

Suffern's Future is Bright and Full of Opportunity



The Village Board continues to implement initiatives leveraging all of the opportunities Suffern has due to its strategic location in the Mid-Hudson Valley. An example is our new filming program that was initiated in 2017 and is reaping income and other benefits to the Village by marketing Suffern as a premier filming location for television and movie projects. **A conservative estimate of all filming program benefits is a quarter of a million dollars. This includes the influx of direct revenue to the Village along with all the other benefits to merchants and building owners.**

Suffern and the surrounding Hudson Valley, considered the gateway to New York State, offer ready access to all of New York's regions and world-wide markets. Suffern is part of the Mid-Hudson region which spans seven counties. The Mid-Hudson region has a multitude of development opportunities and a diverse economic base. Businesses of every size can take advantage of the Suffern's railways, bus systems, interstate highways and easily-accessible airports. **Suffern is positioned for the future!**

Here's a look at the reasons why businesses of all kinds are thriving:

- Economic growth is evident in many areas:
 - ✚ **Good Samaritan Hospital**, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network has embarked on a \$9 million comprehensive upgrade to the facilities that house two of its leading programs. The project will bring a new level of patient experience to the region and foster a specialized, patient-first approach to bariatric and orthopedic care.
 - ✚ **The Sheldon**, a luxury apartment complex currently under construction at the corner of Orange Avenue and Chestnut Street, is a new 92-unit \$27 million Transit Oriented Development project spearheaded by local developer Joshua Goldstein. Further Transit Oriented Development projects are currently in development and under review by the Suffern Planning Board.
 - ✚ **74 Lafayette Avenue**, a four-story office building, valued at \$7.2 million is the home of **Aufgang Architects and Brooker Engineer**. This building has energy-efficient features such as geothermal heating and air-conditioning and includes ground-floor retail spaces. Aufgang Architects, ranked as one of New York City's top 10 active architecture firms, employs over 33 people, including some who commute from and NYC and NJ to work in Suffern.
 - ✚ The Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge \$3.98 billion project to replace the Tappan Zee Bridge provides **further cross-county market development**.
- The anchors of the Mid-Hudson economy – biotech and life sciences such as **Good Samaritan Hospital**, agribusiness, food and beverage, and advanced manufacturing – are supplemented by many other industries including **film and television**, financial services and international business, forming a diverse and strong business environment.
- The Mid-Hudson region has 30+ colleges and universities, including **Rockland County Community College**, that contribute to its highly educated workforce of 906,528, with an average salary of \$57,809.
- The region's scenic beauty and recreational experiences, such as the **Suffern Bear Mountain Trail Head**, local agriculture, unique food and beverage producers, outstanding restaurants, arts, culture and history combined to generate more than \$4.3 billion in regional visitor spending in 2018. **The Suffern Chamber of Commerce's Suffern Street Fair** continues to grow bringing more tourists and visitors to our Village. The Resorts World Catskills, a \$1.2 billion project that features an over 100,000-square-foot casino, an 18-story all-suite hotel, 10 bar and restaurant experiences, two indoor pools, a spa and salon, and year-round entertainment will attract further opportunities to expand tourism in our region.