


Under Construction

Ellenville Construction Way Up

Village of Ellenville construction projects in the first half of 2004 exceeded \$3.2 million, according to Ellenville Code Enforcement Officer Brian Schug. That is more than the entire year of 2003 by over \$400,000.

The building department has already issued 77 permits this year and is managing approximately \$2.2 million dollars in yet to be completed projects.

"These historical numbers are another indication of the significant growth being experienced in Ellenville," Schug said.

Village officials said the community is poised for both commercial and residential growth. 

Ellenville Locals Runners-up in Before & After Contest

When Elizabeth & Tom Hooper of Ellenville decided it was time to renovate their charming detached 1885 carriage barn, they wanted the barn to mirror their historic

country home (see photos). Since the Hoopers own and operate *On-the-Level Carpenters*, they were more than up to the task. Their project actually improved upon the building's historic charm, led by Clopay's

Semi-Custom Design #1 carriage-house-style garage door with square windows. As a result, the Hoopers were the second runners-up in the "2003 Clopay Before & After Contest" and were awarded a \$500 American Express Gift Card. 



Home Repair Loan Funds Available

Repair Loans are available to very-low income rural homeowners to improve or modernize their home, remove health and safety hazards, or make homes accessible for people with disabilities. The maximum loan amount that can be borrowed is \$20,000 and the interest rate is permanently fixed at one (1) percent. A loan in an amount not to exceed \$7,499 is available with no closing costs to qualified homeowners who have sufficient equity in their home. Applicants must own and occupy the single family home in need of repairs. The market value of the home cannot exceed \$154,896 in Ulster County.

Ulster County is served by the USDA, Rural Development's Middletown Office. In order to qualify for this program, a household's income must be within the very-low income limit. For example, in order to be income-qualified for the repair loan program, the maximum adjusted income for a family of two is \$22,600.00 and for a family of four is \$28,250.00 in Ulster County.

For information on applying for assistance under USDA Rural Development's Section 504 Loan program, please visit or contact this office at: **225 Dolson Ave., Suite 104, Middletown NY 10940, 845-343-1872 ext. 4.** E-mail: rdmiddletown@ny.usda.gov 

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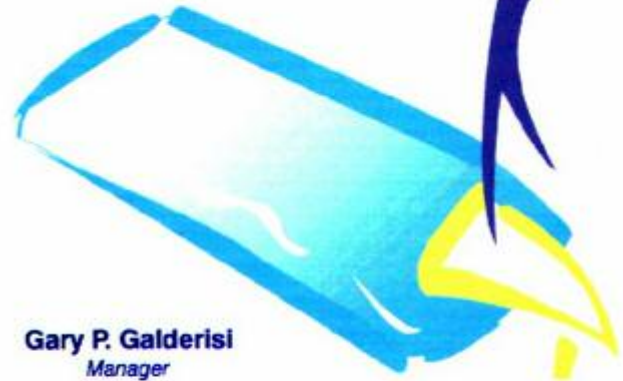
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