

Division of Planning, Community Development and Real Property

To our partners in planning,

During this time of social distancing and self-isolation, Sullivan County Planning has had to suspend our training events for planning and zoning board members, and other municipal officials. But we are assembling useful resources and information for continuing education online. Links to a sampling are provided below. Please reach out to our office at <u>planning@co.sullivan.ny.us</u> for additional resources on specific topics affecting your community. If you do engage in on-line education, let us know what you've found valuable and we'll share your picks with the Sullivan County planning community.

Be safe and stay well, Shannon Cilento, Community Development & Grants Planner

<u>New York Department of State Virtual Trainings</u>: Trainings on demand include aging in place, ethics, historic preservation, ZBA overview, and more. Certificates and training credits are available; participants must self-report to their municipality.

<u>Incremental Development Alliance</u>: IncDev will be hosting a series of online trainings throughout April including topics such as best practices for zoning and building policy, strengthening your tax base through small-scale development, building resiliency, and more.

Topic-specific resources: based on feedback from past training evaluation forms, we're providing some virtual resources below for both short-term rentals and dark skies concepts. We've hosted trainings on both of these topics and the reading materials are available below for continued learning. Short-term rentals <u>A Guide to Smart AirBnB Regulation for Local Governments</u> <u>A Practical Guide to Effectively Regulating Short-Term Rentals</u> <u>Short-Term Rental Ordinance Recommendations</u> <u>Short-Term Rental Model Ordinance</u> Dark skies <u>Dark Sky Planning Manual</u> <u>Model Lighting Ordinance</u> Blinded by Light Pollution Municipal Regulation of Outdoor Lighting Dark Skies, Bright Future LED Lighting: A Practical Guide Lighting for Policy Makers

The 2020 Census is underway and is ready for Sullivan County to respond. Although the need for social distancing has temporarily suspended face to face outreach and assistance it has never been easier to respond to the census on your own—whether online, over the phone, or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker. And with the economic challenges brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, it has never been more important for all Sullivan County residents to be counted so we can get our full share of federal funding for education, healthcare, roads, veterans services and more. Please complete the census questionnaire for your household, and spread the word through your business, personal and social networking activities. Here are some key links:

To complete the census online, go to: https://my2020census.gov To complete the census by phone, call: English: 844-330-2020 Spanish: 844-468-2020 TDD (Telephone Display Device): 844-467-2020 Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020 Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020 Vietnamese: 844-461-2020 Korean: 844-392-2020 Russian: 844-417-2020 Arabic: 844-416-2020 Tagalog: 844-478-2020 Polish: 844-479-2020 French: 844-494-2020 Haitian Creole: 844-477-2020 Portuguese: 844-474-2020 Japanese: 844-460-2020

To Census Bureau also offers web pages and guides in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, as well as guides in Braille and large print. Visit <u>Language Support</u> to learn more.

All Census responses are kept confidential.. Everyone currently living in Sullivan County must get counted, regardless of whether or not they are a citizen.



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