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**Neuhaus announces that Orange County will reduce costs by leasing
fleet vehicles**

*Initiative will save County approximately \$250,000 over the five years of the fleet
contract*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announced that the County has contracted with Enterprise Fleet Management to shift to a leased vehicle fleet, which will reduce maintenance costs and capital outlay.

The County estimates a savings of approximately \$250,000 over the five years of the fleet contract.

“This is another example of bringing private industry best practices to government,” Neuhaus said. “We must constantly seek efficiencies and innovative ways to save County government and taxpayers money. I’m very glad that we have taken advantage of this cost-effective, eco-friendly program.”

Orange County plans to lease approximately 25 to 30 new vehicles this year for the General Services, Real Property, Office for the Aging, Human Resources and Risk Management departments. The County’s older cars will be sold with proceeds defraying the leasing costs. Vehicles will be phased in over the course of five years until the County’s entire fleet is replaced by 2021.

The fleet plan will reduce the vehicle lifecycle from 20 years to five. Operational costs such as maintenance and fuel will be significantly reduced and carbon emissions will be reduced by 20 to 40 percent.

“I want to thank County Executive Neuhaus for his leadership and willingness to undertake new ideas and programs,” said Orange County Commissioner of General Services Jim Burpoe. “This fleet lease program will allow county employees to access to newer, safer and more efficient cars. The County will benefit from significant savings in reduced labor costs from our Department of Public Works and have a more environmentally friendly fleet of cars.”

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Ryan Forrest, an Accountant Executive with Enterprise Fleet Management, hands Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus the keys to a 2017 Jeep Cherokee Sport;



Neuhaus poses with (from left to right) Orange County Commissioner of General Services Jim Burpoe and Real Property Director John McCarey.