, following changes in Health Department leadership, a review of the original project resulted in a reduced request that included computer equipment and accessories that allowed staff to be mobile and transition easily into the community.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The new equipment has supported CCHD efforts to meet community members where they are and provide mobile health services that were not previously available to community members. The equipment provides more readiness capability for staff to respond to public health emergencies as they arise.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REPLENISHMENT

**Department Facilitated:** Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$59,201

**Total Project Cost:** \$60,232

**Project Description:** The COVID-19 pandemic forced the County to realize it must maintain a current stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in order to be prepared to address similar public health emergencies. Equipment and supplies were purchased to ensure CCHD staff are ready to respond to public health emergencies and are able to safely perform daily tasks. Items purchased included masks, gloves, surgical hoods, gowns, scrubs, thermometers, sanitizer, wipes, flashlights, insect repellents, various uniforms, and body bags.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Proper PPE is essential to protecting staff and the public we serve. This is a COVID-19 mitigation and prevention strategy to enhance health care capacity in our local health department and other key settings such as Emergency Medical Services, the jail, and shelters. This is an essential and priority use of the ARPA funding.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER MHSS EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER

**Department Facilitated:** Mental Hygiene and Social Services

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$100,000

**Total Project Cost:** approximately \$3,430,175

**Project Description:** Funding for this project is assisting in the establishment of a 19 bed women's homeless shelter in Jamestown. The shelter will be licensed by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Services (OTDA) and will be operational in early-to-mid 2025.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project will address the lack of homeless shelter for women in Chautauqua County.





## PH CONTINUITY AND PHEP PLANNING AND RESPONSE; CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

**Department Facilitated:** Health - Environmental

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$13,394

**Total Project Cost:** \$13,394

**Project Description:** Department of Health and Human Services leadership and key staff members conducted an informal SWAT analysis on June 8, 2021 and based on that, developed proposals to utilize ARPA funding to assist with addressing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats identified. The County is in need of a contractor to analyze the local Health Department's public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the extent to which it followed existing plans and protocols, and to develop a Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant After Action Report (AAR), utilizing Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The staff has been performing above and beyond for 18 months with no immediate relief in sight. An opportunity to debrief, make sure appropriate supports are in place, assess the employee assistance needs related to this real trauma, and build the teams back up is needed.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The analysis of existing plans, the County's overall response efforts, and the development of AARs are critically important, and are also federal and state requirements. Never before have local health departments been called on to respond to such an enormous, long-lasting public health crisis in service to every person and every aspect of this county. This response is not leaving any staff unscathed. It is imperative to support/retain staff and ensure we have the ability to recruit a future public health workforce.

## CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT

**Department Facilitated:** Mental Hygiene and Social Services

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$10,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$10,000

**Project Description:** This project will result in the development of a Chautauqua County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team to deliver peer support designed to assist county employees. It also prevents the onset of delayed psychological reactions and promotes well-being. Employees may reduce stress levels and experience less stress symptoms. CISM is an intervention protocol developed specifically for dealing with traumatic events. It is a formal, highly structured, and professionally recognized process for helping those involved in a critical incident to share their experiences, vent emotions, learn about stress reactions and symptoms, and are given referrals for further help if required. It is not psychotherapy. Training will involve 27 hours of on-site training over a period of three consecutive days, for approximately 15-20 identified County employees.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The project will improve coping skills for future incidents and may reduce the potential for absenteeism, disengagement, diminished productivity, and employee turnover. It also increases an employee's ability to more effectively engage with clients in the community and minimizes mental/emotional repercussions. Finally, the project also bridges knowledge gaps and provides additional perspectives on incidents.



## CORONER VEHICLE

**Department Facilitated:** Health – Coroner’s Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$71,135

**Total Project Cost:** \$71,135

**Project Description:** The Coroner Program was in need of a vehicle for transportation of decedents to the Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office for autopsy and to haul a portable pull-behind morgue trailer system. This vehicle will also house equipment needed for scene processing that is not readily available to our coroners now. The Coroner’s Office will enlist coroners to transport decedents to defray costs by decreasing mileage expenses for the on-call Coroner and not paying for other entities to transport.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Having a vehicle to tow the portable morgue is beneficial and will align with the county’s emergency preparedness plan. Currently the county pays contracted transporters approximately \$475 per decedent transported to the Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office in Buffalo. In 2022, 119 bodies were transported to Buffalo at a cost of \$55,000. This will reduce the annual transport costs significantly, saving taxpayer dollars. Note: Vehicle and equipment are ordered but have not been received yet.

## MORGUE



**Department Facilitated:** Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$78,257

**Total Project Cost:** \$78,257

**Project Description:** The Coroner Program is in need of a morgue to serve as a temporary housing spot for decedents and to serve as part of the County’s mass disaster plan. The recent pandemic taught the County that mass casualties can occur. If the County becomes overburdened with



decedents, it is crucial to have proper storage. The space is needed for emergencies, such as the winter storm in December 2022 that closed the City of Buffalo leaving no means for coroners to transport decedents to Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office. Lastly, it is becoming more common that coroner’s are unable to locate next of kin or need to arrange with Social Services for burial of indigent decedents. The Coroner needs time to look for next of kin and Social Services needs time to check for eligibility. This necessitates the decedents being housed temporarily until final arrangements can be made. Other counties will hold decedents in their morgue for a short period of time until the next of kin or Social Services can be contacted. Chautauqua County does not currently have a means to do this.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project will allow for proper temporary storage of decedents. The County has exhausted all efforts to find adequate storage within Chautauqua County. It truly is a public health necessity. Local hospitals and the one funeral home in Chautauqua County that has cold storage for decedents are hesitant to hold coroner decedents because some can be partially decomposed, leaving an odor in their facility which, obviously, is not conducive to business. Having the morgue available will be an integral part of the Chautauqua County mass disaster response plan. Note: Ordered but has not been delivered.



## PEER SUPPORT FOR UPMC OBSTETRIC AND MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS SERVING CLIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE USE

**Department Facilitated:** Mental Hygiene and Social Services, Health

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$164,834

**Total Project Cost:** \$164,834

**Project Description:** ARPA funds were requested to initiate a project lead by UPMC Chautauqua, the sole maternity unit in Chautauqua County. This project will add specially trained UPMC Peer(s) with UPMC Outpatient Obstetric practice and UPMC Maternity unit. In recognition of national and County statistics of notable struggles specific to substance use during pregnancy; funds will be directed at impacting pregnant patients of UPMC Outpatient Obstetric and Maternity care. The funds will be used to hire and train an additional UPMC Certified Peer Specialist and build a sustainable on-boarding training plan for staff at UPMC Outpatient Obstetric and Maternity programs. The training curriculum is a compilation of evidence-based programming, and will include localized education of accessible support and services throughout Chautauqua County. Sustainability will be a key feature of planning and implementation. This will be addressed through the development of on-boarding and training materials as well as the achievement of billing for applicable services.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The project is directly empowering caregivers of our County's future generation. New mothers, families, and children will be approached proactively and responsively with additional support. The project will have ancillary benefits to community providers, especially peer providers, through consistent engagement of the network of supports county-wide. Impact of this project will be determined through individuals served, responses to outreach, surveys of participants, etc.

### ARPA Public Health and Social Services Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Public Health & Social Services Projects: **\$1,419,904**

Total Investment for All Public Health & Social Services Projects: **\$4,751,237**





# Public Safety Projects

## HANDGUNS

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$44,208

**Total Project Cost:** \$44,208

**Project Description:** The Sheriff's Office was able to purchase new 9mm handguns for its Law Enforcement Division. The office's previous sidearms were starting to fail and were of a different caliber, resulting in ammunition costs and availability becoming burdensome. The purchase of the new 9mm weapons afforded the office the ability to purchase ammunition, save money, and become more proficient.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## PERSONAL BALLISTIC VESTS

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$30,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$30,000, but ongoing costs

**Project Description:** The Sheriff's Office was able to purchase new ballistic vests for 30 deputies. This was necessary because the vests that they previously had used had become outdated and their life expectancy had gone well beyond industry standards. The office has now placed money in its annual budget to replace up to 10 vests a year so that it can continue to provide adequate equipment for its employees.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## BODY AND MAIL SCANNERS

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$299,350

**Total Project Cost:** \$ 299,350

**Project Description:** Throughout the COVID Pandemic the Sheriff's Office saw an increase in contraband being smuggled into the jail, either on or in individuals bodies or through the mail system. The body and mail scanners have provided the office with the necessary tools to scan for contraband and assist in reducing the contraband coming into the jail. These scanners have assisted in maintaining a safer and secure jail.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.



## EMS COMMUNICATIONS



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$174,993  
**Total Project Cost:** \$174,993

**Project Description:** This project allowed Emergency Services to upgrade portable and mobile radios for the Fire Coordinator and Medical staff to newer trunked radios.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project allowed Emergency Services to upgrade the County’s portable radios for the Fire Coordinator and Medical staff to newer trunked radio, that work on our radio system, and offer enhanced inter-operability on local, state and national levels. This project also allowed the County to add some mobile radios for needed vehicles to improve public safety.

## MOBILE MESSAGE BOARDS



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$29,910  
**Total Project Cost:** \$29,910

**Project Description:** The purchase of two towable programmable variable message boards for emergency and planned events.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This ARPA project funded two (2) vehicle-towed message boards. These message boards are available for deployment throughout the county for emergency calls, preplanned clinic sites, public relations events, and any type of situation where traffic control notifications would be useful. The boards are a significant community asset that the County can deploy very rapidly. These are very helpful in not only emergency situations, but other community events. Additionally, many levels of county government are benefiting from these being in the county inventory.

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER UPGRADES

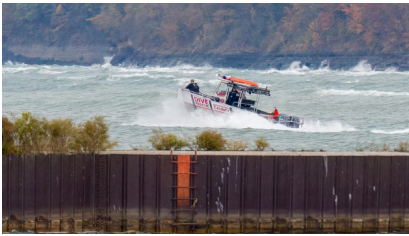
**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$41,606  
**Total Project Cost:** \$41,606

**Project Description:** The current Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was in need of several technology upgrades, and other upgrades, so that it can be more effectively utilized.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** In this request, Emergency Services asked for the EOC to be upgraded with new computers, dedicated ZOOM video conferencing equipment, and some other support infrastructure to enable the current EOC to be a better suited workspace for staff to function within the event that the EOC is activated, and a better and more workable area for when the County needs the space for other in-county operations, much like the needs created by the recent pandemic.



## DIVE BOAT REPLACEMENT



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$183,135  
**Total Project Cost:** \$183,135

**Project Description:** Replacement of the smaller and outdated existing dive boat with a vessel that is more rescue capable.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** As the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office's water rescue team expanded, the old vessel had been maxed to capabilities with current space for equipment and personnel. This new boat has greater capacity for rescue and other water-borne missions where it is needed. This boat has more enhanced rescue features than the old boat.

With the many bodies of water in Chautauqua County, having a ready and capable rescue boat is essential. This boat has already proven to be a life-saver, as it has been deployed on Lake Erie for that purpose.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GEAR



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$146,771  
**Total Project Cost:** \$146,771

**Project Description:** Purchase of additional Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators and automatic CPR devices for Chautauqua County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for use in the field by the county's fly-cars and ambulances.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project enabled the purchase of additional EMS equipment and gear. This equipment was purchased so that the County's current fly-cars and ambulances will have parity of equipment, and all vehicles will be equally suited to respond to any call or situation. It is proven that the early application of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) /Cardiac Defibrillator and good CPR is paramount to saving lives for people in cardiac arrest.

## BODY CAMERAS

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$30,848  
**Total Project Cost:** \$30,848

**Project Description:** The Sheriff's Office has used body cameras for several years. Over the past six years, it has had to improve the technology and ability to store the videos. This project permitted the office to ensure all of its patrol deputies and jail supervisors were properly equipped with body cameras. It also allows the office the ability to review and maintain records on the cloud.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.





## JAIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$111,800

**Total Project Cost:** \$111,800

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Jail is definitely showing its age. The original section of the jail was opened in 1939, and the new section of the jail was built in 2014. The facility is in operation 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, and occupied by individuals that don't take great care of the facility. The needs assessment was used to assist in determining the long term needs of the jail (population estimates and programming needs) as well as provide a design for future upgrades. This was requested because the Sheriff's Office does not anticipate being able to keep sections of the jail functioning. The assessment is still being worked on, discussed, and once complete will assist in developing a final plan for modifications and/or new construction.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## SWAT TEAM BEARCAT

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$388,648

**Total Project Cost:** \$388,648

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office operates a part time (on call) SWAT Team to assist in responses to dangerous circumstances, including: barricaded subjects, hostage calls, and dangerous search warrants. For many years, the office has utilized a converted armored car as its SWAT Vehicle, which provided safety for officers. The modified armored car was at end of its life and had rusted out; it no longer was able to provide the protection required. The Bearcat vehicle not only provides the needed protection, but is easier to drive and more economical.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## TYLER CIVIL SERVE LICENSE

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$15,698

**Total Project Cost:** \$15,698

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office operates the civil division (court services), which is mandated by New York State. The Tyler Civil Serve License permits two additional officers to be able to properly log in and track transactions in the civil office. This resulted in enhanced efficiency and accuracy.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.



## DISPATCH FURNITURE

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff’s Office  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$342,144  
**Total Project Cost:** \$342,144

**Project Description:** The Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Office operates the county dispatch center. The dispatch center dispatches all 42 fire departments in the county, as well as the majority of police departments. It is also responsible for 911 and administrative calls. There are two centers, one in Mayville and one in Jamestown, thus helping the office to be prepared in case one center has a catastrophic failure. All dispatch counsels, lighting, and furniture were updated. This not only improved the workplace atmosphere but enhanced the ability to hear callers and properly dispatch the various emergency units.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE GEAR



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$52,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$52,000

**Project Description:** Purchase of firefighter protective turn-out gear for Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services’ (CCOES) Staff Fire and Deputy Fire Coordinators.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The CCOES Fire Coordinator staff responds to calls 24/7, 365 days a year, and need to have the basic protective gear to do so. This project included the purchase of 12 new firefighter turn out gear sets that include: firefighter coat, pants, hood, boots, gloves, helmet, reflective vests, and thermal imagers.

## TRACKED UTV



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$50,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$50,000

**Project Description:** This project enabled the County to purchase a tracked Utility Tasked Vehicle (UTV) and trailer for Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services.



**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project resulted in the purchase of a Crew Cab UTV with both tracks and wheels for year round use. This UTV is heated and is set up for off-road rescue as well as wintertime movement. The recent winter storms in Western New York demonstrated that these types of vehicles were in high demand for emergent situations in all areas.



## CLASS B FOAM



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$57,030

**Total Project Cost:** \$57,030

**Project Description:** This project enabled the County to purchase new technology Class "B" Firefighting Foam, and distribute to all 42 fire departments in the County, as well as for use by the County's Haz Mat Team.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project focused on working to equip fire departments in the County with the newer style Class "B" foam for firefighting. This newer style foam does not contain the harmful "PFAs" that the older foam contained. It is a highly effective foam used for fighting high-hazard flammable liquid fires, such as gasoline, oil, and jet fuel. This newer foam will be safer for firefighters and the community those firefighters serve.

## WATER RESCUE DIVE TRUCK



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$75,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$75,000

**Project Description:** This project enabled the County to purchase a new vehicle for the County Water Emergency Team, replacing a converted ambulance that had previously been used.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project replaced an outdated converted ambulance with a purpose built truck to support the moving of boats and water rescue equipment. This vehicle provides a safe means of personnel and equipment transport for our Water Rescue Team. This vehicle also supports the Emergency Service Fleet with the movement of trailers as needed.

## EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$19,284

**Total Project Cost:** \$19,284

**Project Description:** This project provides for a platform to enhance the safety of employees working in the County buildings by providing an interactive smartphone app platform to notify 911 in the event of an emergency.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This system provides for a smartphone mobile app that, with the push of a button, instantly communicates any type of emergency to 911, while simultaneously connecting to on-site personnel, first responders, and those involved in keeping everyone informed and engaged throughout a situation.



## VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING UNIT

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff’s Office  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$200,000  
**Total Project Cost:** \$200,000

**Project Description:** The Virtual Reality Unit will enhance officers’ ability to not only respond and handle emergency calls properly, but will also assist in learning deescalation skills. By using virtual reality, the Sheriff’s Office will also be able to save considerable amount of money as it will not be needing to use live ammunition or taser cartridges in training.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## VARIOUS JAIL PROJECTS



**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff’s Office  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$68,017  
**Total Project Cost:** \$68,017



**Project Description:** The Various Projects at the Chautauqua County Jail encompass a broad range of improvements aimed at enhancing the safety, security, and operational efficiency of the facility. These projects include a new Taser to replace the outdated Taser x26 with the Taser 7, new lockers to replace the rusted lockers donated to the facility in the 1980s, mats and gear for training of the Corrections Emergency Response Team, and improvements to the break room that include a new sink and bottle filling station. The goal of these upgrades is to ensure a safer environment for all personnel, improve the functionality of the facility, and meet evolving safety standards. The aforementioned projects are part of ongoing efforts to support the well-being and effectiveness of the jail’s operations

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## COMMUNITY SMOKE DETECTORS

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff’s Office  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$22,407  
**Total Project Cost:** \$22,407

**Project Description:** The Community Smoke Detectors project was developed as a result of a suggestion made by the Chautauqua County Legislature, due to several unfortunate fatal fires in the County. Hundreds of smoke detectors were distributed to families that did not have the potentially life saving devices installed in their homes. Some were also installed by staff.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.



## FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING SYSTEM

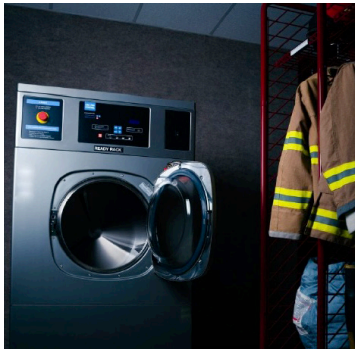


**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$25,896  
**Total Project Cost:** \$25,896

**Project Description:** The Office of Emergency Services needed to purchase a portable fire extinguisher training system to train employees and staff in the safe use of fire extinguishers, without exposing them to dangerous fire conditions and the discharge of real extinguishers. This system is electronic and safe to use indoors.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The use of LED-driven digital flames and a laser training extinguisher provide a dynamic and realistic simulation for trainees, while eliminating the hazards associated with conventional fire extinguisher training and making it easy to perform multiple trainings.

## FIRE FIGHTER GEAR WASHER



**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$28,653  
**Total Project Cost:** \$28,653

**Project Description:** The Office of Emergency Services was in need of a washer extractor and gear dryer for firefighter turn-out gear.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** In an effort to keep firefighters safe, it is essential to wash the turn-out gear that is worn in order to remove the carcinogens that may be in the gear after use. These types of washer extractors are more than just washers, they also extract the "bad stuff" out of the garments. The County also bought a drying unit and solvents. These purchases will not only help to extend the life of gear, it will help keep the firefighters safer.

## TAYLOR TRAINING CENTER AIR CONDITIONING

**Department Facilitated:** Emergency Services  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$19,725  
**Total Project Cost:** \$19,725

**Project Description:** Replace an air conditioning unit and set up at the Taylor Training Center in Jamestown.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project funded the replacement of an air conditioning unit at the fire training center in Jamestown. The unit that was there was non-functioning and had been sourced from another building many years ago. This training center is used by not only fire departments, but also police and other government groups for many different training exercises.

## JAIL PERSONAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$11,871

**Total Project Cost:** \$11,871

**Project Description:** The Jail Personal Property System was purchased to assist the Chautauqua County Jail in storing the property of incarcerated individuals. The system allows the Sheriff's Office to vacuum-seal the inmate's personal property, which not only assists in saving space but also protects against allowing any foreign substances to permeate the jail facility.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## OUTWARD MINDSET TRAINING

**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

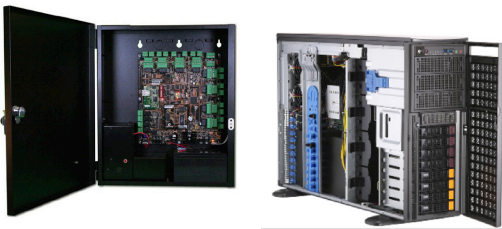
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$180,419

**Total Project Cost:** \$180,419

**Project Description:** The Outward Mindset training project is an agency-wide program that will assist in officer safety, community safety, and accountability for all. This is a multi-year training that has begun by initially training every supervisor in the agency. The Sheriff's Office is continuing ongoing training and coaching through 2025 with the supervisors, and will also be conducting a "train the trainer" course for two segments of Outward Mindset classes: Outward Performance and Outward Inclusion, which every employee of the Sheriff's Office will complete. These courses help each employee to consider the need, desires, and concerns of others when interacting.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## COUNTY JAIL SERVER REPLACEMENT & UPGRADES



**Department Facilitated:** Sheriff's Office

**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$267,974

**Total Project Cost:** \$267,974

**Project Description:** This project replaces the servers, controllers, and supporting workstations for the door control system at the County Jail. Replacing these older and failing technologies

strengthens the safety and security of both jail staff and inmates. A reliable and high performing door control system is critical to daily jail operations.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** Public Safety.

## ARPA Public Safety Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Public Safety Projects: **\$2,917,387**

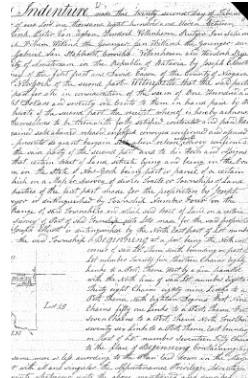
Total Investment for All Public Safety Projects: **\$2,917,387**





# Miscellaneous Projects

## DIGITIZATION OF COUNTY RECORDS



**Department Facilitated:** County Clerk  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$193,808  
**Total Project Cost:** Pending

**Project Description:** This project includes two different components. The first component aimed at covering employee expenses for two staff members tasked with scanning records for the County’s Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU). The primary objective was to create additional office space to comply with the Covid-19 social distancing guidelines. However, the project was not completed due to changes in space requirements, limitations of the supporting

software, and the mid-project retirement of the staff managing the project. Total Cost of this component was approximately \$18,188.

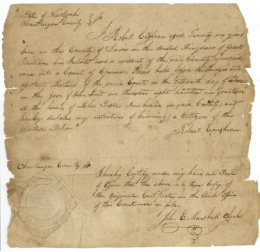
The second component was an initiative that focused on the digitization of County Land Records, beginning with Deeds dating back to 1811, along with relevant surveys and associated documents. The project is aimed at digitizing over 800,000 images, which, once completed, will be uploaded to the County Clerk’s records software and made accessible to the public through a subscription service on [www.searchiqs.com](http://www.searchiqs.com). As the project nears completion, approximately 5,000 images remain for review and enhancement. All images that have completed review and enhancement are available on the website or through public computers in the Clerk’s Office. The project is expected to be fully completed by Spring 2025. The total cost of this component will be the remaining project balance.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** The objective of the first component of the project was to ensure compliance with state mandates while providing a safe working environment for staff in the CSEU department. By utilizing in-house labor, the project was aimed at minimizing outsourcing costs. Additionally, efforts were made to leverage existing software solutions already provided to the Records department, optimizing resources, and enhancing efficiency.

The second component of the project will enhance the preservation of historical documents for the County, beginning with Land Records due to their high demand and frequent usage. These records are crucial, as they impact the daily operations of the County and its residents, yet they are deteriorating due to poor physical condition. By digitizing these records, we have significantly reduced the need for physical handling, thereby minimizing wear and tear while ensuring their long-term preservation.

Furthermore, the digitization of these records has greatly improved operational efficiency for Clerk staff, attorneys, surveyors, and state agencies who regularly rely on this information. The transition to digital formats has streamlined access, enabling faster processing and retrieval. As a result, turnaround times for requests have been substantially reduced, benefiting both internal users and the public. The increased accessibility and efficiency have notably enhanced overall service delivery and responsiveness.

## DIGITIZATION OF NATURALIZATION RECORDS



**Department Facilitated:** County Clerk  
**ARPA Funds Allocated Toward The Project:** \$72,816  
**Total Project Cost:** Pending

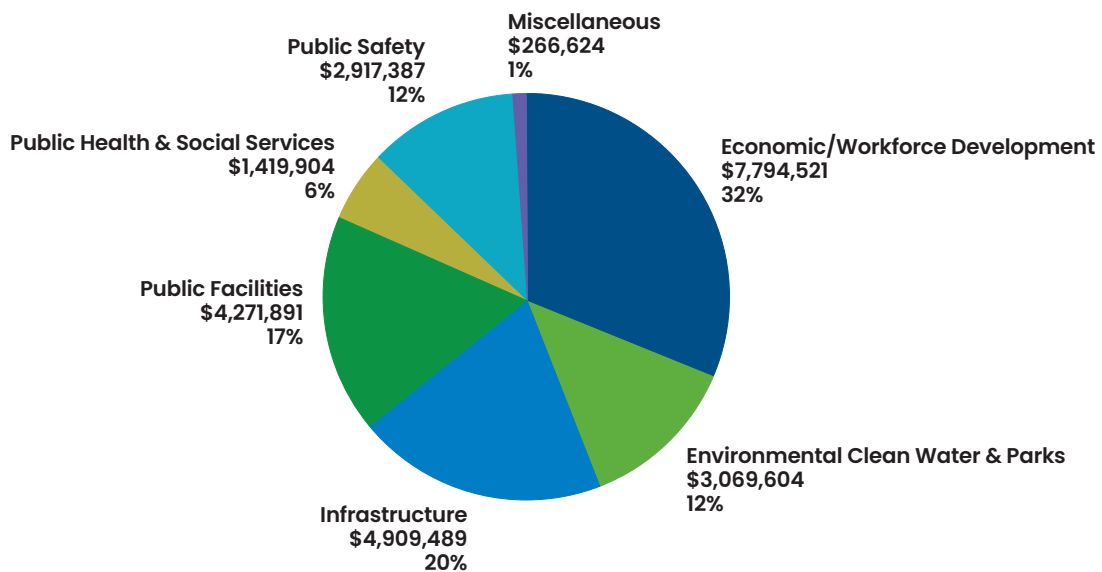
**Project Description:** The project seeks to digitize Chautauqua County’s naturalization records, some of which date back to the founding of the County. In many instances, these records represent the only existing physical copies, with no duplicable formats available. This presents a significant preservation risk, as the documents are deteriorating over time. By digitizing these records, we will create digital replicas that can be easily accessed and reproduced, ensuring the long-term preservation of this valuable historical information for future generations.

**Countywide Need Project Addresses:** This project addresses the critical need for improved efficiency and preservation of County Naturalization records. By significantly reducing the turnaround time for record requests from several weeks to same-day or next-day service, it will enhance access for residents and descendants of former residents who require essential documentation. Additionally, the digitization and improved handling of these records will protect and preserve these fragile documents, minimizing physical handling and ensuring their longevity for future generations.

### ARPA Miscellaneous Totals

Total ARPA Funds Allocated Toward Miscellaneous Projects: **\$266,624**  
 Total Investment for Miscellaneous Projects: **\$266,624**

### Total ARPA Funds Allocated \$24,649,420



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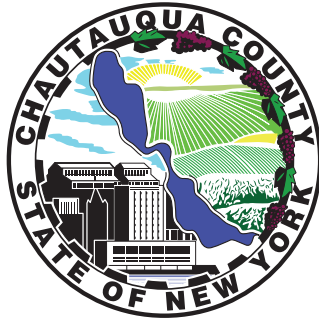
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