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Town of Saugerties and Community Foundation Celebrate \$600,000 State Grant for Community Splashpad

SAUGERTIES, N.Y. — The Town of Saugerties and the Community Foundation are proud to announce that Governor Kathy Hochul has awarded \$600,000 toward the construction of the Saugerties Splashpad, bringing the long-awaited community project one significant step closer to reality. The Town and County Foundation extend their sincere gratitude to Governor Hochul for her commitment to investing in projects that improve the quality of life for New Yorkers.

The Saugerties Splashpad will provide a free, safe, and inclusive recreational destination for residents and visitors of all ages. At a time when many families are facing financial challenges, the Splashpad will offer an accessible place where children, adults, and individuals with disabilities can enjoy outdoor recreation and find relief from the summer heat at no cost. Designed with sustainability in mind, the Splashpad will also be an environmentally friendly amenity that serves the entire community.

"This generous investment from Governor Hochul is transformative," said Supervisor Fred Costello, Jr. "The Splashpad represents recreational equity for our community, ensuring that everyone has access to a fun, welcoming place to gather, play, and cool off during the hottest months of the year. We are deeply grateful for the Governor's support in helping make this vision a reality."

The Town of Saugerties and Community Foundation also wish to recognize the many community partners whose dedication, generosity, and collaboration have made this project possible. Special thanks go to the Village of Saugerties and Mayor Bill Murphy; Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger; Town of Saugerties Parks Superintendent Greg Chorvas and the entire Parks Department, especially Rob Kleeman and Marc Malgieri; the Sawyer Motors Foundation; Sawyer Savings Bank; Stewart's Shops; the Saugerties Kiwanis Club; the Saugerties Lions Club; Central Hudson; the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce; Town & Country Liquors; Town Board Members, LeeAnne Thornton, Mike Ivino, Bill Barr, and Stephanie Bassler; Susanna Bernard and the many additional businesses, organizations, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed their time, resources, and enthusiasm.

"This project truly reflects the spirit of Saugerties," Marjorie Block, President of the Community Foundation, added. "It has taken the commitment of countless individuals and organizations working together toward a common goal. We could not have accomplished this without the incredible support of our community, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped bring the Saugerties Splashpad closer to becoming a reality."

Additional information about the Splashpad project and future construction updates will be shared as the project moves forward.

Fred Costello Jr, Supervisor Town of Saugerties

Marjorie Block, Chair Community Foundation of Saugerties.