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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. According to Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projections, that number may be as high as 1.6 million jobs. [CBO, [11/09](#)]

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

- According to CBO projections, “an additional 600,000 to 1.6 million people were employed in the United States, and real (inflation-adjusted) gross domestic product (GDP) was 1.2 percent to 3.2 percent higher, than would have been the case in the absence of ARRA.” [CBO, [11/09](#)]
- The Commerce Department reported that the nation’s gross domestic product grew by 2.2 percent in the third quarter of 2009, the first expansion in more than a year. Economists are projecting 4 percent growth in the fourth quarter. [Commerce Department, [12/22/09](#); testimony of Dr. Martin Baily before the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, [12/16/09](#)]
- 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](#)]

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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:

Slic Network Solutions was awarded *Recovery Act* funding to expand internet services into remote areas of Franklin County; the expansion will serve 726 households, 29 businesses, and 10 institutions that do not currently have broadband access. “Slic Network Solutions has been awarded \$5.3 million in federal stimulus funding to expand its service into remote areas of Franklin County. The Potsdam telecommunications company also will add television to its lineup of high-speed Internet and long-distance telephone service, thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding... Slic will construct 136 miles of fiber-optic cable to deliver broadband service leading

across county lines toward Malone, and will serve rural communities south of Route 11B, including Dickinson Center, Brandon and Skerry. The expansion will serve 726 households, 29 businesses and 10 institutions that currently do not have broadband Internet access, Mr. Wagschal said.” [[Watertown Daily Times](#), 12/18/09]

Action for a Better Community will use *Recovery Act* funding to pay for energy efficiency upgrades to 640 housing units and provide assistance to the Head Start Program. “Action for a Better Community will receive more than \$8 million in federal stimulus funding to pay for housing improvements, wage increases and employment services for residents of Monroe and Ontario counties. More than half of the money will go toward making energy efficiency upgrades to 640 housing units... ABC's Head Start program also will benefit from the stimulus money, with about \$800,000 going toward temporary cost-of-living wage increases and technology, health and safety upgrades. Around \$2.7 million of the grant will fund employment-services programs for low-income residents. An example would be the Family Opportunities Created Utilizing Support program, a pilot family development project that aims to bring together 50 families for peer support to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency... ‘We're working with families to help them work with each other,’ Wicks said. ‘The idea is that no one can do this alone.’ How much: Of the \$8 million grant, \$4.9 million will go toward making energy efficiency improvements to 640 housing units, \$800,000 will fund temporary cost-of-living increases for 280 employees of Head Start and \$2.7 million will pay for employment-related services for low-income residents of Monroe and Ontario counties.” [[Rochester Democrat and Chronicle](#), 12/14/09]

\$12 million *Recovery Act* award will create new construction and permanent jobs in the South Bronx and create access to primary and specialty services for an additional 12,000 residents. “Urban Health Plan today was awarded a \$12,000,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (*Recovery Act*) grant to support a new addition to its main site at 1065 Southern Boulevard. The award was announced by President Barack Obama as part of his plan to support major construction and renovation projects at 85 community health centers nationwide. The new 53,000 square foot building will allow UHP to increase the number of residents who receive primary and specialty health care in the Bronx; increase the number of providers and support staff; improve the health status/quality of life of residents; bring construction jobs to the South Bronx; help to reduce the unemployment rate; and support the revitalization of the area. It will more than double the number of exam rooms (from 55 to 169), expand dental operatories from four to 20 and increase the number of patients treated by 29,663... ‘This grant to Urban Health Plan to support its expansion is the perfect example of a well-conceived and well-executed economic stimulus. In the short-term, this funding will create jobs in a community struggling with high unemployment. Over the long-term, this project will strengthen the health care infrastructure of our borough and contribute to the overall wellness of Bronx residents,’ said Congressman José E. Serrano, who represents the congressional district that UHP serves. In addition to increased health care services, the project will also have substantial economic impact. An economic impact study commissioned by Urban Health Plan and conducted by EConsult of Philadelphia, projects that within Bronx County, upfront construction is expected to result in a one-time impact of almost \$40 million in total expenditures supporting over 132 jobs and over \$4.5 million in earnings, as well as almost \$21.5 million in one-time contribution to Gross State Product (GSP). Ongoing operations are expected to result in an annual impact of almost \$19 million in total expenditures supporting over 100 jobs.” [[Urban Health Plan](#), 12/11/09]

The first major *Recovery Act*-funded transportation project in the capital region has been completed, and New Baltimore and Greene County now have a new,

wider, and safer bridge. “State and local officials gathered at the New Baltimore Road Bridge Tuesday for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of the first major transportation contract in the Capital Region funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The entire time from bridge closing to replacement and reopening was a little more than three months and Greene County Highway Superintendent Gary Harvey was justifiably proud of the accomplishment... The span was designed by Creighton Manning Engineering of Albany and Bette & Cring of Latham oversaw construction of the \$1.1 million bridge replacement project while Wilbur Smith Associates of Latham was responsible for inspection... According to Engineer Charles Tutunjian, when the county hired Creighton Manning to come up with the design, they settled on the precast technology to save production time and speed up the work... Harvey said that by qualifying under ARRA, Greene County saved anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 as the federal government picked up the 5 percent of the funds that would have normally come from the county...’ It’s a win-win for New Baltimore and Greene County,’ he said. ‘The bridge is wider, safer and much more level,’ Legislator Jim Van Slyke, D-New Baltimore, said. ‘The old bridge was always icy and slippery in the winter and the New Baltimore Highway Department put in a lot of maintenance time.” [[The Daily Mail](#), 12/8/09]

\$16 billion in *Recovery Act* funds were used to support the state and county governments and school districts. “‘Since President Obama and Congress authorized the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act last February, I have dedicated the full resources of the Governor’s office to maximizing our share of federal stimulus money. Thus far, we have spent the funds wisely and judiciously, and we will continue to do so,’ Governor Paterson said. ‘Getting New Yorkers back to work is my number one priority, and we will use this money to redouble our efforts to create jobs and put our State on the road to fiscal recovery.’ As determined by Congress, the stimulus funds awarded to New York are distributed through three categories: Infrastructure: New York will receive \$3 billion for infrastructure projects, including \$2.4 billion for transportation and about \$571 million for clean water, drinking water and wastewater projects. Aid to States and Localities: New York will receive \$16 billion to support the State and county governments and school districts, including \$11.1 billion for Medicaid and about \$4.8 billion for education. Aid to Individuals: New York will receive \$6.7 billion in payments to individuals, including \$3.9 billion in increased unemployment insurance, \$1.3 billion in increased food stamps, \$845 million in increased Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments and \$653 million in increased Pell grants to college students. The remaining \$5 billion targets a variety of projects, including housing, job training, health, energy and public safety.” [[The Gov Monitor](#), 12/7/09]

NYC Coalition Against Hunger Survey: *Recovery Act* funds enabled NYC food pantries and soup kitchens to feed more people. “Thanks to federal stimulus funds, fewer New York City food pantries and soup kitchens have had to turn people away in the past year, reversing the trend of the past several years, according to a survey released by the New York City Coalition Against Hunger... Nationwide, food pantries received an extra \$100 million in resources from the stimulus, on top of the \$250 million that was originally budgeted. New York State’s financing soared 118 percent to \$45 million, of which \$28.5 million went to New York City, according to the Food Bank for New York City. Last year, New York City received \$13 million; most of the increase came from stimulus money and surplus commodities that the government purchases.” [[NY Times City Room Blog](#), 11/24/09]

Con Edison will use *Recovery Act* funds to improve the electric grid around New York. “Consolidated Edison, Inc. (Con Edison) (NYSE: ED) will receive an additional \$45 million in smart grid stimulus funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), it was announced today. This federal stimulus money will help fund a smart grid program that will

enable Con Edison to identify, develop, and test new technologies within the electric delivery system that will help build a smarter, more efficient grid... Today's DOE smart grid demonstration program award is in addition to the \$136 million announced in October -- which Con Edison will use to deploy and integrate smart grid technology on the electric system. The \$181 million in smart grid stimulus funds that Con Edison is scheduled to receive will broaden the scope of the company's existing smart grid efforts to modernize the electric grid in the most complex energy market in America... Smart grid technologies will help consumers use energy more efficiently, support alternative energy sources, enable widespread adoption of electric vehicles, and enhance reliability to all customers including major medical facilities, transportation systems, financial institutions, and media centers. The company is already testing various technologies in a small-scale smart grid pilot project in Queens." [[CNN Money](#), 11/24/09]

Recovery Act funds will help expand Sullivan Early Head Start and help meet the need for early childhood development. "Sullivan County Head Start will receive \$1 million in federal stimulus funds to expand its Early Head Start program in Monticello and Woodridge. 'The Head Start program is a critical service for these communities, especially as we continue to face difficult economic and social challenges,' said Congressman Maurice Hinchey, who made the announcement. 'This invaluable program will now be able expand their services, and a greater number of families will be able to benefit from their programs.' The federal funding will be used to expand from 45 to 95 the number of infants and toddlers up to age three that Sullivan County Early Head Start serves. In order to accommodate additional children, the organization will use the funds to add one full class in Monticello and four in Woodridge. The agency estimates that it will hire an additional 12 early childhood development teachers to assist with implementing the expansion. Through its traditional Head Start program, which serves pre-school children, the organization currently serves 255 children above age three." [[Mid Hudson News](#), 11/20/09]

Yates County Highway Project will be sped up thanks to the use of Recovery Act funds. "The state Department of Transportation will speed up reconstruction of state Route 54A in Yates County. The new plan will allow the state to utilize \$5.4 million in federal stimulus dollars to complete reconstruction of the road between Branchport and Penn Yan in the fall of 2010... Local lawmakers urged Gov. Paterson to shift the stimulus funds from the Route 15/I-99 project in Lindley after learning that project was moving ahead at lower-than-anticipated costs." [[Star-Gazette](#), 11/19, 09]

166 jobs have been created or saved by the Recovery Act in Queens, NY; among them are two jobs created and three retained by the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research for Intervention of Schizophrenia. "Out of the \$787 billion that the federal government set aside to stimulate the economy back in February 2009, around \$166.8 million has slowly trickled to Queens according to the businesses, facilities and community organizations who have received it. Of that amount in federal stimulus money – close to \$63.6 million in contracts and about \$102.8 million in grants – helped to create or retain 166 jobs throughout borough.. '[The federal stimulus money] allowed us to help retain two full time positions that we may have lost without it,' said Leo Compton, executive director of operations for the South Queens Boys & Girls Club in Richmond Hill, who received \$42,500 according to the Recovery Act web site, [www.recovery.gov](#)... The Variety Boy and Girls Club of Queens located in Long Island City found themselves in a similar situation. Executive Director Karen Johnson said that the \$42,500 in grant money they received also helped them retain jobs, though she did not state how many... In Glen Oaks, the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research received a federal contract worth \$16.1 million – to collaborate with other medical institutions – in the coordination and intervention of schizophrenia. This contract has created, at the Glen

Oaks facility, two jobs while retaining three... St. Albans Community Living Center, a 179-bed Veterans Affairs (VA) facility in Jamaica built in 1947, provides long and short-term medical and geriatric care, and handles the laundry and commissary services not just for itself but for eight regional VA medical centers in the NY/NJ regional area. ‘We are going green,’ public affairs officer Ray Aalbue said about the computerized electrical technology – a smart grid – that will be installed to help the facility measure and control its use of electricity through a computerized system.” [[The Queens Courier](#), 11/17/09]

The Recovery Act will help finance public improvement for Rochester schools and NY government buildings. “The state’s municipal bond bank agency has approved \$200 million in Recovery Act Bonds that will help six local governments finance public improvements, including three in the Albany, N.Y., region. The State of New York Municipal Bond Bank Agency’s board approved the sale of the bonds today. Most of the bonds being issued are Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, which were created in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or the stimulus. The bonds are taxable and receive federal government subsidiaries for the life of the bonds” [[Albany Business Journal](#), 11/16/09]

Three Northern New York Counties will use Recovery Act funds to help the unemployed and prevent layoffs in their school districts. “Counties in Northern New York are receiving about \$187.6 million in money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... The infusion for school districts and counties is preventing layoffs, he [David Neustadt, spokesman for the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet] said. Those programs mean that the money is getting to individuals and back into the economy. Of the money allocated so far, St. Lawrence County is receiving \$74.8 million, Jefferson is getting \$68.7 million, Franklin is collecting \$27.6 million and Lewis is getting \$16.5 million. For most of the Northern New York counties, the money directed toward infrastructure programs is less than money both to help individuals and for county government and school districts... Unemployment programs are getting about \$4 billion.” [[Watertown Daily Times](#), 11/15/09]

West Harlem Group Assistance Unity Apartment will receive Recovery Act funds for rehabilitation of some of its apartments. “Federal bucks are on their way to West Harlem. Last Friday, the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development announced that stimulus funds would be diverted directly to the West Harlem Group Assistance Unity Apartments—one of 10 affordable housing developments throughout the city to receive these dollars. The funds are part of the Tax Credit Assistance Program of the stimulus package, and the WHGA was chosen as one of three units in Manhattan to receive the boost of \$339,678... This marks the second round of funding from the stimulus package for citywide affordable housing, and for WHGA, the funds will be used for the rehabilitation of 17 units, at 60 percent or below the area median income... For Melvin Christian, housing chair of Community Board 10 in Harlem, these funds are a welcome stimulus for the West Harlem area.” [[Columbia Spectator](#), 11/13/09]

The Recovery Act is funding a wide variety of projects at Cornell University, from tuberculosis research to development of organic semiconductors, and has been responsible for creating or retaining about 194 jobs—100 at the medical center. “Cornell’s Ithaca campus has received nearly \$100 million for research projects from the federal government’s stimulus package as of Nov. 1. Weill Cornell Medical College received an additional \$22 million from the program, as of Oct. 8, the most recent date for which figures for the college are available. The money is funding a wide variety of projects, from tuberculosis research to development of organic semiconductors, and has been responsible for creating or retaining about 194 jobs at Cornell, according to the University... The funding is coming from

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was signed into law in February to create or sustain jobs and fight the recession... According to the website, one hundred and twenty-four awards have been granted to the Ithaca campus, totaling \$99.974 million. The funding has created 19 full-time jobs and has retained 75 jobs. Weill Cornell Medical College has received 63 awards, totaling almost \$22 million and creating or retaining 100 jobs. The funding has also created or sustained a broad range of research projects at Cornell... Almost \$19 million has been granted for research at the Wilson Synchrotron Laboratory, about \$5.2 million of which will help fund a new linear accelerator, according to the University. Research into how tuberculosis bacteria survives inside human cells received \$600,000 from the stimulus, and a process for producing organic semiconductors with greater ease has received \$900,000, according to the University... 'You can't build the economy without funding the research... that will take us out of the old economy,' she said.'" [[Cornell Sun](#), 11/10]

Five development projects in New York City will use *Recovery Act* bonds to create 600 construction jobs and about 300 permanent jobs. City officials have chosen five more development projects, one in each borough, to receive tax-free financing through the federal stimulus program. The five projects, which include a hotel, a medical facility and a cement depot, would receive up to \$87 million by selling 'recovery bonds' through the city's Capital Resource Corporation. City officials estimate that the projects would create about 600 construction jobs and about 300 permanent jobs, said David Lombino, a spokesman for the city's Economic Development Corporation. One of the chosen projects is a 117-room hotel to be built on the former site of the Pepper & Potter car dealership on Flatbush Avenue in downtown Brooklyn, which would borrow \$20 million... Of the \$87 million approved, the biggest piece — up to \$28 million — would go to a terminal and pier on Staten Island that would receive imports of cement by ship for distribution around the city... 'There is no significant construction lending taking place right now,' he said. 'But for this program, these projects wouldn't go forward.'" [[New York Times](#), 11/9/09]

***Recovery Act* money funds 226 jobs in Monroe County, NY.** "More than \$289 million in federal stimulus funds have been paid to Monroe County agencies, institutions and companies in grants, loans and contracts — leading to the creation or retention of 226 reported jobs, according to newly released data... Among them, the administration said, were 40,620 jobs in New York state... Albany's figures also included big pots of money routed through the state government, for services such as extra unemployment insurance and Medicaid support that were not included in the federal information released Friday. That pushed Monroe County's total to \$541 million in federal stimulus funding. The five adjoining counties received an additional \$213 million, according to the state data. [[Democrat and Chronicle](#), 11/3/09]

***Recovery Act* will make prenatal care more accessible to underserved communities worldwide by simplifying the use and reducing the cost of medical ultrasound systems.** "GE Global Research in Niskayuna, N.Y., was awarded \$1.2 million in federal stimulus money to develop lower-cost ultrasound probes and study ways to make the devices easier to use and interpret... Developing a low-cost 'transducer' for portable ultrasound systems will allow use of the device to reach beyond hospitals and into underserved communities worldwide, GE Global officials said. Transducers are the devices placed on the abdomen of an expectant mother that transmit and receive signals that show real-time activity inside the womb. Transducers are the most costly and labor-intensive component of an ultrasound system. 'We can make prenatal care more accessible by simplifying the use and reducing the cost of medical ultrasound systems,' said Scott Smith, GE Global Research's principal investigator on the transducer project... Besides developing the technology, GE will work with maternal and fetal medicine physicians at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center to

evaluate the equipment and education of young doctors in a hospital and a rural clinic. Physicians at the Utah medical center participate with GE Healthcare in Imaging the World, a non-profit organization committed to bringing diagnostic imaging to rural communities around the world.” [*Albany Business Review*, 11/2/09]

Recovery Act report outlines funds to be spent in the New York Capital Region, from funding for food stamps, unemployment, education and Medicaid in 11 counties. “While the Capital Region is expected to receive \$882 million, the four-county western New York area will receive \$985 million, according to an analysis of funding for Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. The report includes stimulus spending that is administered by the state as well as spending that flows directly from federal agencies to local governments, institutions and individuals... The data cover funding for food stamps, unemployment, education and Medicaid. Major infrastructure spending for highways, clean water and weatherization projects for the 11-county Capital Region totals \$173 million.” [*Albany Business Review*, 11/2/09]

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]