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**Neuhaus and Depew announce Washington Heights Park sidewalk project in the Town of Wallkill**

*The initiative will improve safety for pedestrians and increase the walkability of the neighborhood*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus visited the Town of Wallkill on Tuesday to announce details about the Washington Heights Park sidewalk project.

Neuhaus was joined at the event by Town of Wallkill Supervisor Dan Depew, Commissioner of Public Works Lou Ingrassia and Orange County Office of Community Development Director Rich Mayfield.

“This is another great example of the partnership between Orange County and our municipalities,” Neuhaus said. “I would like to commend Supervisor Depew and Wallkill’s Town Board for their thoughtful and comprehensive approach to the needs of this neighborhood, and the smart planning that will strengthen communities.”

Depew added: “For years, we have been trying to make a positive impact in the Washington Heights section of town that would improve public safety and boost curb appeal. Thankfully, this current administration lead by County Executive Neuhaus made it happen. We feel these sidewalk and streetlights will be the catalyst for the revitalization of a once abandoned section of town. The Town and County partnership represents an investment of over \$400,000 of positive capital investment that is long overdue.”

The Town of Wallkill received \$150,000 in funding for the Washington Heights sidewalk project last month from the County through the Community Development Office's 2017 Municipal Grant program. Fourteen municipalities in Orange County received a total of \$1,080,346 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) initiative, which enables states and local governments to undertake a wide variety of activities intended to create suitable living environments, provide affordable housing, and generate economic opportunities.

The Washington Heights project will improve safety for pedestrians and increase the overall walkability of the neighborhood. Additionally, improved lighting and drainage issues will be addressed as part of the overall project.

"The Office of Community Development appreciates the opportunity to work with the Town of Wallkill on this outstanding project," Mayfield said. "This represents a significant investment in the Washington Heights area and bodes well for the future stability of this neighborhood."

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*(From left to right) Town of Wallkill Commissioner of Public Works Lou Ingrassia, Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus, Town of Wallkill Supervisor Dan Depew and Orange County Office of Community Development Director Rich Mayfield at Washington Heights Park in the Town of Wallkill on Tuesday, January 3.*