

Department Name	County Executive's Office
Account(s)	1230

Department Function
The County Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of County government, elected by the voters of Albany County to a four-year term of office. Responsibilities of the Office include directing, coordinating and monitoring the activities of all County administrative units under the County Executive's control; appointing administrative heads of departments; approving and executing contracts and agreements for the County as authorized; directing the creation of the Proposed Annual Budget; maintaining communications with federal, state and local governments; implementing policy; and directing special projects requiring interdepartmental coordination. We serve a diverse population of close to 315,000 residents per the 2020 census. Within our municipal boundaries are three cities, six villages and ten towns in an area that covers 582 square miles.

Current Year Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began asbestos abatement and demolition of Central Warehouse after securing a combined \$14.6 million in federal and state support. • Formed the Albany County Pine Hills Land Authority, which acquired the former College of Saint Rose Campus as part of the Reimagine Saint Rose redevelopment project. • Opened the Events and Athletic Center for public programs at the former St. Rose Campus. • Renovated Upper Camp at Lawson Lake County Park, now officially making the entire facility available for public use. • Officially acquired the Cohoes Aquatic Center and began renovations to allow for recreational programming. • Launched new Street Psychiatry program to increase services to the most vulnerable residents. • Worked with multiple regional partners and municipalities to develop the Comprehensive Multi-Modal Broadway Corridor Transportation study. • Added Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District to Albany County's School Bus Safety stop arm camera program, the final eligible school district in the County. • Created new Drivers Education grant program for schools to provide additional resources for new drivers through Bus Patrol funding, complimenting the Defensive Driving reimbursement program launched last year. • Established a first-time homebuyer navigator program with the County Legislature to improve access to affordable housing. • Partnered with the Advance Albany County Alliance to provide millions of dollars in funds to local companies, non-profits, and individuals through the STAGE Act and Arts and Culture funding. • Collaborated with the Community Loan Fund to distribute nearly \$1 million in small business grants throughout the County. • Awarded over \$800,000 in funding from New York State's Clean Energy Communities Program as a result of the completion of clean energy action items and regional leadership status. • Acquired Switzkill Farm, adding to the County's outdoor recreation space and preserving land. • Became an anchor training facility for Fundamentals of Probation Practice offering training to nearby counties. • Fully rolled out the March-On program to include volunteers and professional veteran navigators partnering with Department of Mental Health to reduce veteran suicide. • Provided \$150,000 to DOH Willow program to give extra support, education, and supplies to 150+ new and expecting mothers and young children. • Initiated legal literacy program through the Public Defender's Office to educate individuals on their rights inside and outside the courtroom. • Implemented a new telematics GPS tracking system into the Albany County fleet to improve oversight and efficiency of County vehicles. • Enacted a moratorium on the land spreading of biosolid manure in order to protect natural resources. • Celebrated the graduation of the first class of a new certified nursing aide (CNA) training program developed as a proactive response to the projected shortage of nurses. • Partnered with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board to launch On-the-Job Training/ Incumbent Worker Business & Trainee Services and renew our ReEntry Services Program. • Commissioned six murals as part of the "Within Us" project to use art as a catalyst for healing and discourse around difficult subject matters, such as mental health and suicide. • Formed new financial partnership with the Albany Capital Center to support their expansion that will help fund economic development throughout the county. • Secured property for construction of new fire tower training facility at the Port of Albany. • Invested over \$1.5 Million in Opioid Settlement Funds into a series of new initiatives and staff positions to expand addiction prevention, education, treatment, and recovery services to combat the opioid crisis.

Next Year Projects

- Complete demolition of the Central Warehouse in the City of Albany.
- Launch the Youth Safety & Leadership Pathways initiative to reduce violence and empower youth through leadership opportunities
- Establish the Juvenile Justice Youth Advisory Committee with \$25,000 for peer-led anti-violence projects.
- Collaborate with other county agencies to provide engaging teen night programming in communities most impacted by violence.
- Implement a countywide truancy prevention collaboration to support youth attendance and engagement.
- Officially open Lawson Lake Upper Camp as a county hub for healing and learning, trauma retreats, youth violence prevention, multi county departmental collaboration, leadership development, and community-based overnight programming.
- Create nature-based wellness program at Lawson Lake County Park for the residents of Shaker Place, providing transportation to the remote oasis.
- Host a Homeless and Housing Solutions Summit event with area housing stakeholders to streamline and expand housing opportunities Further renovate and improve the Shaker Place Campus to maximize its full potential including the renovation of three floors of the tower building.
- Finish work on the rooftop canopy solar array at MVP Arena parking garage.
- Complete the Albany County Broadband Access Initiative, expanding of high-speed broadband access to an additional 1,000 rural households working towards 100% broadband coverage countywide.
- Renovate and enhance the Cherry Avenue Rail Trail underpass area with new amenities.
- Increase the number of electric vehicles charging stations for both private use and County use and further expand electric vehicle fleet, with the projected goal of a fully electric light-duty fleet by 2030.
- Identify and implement opportunities for retrofitting County facilities with green energy alternatives to lower carbon emissions and energy costs.
- Develop and implement a County-wide Climate Action Plan that will approach lowering emissions and energy costs from a much broader and all-encompassing perspective.
- Identify opportunities for the St. Rose campus for housing initiatives, local businesses, higher educational opportunities, medical practices and research organizations.
- Work with local partners to develop plans for County-owned properties for the purposes of economic development in the City of Albany and beyond, and increase residential ownership and rehabilitation of derelict properties throughout the County.
- Secure funding for renovation of Events & Athletic Center and Hellman Library at the Saint Rose Campus for development into a community center.
- Leverage over \$400,000 of ESD grant funding for renovation of old freight depot along at the Slingerlands trailhead into a community space focusing on public health.
- Further expand ACCORD, MOTOR and LEAD to additional partner municipalities.

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