



# Special Report

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## **The Recovery Act: Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in New York**

Earlier this year, the Democratic Congress worked with President Obama to enact the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (the *Recovery Act*) in an effort to rescue, rebuild, and strengthen our struggling national economy. Eight years of failed fiscal policies and misguided economic priorities had left our national economy on the brink of disaster, and now – only nine months later – our economy is on the brink of recovery. The *Recovery Act* and the efforts of American businesses and workers, like those in New York, made this progress possible.

Despite this encouraging news, Democrats know that many New Yorkers are still struggling, and unemployment – a lagging economic indicator – remains far too high. In response, Democrats are working to create and save millions of jobs with *Recovery Act* dollars and tax relief. Already, with more than half of the dollars yet to be spent, the recovery package has provided for more than one million jobs and the rate of job loss has slowed significantly. As we look toward the future, Democrats believe that the *Recovery Act*, combined with the American work ethic and ingenuity, will continue to make a difference for families in New York and will deliver on its promise to rebuild our economy and get New Yorkers back to work.

### ***The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference***

Last week, the White House announced that certain recipients of *Recovery Act* funds have reported the creation of 640,329 direct jobs. About 325,000 of these jobs are in education and over 80,000 are in construction. These numbers, however, represent only about 16 percent of expenditures through September 30 and do not reflect the majority of *Recovery Act* funding to date, which has gone directly to individuals and states, including:

- Tax relief for businesses and working families;
- Small business loans, which are exempt from reporting;
- The first-time homebuyer tax credit;
- Direct federal aid, including \$250 direct stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits, increased food stamp benefits for vulnerable families; and
- State fiscal relief, which prevented job cuts at the state and local government level.

Moreover, the reported data does not capture indirect or induced jobs created when prime contractors hire suppliers or other companies to complete projects or when newly employed workers spend their pay checks. It is estimated that, if included, indirect jobs would add

another 50 percent or more to the direct jobs numbers and induced jobs would add an additional 36 percent. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#); CBPP, [10/28/09](#)]

Taken as a whole, the reported data confirms earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* would create or save over one million jobs by now, even though less than half of the *Recovery Act* funds have been put to work. [Office of the Vice President, [10/30/09](#)]

Moreover, without the *Recovery Act*, economists believe that the economy and the unemployment rate would be much worse.

- According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, “The effect of the stimulus legislation on the level of economic activity will probably build during the second half of 2009 [and] have its maximum impact in the first half of 2010... CBO estimates that real GDP will be 1.4 percent to 3.8 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2009 than it would have been without the stimulus, 1.1 percent to 3.4 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2010, 0.4 percent to 1.2 percent higher in the fourth quarter of 2011, and zero to 0.3 percent higher by the fourth quarter of 2013.” [CBO, [8/09](#)]
- These estimates were bolstered by third quarter growth when, for the first time in more than a year, the economy expanded, and, at 3.5 percent, it expanded faster than expected. [*Wall Street Journal*, [10/29/09](#)]
- According to economist Mark Zandi, “The research of Moody’s Economy.com suggests that a million fewer jobs would exist today, while the unemployment rate would already have risen well into double digits.” [Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, [10/29/09](#)]

## ***The Recovery Act is Creating Jobs and Making a Difference in New York***

In New York, this partial reporting indicates that 40,620 jobs have been created or saved by funding 3,099 awards worth \$10,599,031,205, of which \$1,270,825,148 has already been received. [Recovery, Accountability, and Transparency Board, accessed [11/2/09](#)]

Similar to the national number, this validates the White House’s earlier estimates that the *Recovery Act* is responsible for saving or creating 72,500 jobs so far for New Yorkers (accounting for indirect and induced jobs). [Council of Economic Advisors, [9/2009](#)] **New York is on track to benefit from a total of 215,000 *Recovery Act* jobs.** [The White House, [2/2009](#)]

These numbers alone cannot adequately convey the human impact of the jobs that are supported by the *Recovery Act* – the real-life stories of local companies that can hire new employees, workers who are no longer faced with uncertainty, and families that no longer need to struggle to pay their bills. The following is a sampling of some of the local *Recovery Act* success stories in New York:

***Recovery Act* funds seven new energy projects in New York’s Capital Region; five of them will make school districts more energy efficient.** “Gov. David Paterson today announced \$24 million in stimulus funds for energy projects for New York, \$1.4 million of which is dedicated to seven projects in the Capital Region. Those recipients are: City School District of Albany, \$8,000 to install a new cooling system for the data center room; Cohoes Central School District, \$309,821 to install a 45.6 kilowatt photovoltaic system; Washington Saratoga Warren Hamilton Essex BOCES, \$100,000 to complete a lighting retrofit project;

Shenendehowa Central School District, \$243,525 to install a 50-kilowatt photovoltaic system; Guilderland Central School District, \$334,028 to install a 50-kilowatt photovoltaic system; Fire District of Averill Park No. 2, \$287,480 to install a 43-kilowatt photovoltaic system; University at Albany, \$131,325 to complete an insulation project on the hot temperature distribution water system. The state's 87 new energy projects are expected to save \$6.4 million a year in energy costs and pay for themselves in five years, Paterson said." [[Albany Business Journal](#), 10/29/09]

**Tioga Opportunities has used *Recovery Act* funding to add ten jobs to fill weatherization demands in Binghamton; 500 units will be weatherized.** "Tioga Opportunities, which has opened an office Binghamton, has added ten jobs to fill weatherization demands. It will be working on about 500 units... New York State is getting about 400 million dollars of so-called federal stimulus money to help fund the weatherization program, aimed at creating jobs and pay for low income people to save on their energy bills. Patricia Smith says, 'By our own projections, the governor's green jobs bill will create up to 14,000 new construction jobs in the next 5 years including 300 of those jobs right here in the Southern Tier.'" [[Binghamton News 34](#), 10/28/09]

***Recovery Act*-funded smart grid program in New York will include adding a network of phasor measurement units that will sample New York's Bulk Power System 30 times a second and look for system faults to avoid future blackouts.** "New York Independent System Operator, Inc. will receive \$37.4 million in stimulus money to upgrade its equipment and add 'smart grid' technology that would reduce power losses... NYISO, which operates the state's electric grid, will match the stimulus grant dollar-for-dollar. The improvements include adding a network of phasor measurement units that will sample New York's bulk power system 30 times a second. The communications system would look for system faults and avoid future blackouts. The project would also include capacitors to better coordinate voltage on the grid, a measure that would increase efficiency and decrease the amount of power that is lost during transmission. NYISO estimates the capacitor project would conserve electricity and save New York ratepayers \$9.7 million per year on their electric bills." [[The Albany Business Review](#), 10/27/09]

**\$1.7 million in *Recovery Act* funding will help NY communities develop and implement projects ranging from collecting water quality data to improving stormwater management to analyzing opportunities for installing 'green' infrastructure.** "New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis today announced the award of \$1.7 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to planning boards and commissions across the state to improve local water quality. The federal stimulus funding will help communities develop and implement an array of projects, ranging from collecting water quality data to improving stormwater management to analyzing opportunities for installing "green" infrastructure... 'The freshwater from the Great Lakes and the Finger Lakes is one of our greatest local resources,' said Congresswoman Louise Slaughter. 'I'm pleased that federal stimulus dollars are going towards grants used to help us keep local waters clean.'" [[Media-NewsWire](#), 10/26/09]

**Irondequoit, one of the nation's leaders in environmental sustainability, will use *Recovery Act* funds to promote energy efficiency and conservation.** "Irondequoit officials will join Congressman Dan Maffei for a press conference Saturday morning at Irondequoit's McAvoy Park, at the intersection of North Winton Road and Empire Boulevard. The topic is expected to be \$440,000 in federal energy stimulus funds that have been awarded to the town to promote energy efficiency and conservation... It is expected that Irondequoit will use the grant to fund several projects designed to reduce the consumption of energy and continue the town's efforts to promote environmental sustainability... Irondequoit Supervisor

Mary Ellen Heyman said in a press release issued today that some of the projects that will be covered by the grant include replacing computers, servers and other information technology equipment with Energy Star-rated units; adding new, high-efficiency heat pumps in the public safety building; and installing new, high efficiency exterior lamps at McAvoy Park. The town is also expected to create a new staff position and hire a deputy commissioner of public works for sustainability to implement and coordinate the proposed projects.” [[Irondequoit Post](#), 10/22/09]

**Thanks to *Recovery Act* funding, over 17,000 jobs have been created in New York.**

“[D]espite the economic downturn, the City placed New Yorkers in 6,802 jobs in the third quarter this year, up nearly 60 percent from 2008. After a record high 17,000 job placements in 2008, the City is on pace to make more than 20,000 job placements by the end of this year, reaching the goal Mayor Bloomberg set in his 2009 State of the City speech... Through the first nine months of 2009, the City has helped place New Yorkers in 17,305 jobs citywide, including 4,526 job placements in the Bronx; 3,043 job placements in Brooklyn; 2,677 job placements in Manhattan; 5,534 job placements in Queens; and 1,525 job placements in Staten Island... New Yorkers are also benefiting from new job training programs being funded with money received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to provide additional job training and placement services over the next two years. The funding is being directed to new and existing programs offered through the Workforce1 Career Centers in all five boroughs.” [[NYC.gov](#), 10/15/09]

***Recovery Act* funding will help a child advocacy program at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson hire create two new jobs.** “The Dr. Stephen & Suzanne Menkes Child Advocacy Program at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson has received a grant that will allow the program to expand... ‘We looked for areas and victims not being served in the state,’ [Tina Stanford, chairwoman for the NYS Crime Victims Board] said... . According to Jane Ehrlich, the CEO of the hospital, the \$265,416 grant will be used to hire a part-time mental health therapist and a full-time advocate. The funds will be disbursed over a three year period... According to Denise Saunders, the case counselor for the center, the program is a sort of ‘one stop shop’ for child victims. Instead of having to continually tell their stories to law enforcement and other agencies over and over in a multitude of different settings, the young victims can be in a safe and secure environment in which to relate what happened once... According to Stanford, part of the funding — \$1.79 million — for the grants is through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She said that providing new jobs was part of the reason for funding the center. In this way, she said, they are both meeting the federal mandate that the money be used to create jobs and also hopefully opening up the door for someone in the field of child advocacy.” [[The Register Star](#), 10/18/09]

***Recovery Act* funding saved teachers’ jobs across the state. “Teacher Jobs Saved:** State officials from around the country say President Obama's stimulus plan saved tens of thousands of teacher jobs. The \$787 billion stimulus was used to stabilize state budgets. Within those budgets was money that helped avoid teacher layoffs. The White House says more than 1 million jobs have been saved or created so far, but that figure can't be verified.” [[MyfoxNY](#), 10/13/09]

**In Buffalo and Rochester, 578 separate businesses have benefited from Recovery Act-funded small business administration loans, supporting nearly 6,700 jobs.**

“Nearly two-thirds of all Small Business Administration lending in the Buffalo and Rochester areas over the last year happened in the seven months after the federal economic stimulus legislation was passed in February. The final tally of loan activity for the agency’s fiscal 2009 year showed that the number of loans made in its Buffalo District rose 9 percent in the second half of the fiscal year that ended in September, as reduced loan guaranty fees and other stimulus measures took effect... In all, the federal agency said, local businesses in Western New York have saved \$1.1 million in fees since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed in February. Besides lowering fees, the legislation raised the maximum guarantee to 90 percent. Nearly 578 separate businesses benefited from SBA loans, supporting nearly 6,700 jobs, including 257 new businesses and 1,000 newly created positions resulting from the stimulus incentives. Loans that were approved included 146 to women-owned businesses for \$14.9 million and 62 to veteran-owned firms for \$6.1 million... SBA Administrator Karen Mills said in a statement, “The Recovery Act was critical to unlocking the market.” [[Buffalo News Business Today](#), 10/12/09]

**59 jobs were saved and 14 new jobs created in Niagara Falls District schools thanks to Recovery Act funding.**

“Niagara Falls district officials said 59 jobs were saved and an additional 14 were created with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, according to a presentation at Thursday’s school board work session. The presentation showed the district received \$5,363,801 from the federal ‘stimulus’ program... ‘Without these funds we would have had to cut back our staffing which in turn would have cut back in programs and courses for our kids,’ said Deputy Superintendent Mark Laurrie... Laurrie said the funding served two purposes - to create jobs and avert districtwide layoffs... The district received \$1,862,491 in Title I funding and was able to save 8.5 jobs and create an additional one through this portion of the stimulus package... The presentation showed the district will receive \$2,180,744 split equally over the next two years for IDEA 611, which is for the education of individuals with disabilities. This funding prevented nine jobs from being cut and additionally more than 6.5 jobs were created. The ARRA funds additionally created 1.5 preschool positions and saved two positions in the teacher resource center.” [[Niagara Gazette](#), 10/9/09]

**Thanks to the Recovery Act allocation, 25 jobs will be created to retrofit the storm water management systems aimed at protecting the Fishkill Creek.**

“About 25 jobs will be created or saved due to two projects aimed at protecting the Fishkill Creek and funded by federal stimulus money. U.S. Rep. John Hall, D-Dover, said Monday at a press conference at the East Fishkill town hall that the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District recently received a \$330,100 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant to be used to retrofit the stormwater management systems at the East Fishkill and Beekman town halls. ‘By upgrading municipal buildings, we will be putting Hudson Valley residents back to work,’ Hall said. The stormwater systems will be modified by redirecting water flow and filtering runoff with vegetation. Besides the jobs, Hall said the project will require the purchase of pipes, asphalt, concrete and other building materials, further aiding local economy... Six Dutchess County recipients received over \$2.9 million for clean and safe drinking water projects.” [[Poughkeepsie Journal](#), 10/5/09]

**Low-income families in Dutchess County will receive \$1.3 million in Recovery Act funds for new jobs and school-supplies.**

“About \$1.3 million in federal stimulus money has been allocated to low-income families in Dutchess County for back-to-school supplies and subsidized employment, according to the county Department of Social Services. The New York state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has a program that provides \$200 for school supplies for each child between the ages of 3 and 17 of families who receive food stamps, county

Social Services Commissioner Robert Allers said. The stimulus money will also be used to subsidize employment for Temporary Assistance recipients in fields such as janitorial, food service, transportation and security, he said... About \$1.2 million of the \$1.3 million has been allocated for family assistance, according to the resolution. About \$111,000 has been allocated to the Workforce Investment Board for the subsidized employment program. According to the resolution, the employment program will aid clients in their ability to transition off assistance. ..” [[Poughkeepsie Journal](#), 10/2/09]

**The first *Recovery Act* project in Albany County is set to break ground; the project will create jobs and address public safety concerns.** “Groundbreaking is scheduled for Wednesday on what Albany County is calling its first federal stimulus project. Maxwell Road will be moved a few hundred yards to the other side of the Town of Colonie Library and further from Wold Road to relieve safety concerns at its intersection with Albany Shaker Road. The project is going to cost taxpayers over \$5 million dollars to perform. The job, however, is a job provider. The Colonie company called Next Act tracks employment opportunities locally and reports job postings have increased day-to-day.” [[WNYT 13](#), 9/23/09]

**Recovery Act-funded project will create 328 construction jobs and 108 permanent jobs in Brooklyn.** . “City Point, the long-stalled development in downtown Brooklyn, is being revived by an injection of federal stimulus funding. The developers of the project near the Fulton Mall will be able to use \$20 million in tax-exempt bonds, the city's Economic Development Corp. said Tuesday. Developers who bought the site in 2004 had since been unable to obtain financing for their planned 1.6 million-square-foot development, designed to include retail and affordable housing. City Point is one of the first developments to receive a grant from the federal stimulus bond program established by President Barack Obama... The project is expected to create 328 construction jobs and 108 permanent jobs just in the first stage of construction..” [[Crain's New York](#), 09/15/09]

**City of Norwich will use *Recovery Act* funds to hire a plainclothes cop, buy new patrol car.** “On Tuesday, September 1, 2009, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) joined Norwich Police Chief Joseph Angelino and Norwich Mayor Joseph Maiurano to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has awarded the City of Norwich \$288,188 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill) funding to help prevent and combat crime, especially drug-related crime.... Norwich Police Chief Joseph Angelino said, “This money will go a long way to assist in staffing and purchase of much needed equipment to assist in lengthy investigations. This money will be used to fill a detective’s position in the Norwich Police force.’... The City will use these grant funds to pay the salary and benefits for a full-time, plain-clothes detective and also for the purchase of an unmarked patrol car and other equipment to further undercover operations” [[WIVT/WBGH Channel 34 News](#), 9/2/09]

**Nearly 70 young people are restoring Long Island state parks as part of a *Recovery Act*-funded youth jobs program.** “Nearly 70 young people are restoring Long Island state parks as part of a new job-training program. The participants in the State Parks Conservation Corps are tackling such projects as removing invasive plants at the Connetquot River Preserve, painting fences at Cold Spring Harbor park, restoring guardrails at Valley Stream park, clearing trails at Hempstead Lake park and repairing stone work at Caumsett State Historic Park. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation set up the program for 200 people statewide after the state Department of Labor provided \$3.35 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program's goal is to create employment for youths ages 16 to 24. Six crews were deployed July 15 and are working through Sept. 30 at 25 parks and historic sites across the state. After Sept. 30, half will continue for another 16 weeks, receiving

training in trades such as carpentry, plumbing, masonry and electrical work. They would then be eligible for regular state parks jobs as they become available.” [Newsday, 8/31/09]

**Recovery Act-funded construction along New York’s State Route 209 in Marbletown will create or maintain 60 jobs.** “New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Acting Commissioner Stan Gee and Congressman Maurice Hinchey announced construction has begun on a \$2.5 million project to construct new sidewalks along State Route 209 in the Town of Marbletown, Hamlet of Stone Ridge, Ulster County. The project, which is expected to create or maintain 60 jobs, is funded through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).” [Hudson Valley Press Online, 8/18/09]

**New York will use Recovery Act funds to build 739 new affordable homes in Harlem and Brooklyn; projects will generate 2800 new jobs.** “With shovels in hand, the city is in the process of converting \$60 million in federal stimulus dollars into 739 new affordable homes in Harlem and East New York, Brooklyn... A nine-story building will soon rise on the E. 102nd St. site, with a six-story building going up two blocks away. Together, the units will create 340 permanently affordable homes to families of four earning as much as \$46,080 a year... Two other Harlem sites will see 226 new apartments, and 173 additional units will be built on Alabama Ave. in East New York. Rafael Cestero, head of the city Housing Preservation and Development Department, said the projects will serve another goal of stimulus funding – generating 2,800 jobs. ‘They will be created over time as the projects are built,’ Cestero said. ‘As you can see, there’s real work happening here today.’” [New York Daily News, 8/18/09]

**Recovery Act Funds will be used to overhaul Tarrytown train station, creating 35 new jobs.** “The delayed overhaul of the Tarrytown train station - where wood boards patch crumbling edges of the platforms - will start before the end of the year with \$39 million in stimulus funds announced by Gov. David Paterson yesterday... Used by 2,800 rail passengers heading toward New York City every day, the station is the second busiest on Metro-North Railroad’s Hudson Line, behind Croton-Harmon... The new project will bring some 35 jobs, including construction workers and railroad personnel needed to coordinate the effort and keep trains moving through the station, Metro-North officials said. Those jobs bring a ‘ripple effect,’ as materials suppliers get business and workers earn money to spend at businesses in the county, said Tobey Ritz, the railroad’s director of facilities. The work is expected to begin later this year and be completed early in 2012, Ritz said.” [Journal News (Lower Hudson Valley, NY), 8/18/09]

**15 jobs will be created through construction improvements on public housing complex paid for by Recovery Act.** “Construction could start as soon as next week on a 7,000-square-foot gym and renovations to an existing community center at a public housing complex on the North Side. Since it began in 2000, Carlisle Apartments’ youth program has grown from a few participants to nearly 40, creating a demand for additional space, as well as programs for older youths, said Andrew Block, city director of community relations. Starting in 2006, Mayor Matthew T. Ryan partnered with the Binghamton Housing Authority to land a grant that would meet this demand. Last spring, BHA won a \$1.3 million federal recovery award that will cover the full cost of the project, create 15 jobs, and offer new recreational and educational space, said Block.” Mayor Ryan: “As with our other recovery grants, this project will create family supporting jobs and expand important citizen opportunities at no cost to the local taxpayer. We’re leading the way in our use of recovery funds and taking another step in building our future together.” [Vestal Press & Sun-Bulletin, 8/5/09]

**Approximately 750 teenagers obtained jobs through Summer Youth Employment Program, a 45 percent increase from last year thanks to Recovery Act.** “Fredrick Gilmore, 15, likes to work. Getting the paycheck is OK, he said, but the icing on the cake is the work itself, Gilmore said. ‘I love having a job,’ he said. ‘I like the passion of working. It’s not

about the money, it's about working.' He's getting the chance to do just that as one of about 750 teens working in the community this summer as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program... David Mathis is the director of Oneida County Workforce Development, which administers the program. He said the intent is to teach young people work ethic. 'During the summer (the youths) get to see why it's important to show up for work on time, to work as a team, to work for a supervisor, what's appropriate dress in the workplace,' he said... The number of participants in this year's program is 45 percent more than the number of participants in last year's program. That boost is due in part to the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, said Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente." [[Utica Observer Dispatch](#), 7/14/09]

**Recovery Act funds targeted to several arts organizations in Western New York for job retention.** "Stimulus funds are finding their way to Western New York nonprofit organizations. Three Buffalo organizations will receive funds through the National Endowment for the Arts' competitive grants program. Funds come from a \$50 million allocation through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's direct grant program. The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will receive \$50,000 through the program, while the Center for Exploratory and Perceptual Arts (CEPA) and Just Buffalo Literary Center Inc. will receive \$25,000 apiece. Statewide, 139 grants totaling \$5.75 million have been awarded. At the BPO, the funds will support salaries of 31 part-time musicians. In a prepared release, Dan Hart, executive director of the BPO, says the grant helps secure employment for the musicians while helping the orchestra maintain its artistic integrity. The ARRA dollars are intended to fund arts projects and activities that preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the economic downturn. Sixty percent of the \$50 million will be awarded as competitive grants, while the remainder will be distributed through state organizations." [[Business First of Buffalo](#), 7/13/09]

**Recovery Act provided \$11 million for 17 infrastructure modernization projects, creating 435 jobs.** "Governor David A. Paterson today announced the award of over \$11 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding for projects that will help to modernize New York's infrastructure. The economic recovery funds for these projects will be administered by the New York State Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) program and were approved by the State's Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). The grants will allow 17 projects to move forward, creating 435 new jobs across the State. 'Critical economic development projects like the ones we are announcing today will not only create good-paying jobs and help put New York back to work, but also lay the groundwork for future prosperity by updating our State's aging infrastructure,' said Governor Paterson. 'I want to thank President Obama and New York's Congressional Delegation for delivering these essential funds that will help spur economic development.' Governor Paterson and the New York Congressional Delegation fought hard to ensure that the federal stimulus package included these critical resources, which will help with the State's economic recovery." [[Press Release – Governor David Paterson](#), 7/7/09]

**Gov. Paterson announced start of \$2.8 million Odell Avenue Bridge rebuilding—first Hudson Valley stimulus project.** "Governor David Paterson today announced the ground breaking of the first transportation infrastructure project in the Hudson Valley funded through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Construction began on the \$2.8 million project to rebuild the Odell Avenue Bridge over the abandoned railroad in the city of Yonkers in Westchester County. The region is expected to receive a total investment of \$167 million in ARRA funding for highway and bridge improvements. 'This bridge replacement is the first of many essential safety enhancements to the Hudson Valley's transportation system, thanks to the vision of President Obama and the entire New York State Congressional Delegation,' Governor Paterson said. 'Projects like this will create jobs in our Hudson Valley

communities and all across New York State, helping to give local economies a much-needed boost.’ The project will use \$2.8 million in ARRA funds to replace the structurally-deficient bridge that carries Odell Avenue, between Nepperhan Avenue and Saw Mill River Road, over the South County Trail Way, formerly Putnam Railroad.” [*Hudson Valley Press*, 7/5/09]

**\$18.3 million from *Recovery Act* slated for transportation projects in Albany area; Gov. Patterson credits POTUS for resources.** “Governor David Paterson today announced the certification of an additional \$18.3 million for transportation projects in the Capital Region through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These investments will provide for essential highway and bridge repairs and other long-term improvements that will create an estimated 439 jobs. The area is expected to receive \$98.1 million in economic recovery funding for bridge and road work in Albany, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington and Warren counties. Governor Paterson also announced the certification of an additional \$3.5 million in economic recovery funding for two transportation enhancement projects. In April, Governor Paterson announced that through the ARRA, the State had been allocated a total of \$34 million in economic recovery funding for transportation enhancement projects. “Thanks to President Obama and the entire New York State Congressional Delegation, we have been able to utilize this significant economic recovery funding to rehabilitate numerous roads and bridges that otherwise may not have received immediate improvements,’ Governor Paterson said.” [*WRGB – CBS*, 6/30/09]

**Senator Schumer announced *Recovery Act* apportionment to NYPD used to hire 128 new officers and promote veterans.** “US Senator Charles Schumer announced he has brokered an agreement between the New York City Police Department and the Transportation Security Administration allowing the NYPD to use millions in federal economic recovery act funding to hire at least 128 new police officers and, at the same time, promote more experienced officers to beef up the department’s elite anti-terror units.” Senator Schumer: “This deal is a win-win for the NYPD and all the residents of New York City who the NYPD work so hard to keep safe and secure. This agreement will allow the NYPD to hire more than 120 new police officers to deploy throughout the city and at the same time promote more experienced officers to beef up the anti-terror unit.” [*Press Release – Senator Charles Schumer*, 6/28/09]

**Additional *Recovery Act* funds will allow 43 new projects to move forward and create about 2,277 jobs.** “An additional \$95 million in federal stimulus money is coming to New York to allow 43 new projects to move forward. The *Recovery Act* funding announced on Thursday brings the number of projects funded by the program to 217.” [*Associated Press*, 6/12/09]

***Recovery Act*-funded road and bridge projects will employ an estimated 556 workers.** The road and bridge improvements planned for Albany, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington and Warren counties are expected to create an estimated 556 jobs, according to the Governor’s office. [*Albany Business Journal*, 6/12/09]

***Recovery Act* funds estimated to create 350 jobs by water project funding for Long Island.** Projects will bring sewer service to 63 Locust Valley homes with failing septic systems and will build a sewer plant in Brookhaven. [*Newsday*, 6/10/09]

***Recovery Act* Funded NJ-NY tunnel project broke ground Monday.** “The Mass Transit Tunnel project, which is also known as Access to the Region’s Core, is the largest mass transit project in the nation. The tunnel will double commuter rail traffic; increase train frequency; create a one-seat ride from Rockland, Orange and northern New Jersey; take 22,000 cars off the road each day; reduce greenhouse gases by 66,000 tons each year; create 6,000 construction-related jobs; and create 44,000 new jobs in the region.” [*The Westchester Journal News*, 6/9/09]

**A *Recovery Act*-funded construction project on Oriskany Boulevard will put 60 people to work.** “This Whitestown project is a little more than \$2.3 million and will be performed by a Syracuse area construction company which won the bid for this project. In all 60 employees will be put to work.” [[WKTV.com](#), 5/28/09]

**Central New York will receive \$11.3 million in *Recovery Act* funds for transportation projects that will create 269 jobs.** [[WTVB](#), 5/21/09]

**The owner of a New York construction company was able to rehire laid-off seasonal employees after it won contracts for *Recovery Act*-funded projects.** [[The Post-Standard](#), 5/20/09]

***Recovery Act* funds made it possible for New York City to increase the number of summer jobs available to young people.** City can offer 51,000 jobs, an increase of 8,000 from last year. [[New York Times](#), 5/9/09]

***Recovery Act* grants will increase new labs built, purchases of lab equipment, hiring of technicians, lab assistants.** Manhattan-based team will focus on proteins that protect rhesus monkeys from HIV-1, the virus that causes most human AIDS. [[Bloomberg](#), 5/6/09]