



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Orangetown Landswap Bill Sponsored by Senator Carlucci Passes Senate

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**Creating Job Legislation**

(Albany, NY) Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) sponsored legislation (S2404/Carlucci) that passed in the New York State Senate. The bill which is co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee (D-Suffern) will allow for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) to swap land in order to build an electric transition structure without disturbing the character of parkland in the town of Orangetown.

This is a perfect example of a public private partnership that will clear the way for job creation and economic development in Orangetown.

The Town is seeking to alienate parkland in the form of an easement in order for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. to construct, install, operate and maintain electric transition structures, related facilities and overhead and underground electric transmission wires on town-owned

parkland, which will transition the overhead power lines underground to feed the Corporate Drive substation in the Town of Orangetown.

By allowing for this land swap, jobs will be created in the construction of the electric transition structure and the underground power lines that will feed the substation.

In addition Verizon, Inc. is looking to expand their data center facilities, which will encourage businesses to come to Rockland County. In order for Verizon to expand, this O&R facility is

key to providing reliable electrical services to the data center, enabling Verizon to remain in Rockland county, saving 200 jobs that would have been lost without these reliable electrical services.

"This substation will provide the means for adequate and sufficient electric service to the Corporate Drive area in Orangeburg which will help to ensure that existing corporate employers and taxpaying ratables, remain a vibrant part of the Orangetown community, and hopefully attract other potential ratables to the area," Senator Carlucci said.

"This bill is critical to preserving a community's character, protecting local jobs, and most importantly responding to constituent needs," said Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee (D-Suffern). "I am pleased the Senate acted to meet these goals, and am committed to getting this legislation passed in the Assembly, as we did last session, and finally signed into law."

This alienation was requested by and has full support of the residences of the surrounding community.

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