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# **2022 ALBANY COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET**

## **INTRODUCTION AND HIGHLIGHTS MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE**



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County Executive

**M. David Reilly**  
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# 2022 BUDGET MESSAGE FROM DANIEL P. McCOY

When I wrote this message two years ago, I could never have imagined the global events that have transpired over the last 18 months. In Albany County, we have tragically lost hundreds of our friends, family members and neighbors to COVID-19 and we have all felt the impacts of the pandemic on our lives. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all who have helped in this fight: those who are vaccinated; the healthcare workers who treated the ill; our essential workers, including many County employees, who kept our society functioning; and all the residents of Albany County who found ways to give back during these challenging times. We came together as a society in a time of need and showed what we are made of.

The economic impacts of this pandemic will be felt for years to come and will have repercussions that we cannot yet fully grasp. What portion of the workforce will continue to work remotely? How will this impact our business districts and alter home buying pressures throughout the County? When will leisure and business travel return to pre-pandemic levels? When will global supply chains catch up with the myriad shortages that impact consumer and businesses on a regular basis? Everything from items in our grocery stores to essential components needed to build cars have been affected. These factors need to be considered when making forecasts for our economic future and have been incorporated into this budget. Recent upticks in our sales tax collections are very welcome but their sustainability is not yet known. The COVID-19 virus continues to evolve and we must be vigilant and continue the path of prudent fiscal management that we have been on since I took office in 2012.

When I was sworn in as County Executive we faced significant financial challenges. Through hard work, partnerships, and well thought out plans we righted the ship and built our reserves to all-time highs. We did this while also expanding services and maintaining one of the lower effective property tax rates in New York State. Our reserves allowed us to make it through the economic shutdown without layoffs or furloughs and in many cases we increased our assistance to those in need.

Building upon the success of the Early Separation Payout (ESP) program, I tasked my staff to work with all departments to formalize long-term plans for their workforce. This Comprehensive Workforce Development Plan will guide us as we modernize and invest in our workforce. It will make us more efficient, increase utilization of new technology, and provide more opportunities for our employees to advance their careers with the County without placing an undue burden on our taxpayers. The approaches taken by departments will vary, but they will all work toward the same goal of modernizing our workforce and improving the way we deliver services to the residents of Albany County. .

We continue to focus on economic development through the growth of our Local Development Corporation focused specifically on the needs of Albany County. The Advance Albany County Alliance collaborates with public, private and non-profit partners to create robust economic opportunities for all residents and has already played a part in local economic victories in the growth of the offshore wind industry, retention of local employers, and support for small businesses. The County Legislature has been a true partner in this enterprise and we look forward to building on these early successes. This will be a key component in defining our economic future as we determine our “new normal” and I have included \$250,000 in this budget to help support this initiative.

Another initiative that will be vital to our rebuilding effort will be the Albany County Land Bank. The economic shutdown brought with it a foreclosure moratorium, pausing the County tax foreclosure process. The Land Bank is uniquely positioned to help the County and its residents to manage the impacts that will be felt by the resumption of this process. This budget contains an additional \$250,000 in grant funding to the Land Bank, bringing our total level of support to \$3,500,000 during my time in office.

This is the fourth year of Statewide Implementation of the Hurrell-Harring indigent legal defense reform that I championed with our partners in the State Legislature. The program is fully funded by New York State and continues to improve indigent legal services by increasing access to quality defense and reducing caseloads for the County’s defense attorneys.

I would like to thank legislative leadership for working with my administration in our effort to keep Albany County moving forward with our mutual goal of improving the quality of life for our residents while maintaining fiscal prudence. I look forward to reviewing the budget together over the coming weeks and steering the County toward a better economic future.

# ALBANY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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**Honorable Craig D. Apple**

County Sheriff

**Honorable Bruce A. Hidley**

County Clerk

**Honorable Susan A. Rizzo**

County Comptroller

**Honorable P. David Soares**

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