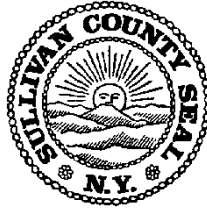


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sullivan County Proposes to Operate Beaverkill Campground

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In a letter sent on behalf of the Sullivan County Legislature to NYSDEC Regional Director Willie Janeway, Sullivan County Manager David P. Fanslau proposed Sullivan County enter into an agreement with the NYSDEC to operate and manage the Beaverkill Campground for a multiple year arrangement, similar to the County's current arrangement with the Palisades Parks Commission to operate and manage Lake Superior Park.

District Three Legislator Elwin Wood, who last week sponsored a resolution opposing the campground's closure said, "It was obvious through our conversations with officials from the DEC that this closure was eminent, and I'm pleased that through creative thinking and some initiative from the Legislature, the DEC is willing to consider a lease with Sullivan County that would allow the campground to remain open and available to the traveling public, and for the benefit of our local economy."

The County's proposal calls for an agreement between the County and NYSDEC, similar to the agreement between the County of Sullivan and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission regarding the operation and management of the Lake Superior State Park in Bethel, New York. The County would be granted a license by NYSDEC and or other appropriate state agency to operate and manage the Beaverkill Campground, and the revenues realized by Sullivan County related to the operation and management of the Beaverkill Campground through the rental of campsites would be used to offset the costs associated with the campground's operations.

Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis said, "Legislator Wood, Ramsay Adams and the Catskill Mountainkeeper organization, and the local Chambers of Commerce in Roscoe and Livingston Manor have made compelling arguments for keeping this facility open, and as a Legislature, we need to explore any and all options that protect our economy and promote our local communities, particularly if we can do so with no financial burden on our taxpayers."

Sullivan County would not seek to take title to the Beaverkill Campground, and the long-term ownership and improvements options would remain with the NYSDEC. The County's proposal does not seek any state funding to operate and manage the Beaverkill Campground, and Sullivan County expects to break even or generate modest income through this proposal.

County Manager David Fanslau said he hopes to hear from the NYSDEC within the next few weeks, particularly since the campgrounds traditionally open on May 1st.

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