



DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COUNTY) Department of Planning and Development

2026 Salary Range: \$117,357 – 143,844

This is a key administrative position involving responsibility for providing leadership and managing the County's responsibilities as they relate to strategic planning and policies to stimulate interest in the County for economic development opportunities as well as business retention. The Director performs a range of professional, administrative and managerial duties related to supporting the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation and the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency as they relate to County economic development. The Director will chair the *Economic Development Advisory Committee*. The Director is responsible for advancing the County Executive's economic development policies and vision, developing and maintaining positive relationships with businesses and facilitating communications which support business and industry. The Director acts as a sounding board for the County Executive and Commissioner of Planning & Development on a range of issues, including organizational strategy and design, and County economic development priorities. General direction is received from the Commissioner of Planning & Development and from the County Executive with respect to economic development issues. Travel in the course of a workday may be required. Assignments outside of normal working hours may be given. Supervision is not generally a requirement of this position, although the incumbent may be responsible for leading and directing the work of others on special projects.

To view a complete list of job duties, click [here](#).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- EITHER: (A) A Master's degree in business administration, economic development, urban or regional planning, public administration, political science, municipal government, economics, or closely-related field AND four (4) years administrative or managerial experience in city, county or regional planning and economic development.
- OR: (B) A Bachelor's degree in business administration, economic development, urban or regional planning, public administration, political science, municipal government, economics, or closely-related field AND five (5) years administrative or managerial experience in city, county or regional planning and economic development.
- OR: (C) An equivalent combination of education, training and experience between the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: Your degree or college credit must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a valid Driver License to operate a motor vehicle in New York State at time of application and to maintain appointment.

FINGERPRINTING: A fingerprint supported background investigation is required before an appointment is made to some positions. Pursuant to New York State Executive Law, the Division of Criminal Justice Services requires that a fee accompany each such request for a search. It is due once a job offer is made and accepted by the applicant.

Dutchess County offers a diverse working environment and generous benefits package including 13 paid holidays, paid time off, comprehensive health, dental and vision insurance, and NYS Retirement.

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Recruitment will be posted until 12/31/2026.

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