

# NEWS:



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## **ORANGE ANNOUNCES “GREEN” WEBSITE**

*SustainableOrange.org a one-stop resource for environmentally-friendly tips, money saving ideas*

**Goshen** – Everyone’s favorite frog Kermit said it the best, “Its not easy being green.” While Kermit bemoaned the challenges of being a frog, the same holds true for people looking to practice an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. The task of finding accurate sources of information about energy savings, recycling, conservation, and related grants can be a daunting one. Thanks to a new County-sponsored website, [www.sustainableorange.org](http://www.sustainableorange.org), that challenge just got a whole lot easier for Orange County residents, municipalities, school districts, and businesses.

Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Commissioner of Planning David Church are proud to announce the launch of Orange County’s new green website. The website, [www.sustainableorange.org](http://www.sustainableorange.org), is designed to be a one-stop resource for residents, municipalities, and school districts looking to save money on energy, fuel, and water expenses through the practice of smart, manageable conservation efforts.

“Orange County is proud to be a ‘green’ county,” announced County Executive Diana. “We live in one of the most beautiful counties in the country, and it’s important to keep it that way. The launch of the new website is another example of our County’s commitment to supporting sustainability efforts,” Mr. Diana continued.

In addition to conservation and recycling tips, the website also provides links to information on grants, rebates, and tax incentives from State and Federal sources, utility companies, and non-profit organizations. Orange County government is one of those sources. Through Federal stimulus funding, the County has \$430,000 available in grants for towns, villages and school districts interested in conducting energy audits. Grant applications are available through [www.sustainableorange.org](http://www.sustainableorange.org) and are due June 4.

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*Sustainableorange.org* was developed through a partnership with Blue Springs Energy LLC; a company that helps communities participate in clean energy programs. Blue Springs Energy assists organizations, local governments, and individuals access clean and renewable energy grants, incentives, and credits.

“I encourage Orange County residents and businesses to log on to [sustainableorange.org](http://sustainableorange.org),” said Commissioner Church. “Check out the energy-saving tips, sign-up for newsletters, discover opportunities for grants and incentives – and be assured of finding accurate, reliable information.”

Orange County has recently embarked on an energy audit of ten County buildings using the most energy, as one of the many conservation efforts the County is undertaking. Visit [sustainableorange.org](http://sustainableorange.org) to learn about other County efforts.

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