As of 2010, total net worth in the Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster county area was $74 billion. For Dutchess it was $37 billion; Putnam $21.3 billion; and Ulster $15.9 billion.

Of that total amount, $22 billion is expected to transfer from one generation to the next through probate estates over the next 10 years. For Dutchess it will be $11.5 billion; Putnam $4.36 billion; and Ulster $6.14 billion.

A number of those assets will transfer to heirs who live outside of the Hudson Valley.

If 5% of that projected transfer was designated for local charity, nearly $1.1 billion would be retained for the benefit of Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties.

If that $1.1 billion was housed in a charitable endowment an estimated $55 million would be available for nonprofits each year.

What You Can Do

You’re invited to be part of the Hudson Valley’s future by contributing to a fund to support your county, the Hudson Valley or your favorite nonprofits.

In the next several years, Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties stand to lose much of their capital as it transfers to heirs who live outside our community. You can help preserve your community's future by setting aside a portion of your assets for your county - the home of your heritage, your livelihood, your roots. If you love the community you call home, consider this opportunity to enrich its future by joining other community-minded families and exploring how you can do your part.

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