



Division of Planning & Community Development

REMOVE UNSAFE STRUCTURES (RUST) PROGRAM

2025 Program Guidelines

Purpose: The RUST Program will assist municipalities with removing hazardous or unsafe structures in their communities by paying for demolition costs and tipping fees of acceptable demolition materials. The program seeks to promote cleanup of condemned or hazardous and unsafe vacant buildings and properties.

Funding: The RUST program has been seeded with \$100,000 for 2025. Funding can be applied toward tipping fees and other demolition costs. Awards shall not exceed \$25,000 per property in order to leverage further cleanup in the County. Applicants must demonstrate matching funds totaling at least 50% of project costs. Funding shall be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Eligibility: Applications will be considered on a first-come first-serve basis. Applicants must be a municipality in Sullivan County, and must demonstrate site control of the project site. Projects must demonstrate the removal and disposal of the hazardous structure will be completed by 12/31/2025. Additionally, projects should be shown to further at least one of the following goals:

- a. **Safety:** Structures identified for removal are demonstrated as being unsafe and are hazards to the community.
- b. **Visibility:** The unsafe structure to be removed is highly visible, e.g. on a state or county road, or in a hamlet, village gateway, or downtown.
- c. **Redevelopment potential:** The project will result in a viable site for redevelopment.

Application Process: Applications are due by Friday, June 20, 2025 at 4PM. Should funding be available after the first round, applications will be accepted for a second round, due August 22, 2025 at 4PM. Applications can be submitted electronically to Planning@sullivanyny.gov or by mail or in person to the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Contact: For assistance with application development or program requirements, contact the Sullivan County Planning Department at (845) 807-0527 or Planning@sullivanyny.gov.

Disposal Requirements

The following are basic program requirements that must be adhered to when disposing of approved material through this program; however additional requirements may apply based on the project scope, and will be identified and included in the program agreement:

- Project timeline and coordination with County staff shall be incorporated into the program agreement upon award.
- All deliveries to approved disposal sites must be accompanied by appropriate documentation as required and approved by the facility.
- Applicant will be responsible for any charges for tonnage received over the pre-approved allotted amount.
- Hauler/user may be responsible for off-loading all materials depending on the pre-approved facility requirements.
- Construction materials and debris containing asbestos and/or other hazardous materials must be disposed of at a pre-approved facility.

Other Requirements: Awards are subject to approval by the Sullivan County Legislature. Upon approval, funding recipients will be required to meet with Department of Planning staff to finalize the proposed project, including disposal, requirements, and reimbursement or payment options. Funding recipients will enter into an award agreement with Sullivan County prior to beginning the demolition process. No work undertaken prior to execution of the final award agreement shall be eligible for reimbursement.



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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Municipality: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____ @ _____

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Location

Street Address: _____ Tax Parcel (SBL): _____

Owner

Owner of Record: _____

Budget

Have you formally bid out the removal?

☐ Yes – Date: _____

☐ No – Why Not? _____

Total Anticipated Project Cost: _____ Grant Amount Requested: _____

Anticipated Local Cost: _____ Are funds committed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attach a brief project narrative and budget to this form.

Please note: All eligible services must be incurred after the project authorization date via Sullivan County resolution and agreement.

III. PROCESS

Describe why this structure should be removed. What steps have you taken to address the unsafe structure?

Please describe any issues encountered with addressing and removing this building? *(add more sheets if necessary)*

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following documents to make your case for this blight removal project.

☐ Photos ☐ Location Map ☐ Legal Documentation ☐ Municipal Resolution ☐ Other, please label

I certify that I am able to submit this application on behalf of the above municipality and that we have complied with all associated legal processes.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

PRINT NAME

DATE