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DCSPCA receives approvals and high praise for new Adoption and Education Center

HYDE PARK, NY – The Dutchess County has received final approval for construction of a new Adoption and Education Center. The Town of Hyde Park Planning Board granted approval at a public hearing on Wednesday, October 28. Plans call for the DCSPCA to build a new 15,000 square foot shelter on its property in Hyde Park. The new facility is environmentally friendly and is designed to improve the health and well-being of animals under the DCSPCA's care.

The Chairperson of the Hyde Park Planning Board, Michael Dupree, had high praise for the DCSPCA, the Architect, Rolando Kraeher of Architectura, and the Engineer, Bill Rohde, of Rohde, Soyka, and Andrews. Mr. Dupree commended the Architect and Engineer on their outstanding work and innovative design, which he stated would serve as a model for all of Hyde Park.

The Chairperson of the Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee, Victoria Kampf, spoke publicly to say that she was "thrilled" with this project, and felt that Hyde Park and the county would be very proud of the DCSPCA Adoption and Education Center.

The Executive Director of the Dutchess County SPCA, Joyce Garrity, stated, "I am overjoyed with the decision of the Hyde Park Planning Board. This decision to grant final approval represents the dedication, and hard work of many people associated with the DCSPCA throughout the years, and the vision of the Board of Directors who are committed to this project. They have worked hard to make this dream a reality."

The DCSPCA has raised more than two million dollars towards the goal of three million dollars. "We anticipate breaking ground in the spring of 2010, and are 67% of the way to our goal," said Garrity. "We would like to raise a total of 85% of funds prior to breaking ground. We have complete faith in the kind people of this county to help us reach this goal and help build a better future for homeless animals."

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter with a 138-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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