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Senator Jen Metzger Announces \$150,000 in SAM Funding for Callicoon, Lumberland, and Thompson

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Sullivan County, NY... Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) announces \$150,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Capital funding for the Towns of Callicoon, Lumberland, and Thompson this week to help offset costs to the towns for projects and purchases to meet local needs. The \$50,000 grants will allow the Town of Thompson to renovate the Town Park bathroom, the Town of Callicoon to purchase a truck for plowing and sanding roads, and the Town of Lumberland

to begin grinding and preparation to replace pavement at the Town's highway garage in Glen Spey.

"I'm so pleased to be able to help support local projects like these that can really make a difference in our communities," **said Senator Metzger.** "As a former local elected official from a small town, I know and appreciate how difficult it is to come up with the resources to meet these needs, and these grants can help reduce the burden on local taxpayers."

Callicoon Town Supervisor Thomas R. Bose said, "The Town of Callicoon is grateful for Senator Metzger and her staff, especially Amanda Fallon, for all of their assistance in the application process for a SAM grant. As a small Town with a population of a little over three thousand residents and a highway system of over eighty one miles of roads to maintain, it has become increasingly difficult to adequately fund entirely what is required to keep our roads safe. With the funding made available to small Towns like Callicoon, through the State and Municipal Capital Project Program, we are able to purchase a new four wheel drive road maintenance vehicle without negatively impacting our annual budget. Thank you!"

Thompson Town Supervisor William Rieber, Jr. said, "The bathrooms at our town park are about 50 years old and in dire need of replacement. Senator Metzger, recognizing the importance of our parks, secured this funding, which will jump start the replacement of this infrastructure. The Town of Thompson has a master plan to increase and improve our park and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. This will help greatly. Many thanks."

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women's Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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