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**Orange County awarded \$2.280 million grant through 2016 BRIDGE
NY program**

*Funds will be used to repair a portion of County Route 48 over the Shawangunk Kill
in the Town of Crawford*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announced on Thursday that the County's Department of Public Works has been awarded a \$2.280 million grant through Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2016 BRIDGE NY Program to repair a portion of County Route 48 over the Shawangunk Kill in the Town of Crawford.

"We thank Governor Cuomo and the State legislature for providing Orange County these important funds," Neuhaus said. "It is gratifying to know that infrastructure, which has been long neglected, is finally receiving appropriate attention. We will continue to aggressively upgrade and rebuild Orange County's infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner."

The bridge over the Shawangunk Kill, known as Burlingham Bridge, was constructed in 1965 and carries approximately 1,079 vehicles per day. The project will include the entire removal and replacement of the superstructure including bridge railing and approach guide rail. Design is anticipated to start in 2017 with construction set to start in late 2018 or early 2019.

The \$200 million BRIDGE NY program provides emphasis on projects that address poor structural conditions; mitigate weight restrictions or long detours; facilitate economic development or increase competitiveness; and/or reduce the

risk of flooding. Funding for BRIDGE NY was made available to all municipalities authorized to receive and administer State and Federal transportation funding. Awards were made through a competitive process and support all phases of project development including design, right-of-way and construction.

Evaluations were based on the resiliency of the structure, the current bridge and culvert structural conditions, and the significance and importance of the bridge based on traffic volumes, detour considerations, the number and types of businesses served and the overall impact on commerce.

“I am excited about this good news and I look forward to working with NYSDOT on this project,” Orange County DPW Commissioner Chris Viebrock said.

“County road and bridge infrastructure is vital to the region and we appreciate the support from the state.”

Added Town of Crawford Supervisor Charles Carnes: “The Town of Crawford would like to thank Orange County and the State of New York for their help in obtaining this important bridge grant that will make this crossing safe for our residents for years to come. This funding is very important as we continue improving infrastructure while controlling the costs for our taxpayers.”

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