

Association of Towns Shared Services Presentation Town of Cortlandt



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“Sharing services are critical in order to save taxpayers money and to plan efficiently for our future.” Linda D. Puglisi, Supervisor

About Us

The Town of Cortlandt is referred to as the “Gateway to the Hudson Valley” and is part of the Hudson Highlands Areas of Statewide Scenic Significance.

The Town of Cortlandt, New York is located in the northwestern corner of Westchester County and occupies approximately 40 square miles. The Town is bounded on the west by the Hudson River, the north by Putnam County, the east by the Town of Yorktown and on the south by the Towns of New Castle and Ossining.



Town of Cortlandt NY






There are 42 municipalities in Westchester County



Image Courtesy of Westchester County GIS



Cortlandt includes two incorporated villages, Croton-on-Hudson and Buchanan and several hamlets including Montrose, Crugers Mohegan Lake and Verplanck. The Hudson River, the New York City Watershed Lands, numerous wooded hills and steep slopes, wetland areas and streams define the rural and suburban character of the Town. The population, at the time of the 2000 census, was 38,467.



Shared Services Accomplishments (1992-2010)

- ❖ **New Police Plan** – with NYS Police and Westchester County Police
- ❖ **Northern Westchester Joint Waterworks (NWJWW)** to meet an unfunded mandate in the mid 1990's.
- ❖ **Northern Tier Coalition for Recycling**
- ❖ **ALS – Advanced Life Support** – our Paramedic Plan
- ❖ **Joint Acquisition of Property** – for open space/parkland
- ❖ **Joint Purchasing** – with our two villages
- ❖ **Nor-West** – IMA with 3 other communities to assist individuals with special needs.



Shared Services Accomplishments (Continued)

- ❖ **Bio-Diversity Studies** – IMA partnered with six other communities.
- ❖ **NWWC Northern Westchester Watershed Coalition** – to protect the Croton Watershed.
- ❖ **NWEAC Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium** – for all green sustainability issues.
- ❖ **Historic Toll House** for Informational Tourist Center – NYS and TOC.
- ❖ **Sharing of New Youth & Recreation Center** – shared with two villages.
- ❖ **Cortlandt Town Hall** – purchased a former school for our Town Hall.



How Cortlandt Achieved These Innovative
Major Shared Services
and
Saved \$20 Million Dollars
During This Administration
1992 - 2010

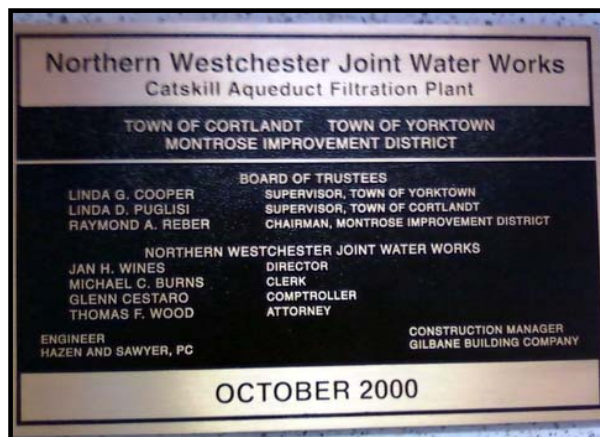
I. New Police Plan with the NYS Police & Westchester County Police

- Cortlandt disbanded its small police force in the late 1990's.
- 1st Year Cortlandt Saved \$800,000. In subsequent years we have saved over Net \$1 million PER YEAR, EACH YEAR. We do pay County Police \$600K annually.
- New York State Police have a new office building in Cortlandt and the Westchester County Police have a satellite office at Cortlandt's Town Hall.



II. Northern Westchester Joint Water Works

- An unfunded mandate (in mid 1990's) from EPA to filter water.
- NWJWW was formed as a collaboration between the Towns of Cortlandt, Yorktown, Somers and the Montrose Improvement District.
- We filter 2.6 billion gallons of water each year collectively.
- Together we saved over \$8 million dollars on this multi-million dollar filtration plant project.





III. Cortlandt Regional Paramedic Program

- Advanced Life Support Paramedic Program – a partnership between the Town of Cortlandt, Village of Buchanan, City of Peekskill and the Hudson Valley Hospital Center.
- Created in the mid-1990's to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedic Service to our residents at a very low rate of approximately \$30 per year.



IV. Acquisition of Property for Open Space

- Cortlandt created a partnership to acquire 352 acres of property which was scheduled for development (HillPoint Property). The property appraised at \$6 million dollars in 1999.



Hudson Highlands Gateway Park

- The partnership included Cortlandt (\$1 million), Scenic Hudson (\$2.5 million), New York State (\$1 million), Westchester County (\$1 million) and the private sector (\$500,000). The Town now maintains this incredible 352 acre passive park & trails renamed “Hudson Highlands Gateway Park”



V. Northern Tier Coalition for Recycling

- Created in 1992, the Northern Tier Coalition was formed to meet yet another unfunded mandate to recycle, and to save money for 6 municipalities.
- Westchester County operates a recycling center in the Town of Cortlandt (Land owned by the Town) for the coalition. Collectively we save money for each municipality.





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THANK YOU!