

# Introducing New York USDA Rural Development State Director

by David A. Miller  
*Community Programs Director*

---

Please join me in welcoming our new USDA Rural Development State Director, Ms. Jill Harvey.

Jill brings twenty-four years of experience in managing community relations, public affairs and government programs to her position as State Director.

She possesses demonstrated strengths in strategic planning, community outreach, public relations and public policy analysis.

Jill's most recent position was as United States Senator Charles E. Schumer's Regional Director. Jill was based in Syracuse and addressed the needs of the ten county Central and Northern New York Region. This position allowed her to establish and strengthen relationships with business, communities and elected leaders in her region.

I have found that Jill has a deep understanding of the processes and protocols of federal, state and local government that will serve her well as USDA-Rural Development State Director. She has an unparalleled set of contacts and relationships in every corner of New York State.

I know that you will find that Jill has a passion for the issues we face daily in rural New York and will be a very strong advocate for USDA Development Programs as we move forward this next fiscal year.



---