## Hudson River Xousing, Inc.

## NORTHEASTERN DUTCHESS NITIATIVE

**ABOUT US** 

Hudson River Housing is a nonprofit housing and community development organization. We have worked throughout the Hudson Valley since 1982. Our mission is to improve lives and communities through housing, education and supportive services, and neighborhood revitalization.

COMMUNITY
BUILDING &
ENGAGEMENT

Our Community Building & Engagement efforts help build sustainable, inclusive and participatory communities. Our team layers multiple strategies to strengthen communities, including engaging residents and businesses, designing neighborhood promotion and marketing tools, mitigating blight, rehabilitating properties, and preventing foreclosure. We have learned that these strategies are most successful when they are coordinated in a targeted geographic area.

THE NORTHEASTERN
DUTCHESS INITIATIVE

The Northeastern Dutchess Initiative is our most recent Community Building & Engagement effort. We strive to be a strong partner to community and economic development efforts taking place in the region that support sustainable, inclusive and participatory communities. Our current area of focus includes Millerton/Northeast, Amenia, and Pine Plains.

OUR GOALS

- ♦ Support a sustainable, local, rural economy for northeastern Dutchess County
- Provide a space to bring together residents, businesses and organizations in order to enhance communication and build partnerships
- ♦ Support the active participation of community members in cultivating a shared vision of a vibrant community
- Celebrate the culture and heritage of the region

OUR CURRENT STRATEGIES

- Convene monthly open gatherings of community members and stakeholders to discuss issues of regional importance
- Support enhanced regional communication through the development and maintenance of the Northeastern Dutchess Initiative group page on Facebook
- ♦ Support small business development and growth by providing administrative services for the Millerton Business Group
- Undertake housing surveys with the farming and business community to inform analysis of the sufficiency, adequacy and availability of housing options supporting the local economic drivers of agriculture and small business
- ♦ Facilitate the development of a regional Community Map identifying assets and opportunities in the region.

**OUR TEAM** 

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