

Mid-Hudson projects land \$84.8M in state funding

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State officials announced \$84.8 million in funding for economic development projects in the mid-Hudson region on Wednesday, a combination of grants, tax credits and bonds to benefit companies, local governments and nonprofits that applied for the aid.

Among the largest grants was \$3.1 million that the Department of Environmental Conservation will give Middletown to buy land and conservation easements around Kinch Pond, a drinking water source for the city. City officials say the purchase will expand the pond's buffer to avoid pollution from nearby development.

The DEC also will give the Orange County Water Authority \$1.7 million to buy land and conservation easements around Washington Lake and Brown's Pond to protect those two water sources for the City of Newburgh.

Another local grant recipient is Tuxedo Park's Michael Bruno, who will get \$1 million from Empire State Development to support the second phase of his business redevelopment along Route 17 in Tuxedo and Sloatsburg. This work stage includes an expansion of an inn he created and opening a bike shop next to Harriman State Park.

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Empire State Development also will give \$1 million to Mediprint, a 3D medical printer that plans to open a laboratory and headquarters in Orange County. The state didn't identify the location. The company's website gives an office address on Main Street in Goshen.

A complete list of funding recipients in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties will be posted on recordonline.com.



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