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Hudson Valley Film Commission Receives UCIDA Grant

Legislator Susan Zimet, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature's Arts, Education, Tourism, and Community Relations Committee is pleased to announce a grant award for the Hudson Valley Film Commission. The award of \$50,000.00 was secured from the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), to be used for generating film development in Ulster County.

Zimet advised, "The work of film commissions is economic development at its finest. It brings in jobs that normally many have to travel to New York City for, and creates internship opportunities for many of our teenagers. It brings money into the County to caterers, restaurants, hotels, and car rentals, hardware stores and on and on."

The work of a local film commission is of vital importance to attract the industry to Ulster County. Film studios need experienced professionals on the ground doing the location scouting, lining up extras, working with the local municipalities for permits and so much more.

The Commission has attracted some exceptional film productions to the region, including "War of the Worlds" by Paramount Pictures, The Human Footprint for National Geographic as well as a host of other top notch productions.

"We are very pleased and grateful the Ulster County IDA has understood the value of the Hudson Valley Film Commission to Ulster County, and supported its work. Without their interest and hard work this would not be possible", said Zimet.

"Don Gregorius and Brian Shapiro, both Ulster County Legislators, were very involved in bringing this to fruition. Their ideas, tenacity, and determination over many months made this a reality". "I anticipate this to be part of the Economic turn-around in Ulster County", offered Zimet.