

# 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.