



ASSEMBLYWOMAN

# Carrie Woerner

## Dear Friends,

This year's legislative session has drawn to a close. After months of hard work and productive collaboration with my colleagues in the Assembly, I brought home considerable results for our communities. I am excited to share what we have accomplished, from supporting local farms and businesses to preserving our precious natural resources. I'm also helping deliver much-needed resources to our veterans and our youth.

With summer well under way, I'm in the district working alongside our local officials, not-for-profit organizations, businesses and residents to keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful and thriving. Saratoga, Warren & Washington counties have so much to offer during this wonderful season, and I look forward to seeing you around the 113<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

As always, my office door is open if you have any questions for me or would like to share concerns about any state issue.

Sincerely,

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## Legislative Session Highlights

I passed 15 pieces of legislation during the 2023 legislative session.

### Signed into Law:

- I helped expand the New York Textile Act to revitalize and grow textile and agricultural manufacturing across Upstate New York (Ch. 13 of 2023). The measure creates a Natural Fiber Textile Development Workgroup to study and identify methods of advancing the animal- and plant-based textile industry.
- To support local small businesses, I spearheaded a new law that increases the number of nominations an elected official can make per year to the historic business preservation registry (Ch. 146 of 2023). Small businesses are not only vital to our economy but also to history, heritage and identity, and we've seen this recently established registry have great success. Having more opportunities to preserve and highlight these pillars of our communities is a win-win.



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## Passed Both Houses:

- Because of the significant impact the state's Fire Prevention and Building Council has on our agricultural community, I sponsored a bill to require one member of the council to be from a New York State agricultural advocacy organization (A.1080-A).
- To spark our kids' interest in entering the agricultural and technology fields, I sponsored a bill to create a youth agriculture technology challenge at the New York State Fair for FFA and Robotics team members. (A.1528-A).
- I supported agriculture and county fairs by sponsoring legislation to lower the eligibility threshold for state reimbursement of county fair premiums from \$5,000 to \$2,500 (A.2935).
- To honor the late Brian Buell, who honorably served the Greenwich Fire Department for 33 years, I sponsored legislation to dedicate the bridge over the Battenkill River on State Route 372 as the **Deputy Chief Brian Buell Memorial Bridge** (A.3162).
- Our veterans represent some of the very best among us. When they return home, it's our responsibility to help them as much as we can. That's why I spearheaded legislation to **expand state support for veterans and help them access homeownership** by making career members of the armed forces eligible for the veterans alternative tax exemption (A.3381-A).



- To help establish a **stronger, more viable paid family leave program**, I sponsored a bill to create a commission to study our current family leave program and recommend how to expand access and increase visibility (A.4676-A).
- As an initial step toward a responsible, achievable zero-emission future, I sponsored a measure to establish a statewide plan for power needs along highways and bus depots to support charging stations for zero-emission vehicles (A.5052-C).
- To keep our beautiful waters clean and teeming with life, I sponsored a bill that would allow town boards to take **stronger actions against invasive plant species** damaging local waterways (A.5801).
- School libraries are critical to children's development. To help our schools catch up to the technological revolution and expand students' knowledge, I championed legislation to include digital materials as part of school library materials (A.6807).
- I sponsored a bill to allow **Warren County to join the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)**, merging the Greater Glens Falls Transit into CDTA. The merger would provide our existing network with more support and connect riders to a larger transit system (A.7015).
- I sponsored legislation to extend the legal provisions providing health insurance coverage for small, rural school districts. The bill would **help our school districts provide quality health care** to their employees without the risk of increasing local property taxes to pay for it (A.7038).
- Research libraries preserve and offer a world of information for the public good. I sponsored legislation to give New York research libraries more time to utilize funding by changing when grant awards are administered (A.7246).
- Our beautiful fishing spots are one of the many things that our region is famous for, which is why I sponsored legislation to **allow licensed local fishermen to have up to three lines in the water at once** (A.7429).



## Supporting New York Farmers

I helped secure funding in this year's state budget to strengthen and improve farms across the state:

- \$1.9 million for the Farm Viability Institute to support their competitive grant program, which has helped small local farmers throughout the state
- \$500,000 for the American Farmland Trust's Farmland for a Future Generation Protection Fund to help develop the next generation of New York farmers
- \$75,000 for the Empire Sheep Producers Association

# Delivering for 113<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Families

I secured vital resources to support our communities and help them thrive, including:

## Glens Falls

- **\$35,000** to the Glens Falls Senior Center
- **\$30,000** to SALS Memory Project
- **\$15,000** to WAIT House

## Hudson Falls

- **\$15,000** to the Hudson Falls chapter of Future Farmers of America

- **\$50,000** to support Comfort Food Community, a food hub providing fresh, locally grown food to pantries in Washington, Warren and Saratoga Counties

- **\$15,000** to the Greenwich chapter of Future Farmers of America
- **\$10,000** to the Greenwich Youth Center

## Greenwich

- **\$50,000** for Pitney Meadows Community Farm's food security program, supporting food pantries across Saratoga County

- **\$45,000** to the Saratoga Regional YMCA
- **\$40,000** to the Saratoga Springs Senior Center
- **\$30,000** to RISE Code Blue

## Schuylerville

- **\$150,000** to support the Hudson-Hoosic Rivers Partnership's operations at the Champlain Canal Gateway Visitors Center

## Victory

- **\$10 million** for rehabilitation and redevelopment of Victory Mill

## Saratoga Springs

## Saratoga County

- **\$1.6 million** to support the Saratoga County Health Dept.'s transition to a full-service agency

## Stillwater

- **\$1 million** for the not-for-profit Saratoga PLAN to acquire and protect Snake Hill on the shore of Saratoga Lake
- **\$15,000** to the Stillwater Community Center

## District Highlights



→ **Women of Distinction:** I held my annual Women of Distinction event, honoring 15 outstanding women for their contributions to the 113<sup>th</sup> District Community.

→ **Budget Town Halls:** Following this year's session, I held a series of town halls across the 113<sup>th</sup> District to talk with constituents about how the budget impacts our area.

→ **Summer Reading Tour:** This summer, I held my 9<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Reading Tour. I've held this tour every year that I have been in office, and it's one of my favorite things to do each summer.

→ **Hosted a Suicide Prevention Seminar:** I worked with experts from across the state to better understand how we can reduce the increased rate of rural suicides, especially among teenagers.

→ **Developmental Disabilities Anti-Stigma Campaign:** On July 26<sup>th</sup>, I was proud to take part in the launch of New York's Developmental Disabilities Anti-Stigma Campaign. Through a law I passed last year (Ch. 480 of 2022), this campaign will highlight the contributions and successes of the developmental disability community, taking the next step on the road to a more inclusive New York, for all New Yorkers.

→ **Women in Horse Racing Roundtable:** Together with my fellow Assemblywomen Stacey Pheffer Amato and Michaelle Solages, who represent the other NYRA Racetracks in New York State, we hosted a roundtable discussion with women jockeys, trainers, owners, breeders and others to learn how the State Legislature can continue to support the women building a career in the sport of horse racing.

→ **Blood Drives:** As New York continues to face blood shortages, I partnered with the Red Cross to host a series of blood drives to help increase their supply.



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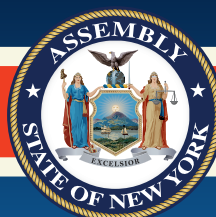
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