



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson (left) and former Ulster County Development Agency Chairman March Gallagher

## **Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson Honors March Gallagher**

The Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson honored former Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Chairman March Gallagher with a Legislative Proclamation at the UCIDA monthly meeting on April 16, 2008 held in the Legislative Chambers of the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

Gallagher served as IDA Chairman from March 2006 until February 2008, before resigning from her position.

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Ulster County Legislature Chairman David B. Donaldson said Gallagher's tenure as IDA Chairman will be associated with numerous accomplishments. "March has voluntarily worked very hard and long extensive hours on economic development and related environmental issues," Donaldson said. "She has led a series of formal policy changes that have increased accountability, transparency and strategic focus and has brought the IDA into compliance with the Public Accountability Act."

Gallagher's other accomplishments during her tenure as IDA chairman, according to a proclamation by the Ulster County Legislature, include:

- Facilitating, with balance and fairness, a very difficult and intense discussion of issues surrounding the IDA's prevailing wage policies;
- Presiding over and actively facilitating the \$117 million bond issue for the Woodland Pond Continuing Care Community in New Paltz, the largest single project in the history of the Ulster County IDA;
- Actively advancing economic development in the county by engaging in a constructive dialogue with the owner of Tech City, which included exploring possible arrangements for accelerating the development and remediation of the site;
- Actively supporting the launching of The Solar Energy Consortium in Ulster County and its related solar development initiative with the specific support of the IDA;
- Leading early support among regional IDAs for the Hudson Valley Agricultural Development Corporation, which in turn has actively supported Ulster County agri-businesses and farms; and
- Ably representing the IDA in the Ulster Tomorrow strategic planning process, taking a strong leadership role on both the steering committee level and as team leader for Strategy 5, which explored and made specific recommendations on realigning the County's economic development services network.

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