

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Dear Residents of Ulster County,

On behalf of all those in Ulster County Government, I am pleased to be able to present to you the County Resource Guide. This guide is an invaluable reference tool that provides you with extensive information on all the County departments and a summary of the services they offer.

2006 was a year of historical changes in County government, with significant advancements in creating better government at a better price, maintaining and improving services while keeping your taxes down. Among the changes you will see in the guide is the creation of a Contract Manager as well as a Fleet Manager. The Contract Manager has been overseeing negotiations, approvals and the monitoring of over 5000 contracts, creating a system of consistency in the way contracts are now dealt with. In combination with the Contract Manager, the Auditor's Department was strengthened and is more closely reviewing how taxpayer money is being spent. The new Fleet Manager has begun overseeing and setting up systems that will manage the county vehicles in terms of use and insuring routine maintenance is done. A number of departments were or are in the midst of being consolidated so services can be streamlined and duplication avoided.

As we go into 2007, we will continue to work diligently to provide the residents of Ulster County with quality, cost effective services and programs and will persist in initiating changes that benefit the deserving citizens of Ulster County.

Best wishes for a peaceful, healthy and joyous New Year!

Sincerely,

David B. Donaldson, Chairman
Ulster County Legislature