

Highlights from the 28th Annual Rural LISC Seminar

# Catalyzing OPPORTUNITIES in Rural America

Rural LISC Annual  
Seminar XXVIII

June 4-7, 2019

Resorts World Catskills  
Monticello, NY



**LISC RURAL**

In June 2019 some 270 rural community developers, representing 94 partner organizations from 42 states, gathered in Monticello, New York for Rural LISC's 28th Annual Seminar – three days of continuing education, networking, and conversations with nationally recognized community development leaders and stakeholders.



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# Workshops & Networking

## Plenaries:

1. The Digital Divide and Rural Innovation
2. Census 2020 – Is Rural America in jeopardy of being undercounted ... AGAIN?
3. A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Inclusive Economic Development



## Workshops:

- Financing Tools
- Rural Rubinger Fellows - Addressing Rural Challenges
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Financial Capability Tools
- NIMBY - Still a Problem in Rural Community Development
- Community Safety
- Asset/Property Management
- LGBTQ Populations in Rural America
- Wealth and Skill-Building Strategies for Rural Communities
- Opportunity Zones - Driving Capital and Investment into Rural Neighborhoods
- Rural Response to the Opioid Crisis
- Rural Transportation Access
- Generational Engagement in Rural America





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The Lace Mill



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RUPCO hosted an inspirational tour showcasing their community wealth building initiatives, energy efficient affordable housing units, and creative community centers, including a particular focus on their work expanding the growing music, arts, film, and technology programs in the creative hubs of the Hudson River Valley.



A closing event was held at the **Bethel Woods Cultural Center**, site of the Woodstock Music Festival in 1969.



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