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Commissioner:

I write expressing my full support of the Alcove Preservation Association's application for the Municipal Park Improvement Initiative Grant.

The Association is responsible for managing and maintaining the historic site of the former Valley Paper Mill in Alcove on behalf of the Town of Coeymans. The Association's proposal will enhance the ongoing restoration of the Alcove chimney, first constructed in 1848, by rebuilding the chimney capital. Maintaining this almost two-century old landmark is important work, as it helps our Coeymans community retain its connection to our region's industrial past while also providing open space for the public to enjoy along Hannacrois Creek.

County support for this project would go a long way in supporting the continuing restoration of the Alcove chimney. When the County Legislature voted to create this program last year, we did so with the view that "investing in our parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the county is vital to the enjoyment residents get from those features of our communities." Investing in this facility and supporting the continuing work of the Alcove Preservation Association at the Alcove chimney is absolutely vital to the sustained enjoyment of town residents.

Sincerely,

Zach Collins  
Albany County Legislator, District 37