

**S.T.R.I.V.E. Project
SUNY Ulster Kingston Center**

Legislative Briefing- October 15, 2014



S.T.R.I.V.E. Overview

Strategic **T**axpayer **R**elief through **I**nnovative **V**isions in **E**ducation

- ❖ Initiative to address needs and implement creative problem-solving across public sector organizations
- ❖ Partnership between Ulster County, SUNY Ulster, City of Kingston, and Kingston City School District
- ❖ Multi-phase project to solve critical issues that cross organizational boundaries

S.T.R.I.V.E. Goals

- ❖ Improve low graduation rates at Kingston High School and expand educational and job training opportunities for at-risk students
- ❖ Consolidate County properties to improve delivery of services and provide long-term taxpayer savings
- ❖ Ensure adaptive re-use of vacant elementary school to support community development and revitalization
- ❖ Provide model for intermunicipal cooperation with strong private and State funding support

S.T.R.I.V.E. Implementation

Renovate closed Sophie Finn Elementary School for use as SUNY Ulster Kingston Center and relocate College from Business Resource Center to site adjacent to High School



SUNY Ulster Kingston Center

Former Sophie Finn Elementary School

Renovation includes significant site work improvements:

- ❖ Addition of 130 parking spaces on upper level
- ❖ Reorientation of entrance to north side of School
- ❖ Use of innovative storm water/ green infrastructure
- ❖ Re-sloping of entrance roadway/ retaining walls



Former Sophie Finn Elementary School

Building Improvement Include:

- ❖ Hazmat abatement
- ❖ ADA compliance/ new elevator
- ❖ Extensive classroom renovation
- ❖ Replacement of window walls
- ❖ Installation of cooling system
- ❖ Energy efficiency upgrades
- ❖ New entrance vestibule



S.T.R.I.V.E. Timeline

- June 2012: County Executive proposes S.T.R.I.V.E.
- October 2012: Legislature creates Capital Project 370
Authorizes \$440k for preliminary design
Accepts \$500k Dyson Foundation grant
- April 2013: Legislature accepts \$1.5 million ESD grant
CS Arch issues Feasibility Study
- May 2013: Kingston City Schools District voters
approve sale of Sophie Finn for \$300k
- June 2013: Legislature amends C.P. 370 to \$600k

S.T.R.I.V.E. Timeline

- September 2013: County accepts Design report
Estimates total project at \$7.05 million
- November 2013: College Trustees endorse revised project
Legislature endorses revised project
- December 2013: County awarded \$439k NYS EFC grant
for green infrastructure (GI)
Legislature issues Neg Dec for SEQRA
- March 2014: Legislature amends C.P. 370 to \$966k
includes acquisition & GI design costs
- April 2014: Legislature accepts NYS EFC grant

S.T.R.I.V.E. Timeline

- May 2014: Legislature authorizes purchase of Sophie Finn Elementary School
- June 2014: City of Kingston approves subdivision of Sophie Finn from High School property
- August 2014: County takes ownership of Sophie Finn
Legislature amends C.P. 370 to \$1.43 M
County bids Hazmat Abatement
- September 2014: Hazmat Construction Phase begin
County releases Construction Bids
- October 9, 2014: County opens Construction Bids

S.T.R.I.V.E. Construction Bids

- County received 25 bids for 5 prime contracts on Oct. 9th
- Low bids were within a few percentage of CM estimates
- All low bidders have been reviewed by CM and Architect
- The Construction contract amounts are:

• Contract 1: Site Work	\$1,050,710
• Contract 2: General Construction	\$3,131,200
• Contract 3: Plumbing	\$ 201,871
• Contract 4: HVAC	\$ 973,000
• Contract 5: Electrical	\$ 763,333
• Contract 6: Hazardous Materials	\$ 286,280*

**HazMat Abatement was authorized in Aug 2014
and is nearing completion*

S.T.R.I.V.E. Budget History

Feasibility Study:	\$5.88 million- April 2013 Added Building Improvements Included Additional Site Work
Schematic Design:	\$7.05 million- September 2013 Added Acquisition (\$300k) Revised Building Design
Final Design & Bids:	\$7.83 million- October 2014 Added Green Infrastructure Added 5% Contingency

S.T.R.I.V.E. Revenues

Project Revenues: \$3,765,450- SUNY Office of Cap Facilities
\$1,641,450- Bonding Paid by SUNY Lease
\$1,485,000- Empire State Development
\$ 500,000- The Dyson Foundation
\$ 439,000- NYS EFC

Total Revenues: \$7,830,900

S.T.R.I.V.E. Resolution No. 365

- ❖ Amends 2014-2019 Capital Program to full project cost
- ❖ Amends Capital Project 370 (STRIVE) from current \$1.43 million authorization to \$7.83 million
- ❖ Increases Capital Project 370 by \$6.4 million
- ❖ Adds site work, general construction, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical contracts
- ❖ Includes a 5 percent construction contingency

S.T.R.I.V.E. Next Steps

October 2014: Legislative Resolution No. 365

November 2014: Begin Construction

August 2015: Complete Construction
Relocate SUNY Ulster to Kingston Center
Start of Fall 2015 Classes

