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### The Watershed Agricultural Council

Agriculture • Forestry • Conservation Easements • Economic Viability

The Watershed Agricultural Council, a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed while supporting farm and forest land uses, is seeking to hire one **Economic Viability Program Intern** to assist the Economic Viability Program with Pure Catskills membership relations and support, Pure Catskills Guide deliveries, document archiving, content development for various electronic and print media, event coordination and setup, and creating outreach materials consistent with messaging of the Pure Catskills Buy Local Campaign which will reinforce the positive impact being made in the region.

This is a 10-week summer position that pays \$14.20 per hour. Must have a dependable vehicle, insurance and a valid N.Y.S. driver's license. Will be reimbursed for mileage incurred on the job.

To apply send resume and cover letter to **Patti Bowker, Watershed Agricultural Council, 33195 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856** or e-mail **pbowker@nycwatershed.org**

Job description: [www.nycwatershed.org](http://www.nycwatershed.org)

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Send resume and cover letter:  
**Delaware County Mental Health**  
**243 Delaware Street, Walton, NY 13856**  
**Attn: Doug**

### WMC Health | HealthAlliance Hospital

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### CLINICAL & NON-CLINICAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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**WMCHealthjobs.org**

### Watershed Agricultural Council

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The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC), a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed, while supporting farm and forest land uses, seeks a **Stewardship Specialist**.

This position is responsible for stewarding WAC's working land conservation easements as well as maintaining professional working relationships with landowners and partners. Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies or related field. Minimum of three years related experience.

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Qualifications detailed in position description available at <http://www.nycwatershed.org/careers>

To apply send letter of interest and resume to **Patti Bowker, Watershed Agricultural Council, 33195 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856** or e-mail to **pbowker@nycwatershed.org**

EOE. Review of applications will begin as received.

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**Town of Hamden Notice to Bidders**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**TOWN OF HAMDEN HAMDEN, NEW YORK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Hamden Water System Improvements Project, Contract No. 1 will be received by the Town of Hamden at the Town of Hamden Town Hall, 6754 Basin Clove Road, Hamden, NY 13782, until 1:00 PM local time on Tuesday May 2, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of:

**Contract No. 1** includes replacement of approximately 925 LF of old 4" cast iron watermain located on the south side of Main Street (NYS Route 10) with new 6" HDPE. New water main shall be located on backside of existing sidewalk and shall be installed by directional drill method. New water services will be connected to the water service shut offs (to be replaced) for the properties on the south side of the highway in the Hamlet of Hamden, New York 13782. Also includes new 120 LF 4" HDPE water service by directional drill method, and connection to existing water main.

**Contract No. 1** also includes piping modifications for well blow-offline at the production well in the Hamlet of Delancey.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Lamont Engineers, P.C., 197 Elm Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, (518) 234-4028, contact person: James Gillespie, Project Manager, [jgillespie@lamontengineers.com](mailto:jgillespie@lamontengineers.com). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the Town of Hamden Town Hall, 6754 Basin Clove Road, Hamden, New York 13782, 607-746-6660, on Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$75 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 30 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders, and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents, will receive a refund of \$75 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to Lamont Engineers, P.C. Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via overnight delivery service. Requests for delivered sets of Bidding and Contract documents will be honored overnight via Federal Express with charges billed to bidder's Federal Express account, or upon receipt of a non-refundable fee of \$50 per set for handling and delivery. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Digital (PDF) copies of the bidding documents can be obtained from the issuing office upon request. Prospective bidders who obtain electronic bid documents are responsible to contact Lamont Engineers, P.C. to register their contact information on the bid documents distribution list for the purposes of receiving bidding addenda and other bidding information.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM** local time on Tuesday April 25, 2023, at the Town of Hamden Town Hall, 37029 State Route 10, Hamden, New York 13782. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

**Owner: Town of Hamden**  
**By: Wayne Marshfield**  
**Title: Supervisor**  
**Date: 4/7/2023**

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Deadline: **Tuesday by Noon | To place your ad, visit: [www.The-Reporter.net](http://www.The-Reporter.net)**

**Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District Notice to Bidders**

The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation, is seeking bids from qualified suppliers for the following project:

- ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL – PRE-CAST CONCRETE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & PRE-CAST CONCRETE RETAINING WALLS**

Work items include supplying the following products with engineered shop drawings:

- Pre-Cast Concrete Open-Bottom Culvert, and
- Pre-Cast Concrete Block Retaining Walls.

Bid packages can be obtained electronically by emailing Ben Dates at [ben-dates@dcswwcd.org](mailto:ben-dates@dcswwcd.org). Minority- and Women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

Bids will be received by the Catskill Watershed Corporation's office at 669 County Highway 38, Suite #1, Arkville, NY 12406 until **Friday, May 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM, prevailing time**, at which time the sealed bids will be opened and read. Bidders are responsible for the timely delivery of their bid proposals via a mail delivery system, or delivery in-person. No electronic bid packages will be considered.

Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those companies whose name and address are on record as having obtained Bidding and Contract Documents. The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and Catskill Watershed Corporation reserve the right to reject any and all bids, or waive informalities in the Bidding.

Technical questions should be directed to Ben Dates and administrative questions directed to Graydon Dutcher.

- Phone: 607-865-5223
- Fax: 607-865-5535
- E-mail: [ben-dates@dcswwcd.org](mailto:ben-dates@dcswwcd.org), [graydon-dutcher@dcswwcd.org](mailto:graydon-dutcher@dcswwcd.org)

**Supreme Court County of Delaware Foreclosure Notice**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT DELAWARE COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-A, MORTGAGE P A S S - T H R O U G H CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-A, Plaintiff against DAWN M. THOMSON A/K/A DAWN THOMSON, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 3, 2019, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St, Delhi NY 13753 on May 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Premises known as 549 Stoodley Hollow Road, Walton, NY 13856. Sec 168. Block 1 Lot 14.2. All of those certain piece or parcels of land situate in the Town of Hamden, County of Delaware and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$99,255.32 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 000283/2017. The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 6th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing. John J. Wadlin, Esq., Referee SPSNC574

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Turn Magic Wheel LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/24/23. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 32 Main St, Andes, NY 13731. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Ada Schjeldahl, 32 Main St, Andes, NY 13731. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Sidney Central School District Legal Notice**

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the Sidney Central School District Statement of Estimated Expenditures for the 2023-2024 school year will be held at the Sidney Junior/Senior High School Library in Sidney, New York on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**NOTICE** is also hereby given that copies of the proposed annual operating budget and tax exemption form for the succeeding year to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election shall be available to Sidney Central School District residents, on request, in each Sidney Central School District school building main office and the District Office, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen (14) days preceding such Annual Meeting. It will be posted on the District's website, and copies will be available at every public library within the District.

**NOTICE** is also given that the vote and election shall take place in the **District Office (note change in location) located in the Junior/Senior High School Building entry at Door 11 (same location as tax drop off)** of the Sidney Central School District on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, between the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the following items: To adopt the annual budget of the Sidney Central School District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. To adopt the annual budget of the Sidney Memorial Public Library for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education for three (3) year terms. To elect three (3) trustees of the Sidney Memorial Public Library; for a five (5) year terms.

**NOTICE** is also hereby given that the petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education or Library Trustee must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District on April 17, 2023.

The following three (3) vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education: Term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2026 presently held by Amanda Finch; term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2026 presently held by Jason Miller; term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2026 presently held by Marisa Orezzaoli.

The following three (3) vacancies are to be filled on the Sidney Memorial Public Library Board: Term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2028 presently held by Emelinda Gronwall due to resignation of Lisa Sellen; term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2028 presently held by Ann Zieno; term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2028 presently held by Nancy Hornung.

Each petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district and must state the name and residence of the candidate and describe that specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Nominating petitions are available at the District Office during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), (excluding Saturday, Sunday or holidays). Nominating petitions must be filed in the District Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2023.

**NOTICE** is also given that qualified voters may apply for absentee ballot applications at the district clerk's office at the Sidney Central School District during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). All Absentee Ballot applications must be received by the district clerk no later than May 9, 2023 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by May 16, 2023 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. All Absentee Ballots must be submitted to the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the district clerk's office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election, (except Saturday, Sunday or holidays).

**NOTICE** is also given that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 607-561-7788 or [nedwards@sidneycsd.org](mailto:nedwards@sidneycsd.org). For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by ballot or mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Nancy A. Edwards  
District Clerk  
Board of Education

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**HOUSEHOLD GOODS OR FOOD PRODUCTS:**

- Bleach
- Comet Cleanser
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Gloves
- Dishcloths
- Towels, Blankets, Sheets (gently used are okay)

**PET PRODUCTS:**

- Safe Cat Toys (balls, mice, catnip, etc.)
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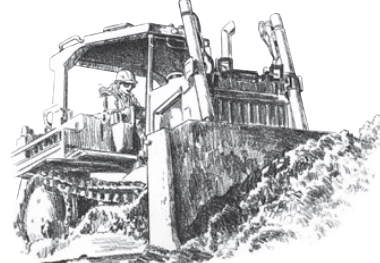
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Extra sunlight and rising temperatures make spring a great time to plant flowers, grasses and trees. To ensure successful planting, homeowners must take steps to prepare the soil. Healthy soil can provide the ideal conditions for roots to take hold, helping plants establish themselves before potentially harsh summer conditions arrive. Preparing soil might seem like an extensive job, but a simple approach may be all that's necessary to create conditions that promote plant growth this spring.

• **Clean up the previous months' mess.** Whether homeowners live in regions marked by year-round warmth or places where winter typically features heavy snowfall, it's a good idea to clean up an area prior to spring planting. Fallen leaves, rocks, grass clippings, and other debris can contribute to compacted soil that makes it hard for plants to



establish strong, healthy root systems. Clear away any debris prior to planting before taking the next step in your soil preparation routine.

• **Loosen the soil.** Once debris has been cleared away, loosen the soil. Depending on the size of the area where you'll be planting, you may need to invest in tools like a shovel, spade, spading fork, and/or a lawn edger. If you're planting in a small area, such as a deck planter box that still has soil from last year's planting inside it, you can either clean the box and replace the soil entirely or dig around with a handheld trowel, cultivator and/or weeder. It's im-

portant to loosen all of the soil around where you will ultimately plant prior to planting to ensure water can reach the roots and help them establish themselves once planting is completed.

• **Test and, if necessary, amend the soil.** A simple pH test can help determine the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. This is an important step as soil that is too acidic or alkaline can decrease the availability of nutrients the plants will need to thrive. In addition to conducting a pH test, which can be purchased at little cost at a local home improvement store, homeowners can contact their local Cooperative Extension Service to test their soil quality. These tests will reveal soil pH, but also can shed light on the texture of the soil and other components. Once the test is conducted, the local Coop Extension Service may recommend amendments to improve the nutritional quality of the soil so new plants can thrive.

Soil conditions go a long way toward determining if new plants will thrive. Preparing the soil prior to spring planting can ensure a successful season.

## Types of bird feed for backyard feeders

Birding is a wildly popular hobby. According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, about 45 million Americans are birders, while data from the popular bird observation app eBird indicates that submissions from Canadian birders increased by 34% in 2020.

It's not uncommon for birding enthusiasts to travel great distances to see beautiful birds in serene settings. But individuals also can entice beautiful birds to come to them. Bird feeders beckon birds to millions of backyards every day, making them an ideal addition to properties owned by people with an affinity for avians. After choosing a bird feeder, novices may not know which food to fill it with. This breakdown, courtesy of the National Wildlife Federation\*, can help anyone find the right food for their feeders.

• **Nectar:** Individuals who want to attract hummingbirds can do so with nectar, which the NWF describes as colored sugar water. Nectar must be placed into a hummingbird feeder and also might attract orioles to the backyard.

• **Black-oil sunflower:** The NWF notes that black-oil sunflower is the most popular bird seed. Black-oil sunflower attracts an array of birds, including blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, and sparrows. Novices may like that black-oil sunflower seed can even be found at many grocery stores, which can appeal to individuals who live in remote locations without specialty bird stores nearby.

• **Mixes:** Seed mixes also can be found at grocery stores and ap-

peal to a variety of birds. Individuals who want to keep their feeders close to their decks or patios may want to look for mixes described as "no-mess." The NWF indicates that these mixes have been de-hulled, which means there won't be as big a pile of unwanted seeds beneath the feeder. That tends to be the case with regular mixes that birds pick through as they choose which seeds they want and discard the others, often dropping them to the ground beneath the feeder. The NWF reports that mixes tend to attract ground-feeding birds, such as doves and sparrows.

• **Suet:** Suet is sought after in winter by bird lovers who want to help birds stay healthy and strong during times of year when food sources are scarce. Suet requires a suet feeder, which is unlike most bird feeders. Suet comes in squares and isn't in seed form, though seeds are typically mixed in to the gelatinous cake. Despite its appearance, which can seem like a square block of fat, suet is an excellent source of protein for birds in winter.

• **Thistle or nyjer:** The NWF notes that goldfinches love this small, high-quality seed. Because thistle or nyjer is something of a specialty seed, birders who want to put it out will need to purchase a finch feeder.

Birding has millions of devotees across the globe. Knowing what to feed birds can be a great way for birding enthusiasts to attract these beautiful creatures to their own backyards.

## The role of nature in home design in the years ahead

Outdoor living spaces were prioritized during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when public gatherings were greatly limited and individuals were urged to stay home as much as possible. Such demands have had a ripple effect on various industries, including home design. According to a survey conducted by the New Home Trends Institute in collaboration with Pro Builder, 58% of the more than 300 residential architects, designers and design-minded builders who participated said connection to the outdoors/nature will be an important influence on their design choices in the years to come. In addition, 45% of respondents indicated increased attention will be afforded to outdoor entertaining spaces.

So what might the outdoor spaces of homes built in the not-so-distant future look like? Respondents to the survey an-



ticipated a growing demand for various built-in outdoor features, including:

- Firepits or fireplaces
- Outdoor kitchens
- Gazebos or pergolas
- Pools
- Spas or hot tubs

Though trends and consumer

demands are ever-shifting, architects and designers are anticipating that future homeowners will want more developed outdoor living spaces and greater access to nature, which is something current homeowners can keep in mind when renovating their properties.

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### Shedding some light on home solar



Consumers shopping around for home improvement projects may be leaning toward overhauls that can reduce energy consumption and save them money in the long run. This is a driving factor behind a growing number of homeowners investigating solar energy for their residences.

#### How does solar power work?

Solar power harnesses the sun's energy and converts it into electricity that can be used in homes. Many people are familiar with photovoltaics (PV), which are the panels that absorb sunlight and create an electric field across their layers. Another solar technology, known as concentrating solar power, is primarily used in large power plants and is not appropriate for residential use, according to Energy.gov.

According to the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, hundreds of thousands of solar panels have been put in use across the United States since 2008.

#### Costs associated with solar

The upfront expense of solar panels is significant, costing anywhere from \$10,000 to \$14,000 for initial installation. However, comparatively speaking, homeowners can spend \$1,500 or more per year on electricity, so

solar panels will pay for themselves over time. Keep in mind that costs may vary depending on energy needs and how many panels will be required to service the system.

#### How much electricity can I expect?

The Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Advice says that the amount of power generated from a solar energy system depends on a few factors:

1. The average number of hours of direct, unshaded sunlight your roof gets each year;
2. The pitch (angle), age and condition of your roof, and the compass direction it faces;
3. The size and strength of your system; and
4. Environmental factors such as snow, dust or shade that may cover the system.

#### Save even more money

Consumers can contact their utility companies to find out if they provide homeowners who produce solar power with "net metering." This program pays the homeowner money or gives credit for excess power the system produces and returns to the electric grid. Individuals also may be eligible for energy tax credits or other benefits.

Homeowners may find it worthwhile to explore solar energy, particularly if they consume a high amount of electricity.

## 5 signs it's time to renovate

Homeowners renovate their homes for a variety of reasons. Renovations can increase the value of a property and make homes safer and more comfortable for their occupants. Improvements also can be made to stay current with the times or to give a home a new vibe.

Statista projects \$510 billion will be spent on home improvements in 2024. The home improvement market is generating significant revenue. In fact, nearly a quarter of Americans opting to renovate their homes will spend an average of \$10,000 on their projects. According to a Home Stars Renovation report, 8% of Canadian homeowners who have renovated have spent more than \$20,000 on a home improvement project.

Kitchens and bathrooms often get the most attention when it comes to home improvement. However, every room and space in a home may need a renovation at some point, and the following are five signs it's time to renovate.

#### 1. Age

The National Association of Home Builders states that 50% of U.S. homes are over the age of 40. That means that age alone could dictate a need to renovate, particularly if some materials are original to the home. For example, asphalt roofs typically last 25 to 30 years, while window frames can last 20 to 50 years depend-



ing on how well they have been maintained.

#### 2. Inconvenient layout

Some homeowners scratch their heads when faced with awkward floor plan layouts. While one may live with the inconvenience for some time, typically a floor plan that isn't working for the homeowner is a major driver of renovations.

#### 3. Outdated looks

A home can look dated even if it is a relatively recent build. That's because trends change quickly. For example, dark, cherry cabinets that were popular just a little while ago have now been replaced by lighter color palettes. Homeowners whose homes do not match the looks emulated in design magazines may consider

a change, particularly if they're planning to sell soon.

#### 4. Deterioration

Signs of water, storm or structural damage should be addressed as soon as possible. Any deterioration should be a strong indicator that it's time to renovate.

#### 5. Efficiency

Escalating utility bills could be indicative of an inefficient home. Homeowners can conduct energy audits and then improve the areas where energy loss may be occurring, such as windows, doors, siding and insulation.

Homeowners can renovate their homes when they see fit, but various signs may warn that it's time consider updating or remodeling a home.

## 3 potentially low-maintenance trees to consider for your property

Few things in nature are as breathtaking as a beautiful landscape. That beauty is perhaps one reason why many homeowners spend so much time and expend so much effort on their lawns and gardens.

Though plenty of homeowners love spending time in the yard, others may not be so inclined. For the latter group, low-maintenance trees can be just what the doctor ordered. Low-maintenance trees can provide the beauty nature-loving homeowners desire without all the extra work of more needy plants. It's always best to consult a local landscaping professional prior to planting to ensure a tree will thrive in a given climate. In preparation for that consultation, homeowners can study this list of three low-maintenance trees while recognizing that all trees may need a little extra TLC in extreme weather.

**1. Jacaranda:** Instantly identifiable by its purple blooms, the

jacaranda tree is native to South America, which makes it ideal in warm climates. The jacaranda tree is considered a shade tree and if or when it sheds its leaves, those leaves can typically be mowed, saving homeowners the work of raking them. However, the online home and garden resource The Spruce notes that jacaranda trees can require substantial maintenance when planted near surfaces where people walk, such as driveways and patios. So when planting jacaranda trees, it's ideal to do so in locations where falling leaves will land exclusively on grass.

**2. American arborvitae:** The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that the American arborvitae requires almost no care when it's used as a hedge or a screen. That's a popular use for this versatile specimen with a narrow, pyramid shape. Though it does not provide the bright blast of color offered by the jacaranda, the American arborvitae creates

an elegant look that offers considerable privacy as well.

**3. Japanese red maple:** The Home Depot notes that the Japanese red maple are very low-maintenance trees that can adapt to various soil types and grow in an assortment of light conditions. During dry periods, however, the ADF notes the importance of keeping soil consistently moist. Various types of soil can accommodate the Japanese red maple, so this is a consideration for any homeowner looking to add some color to their lawns without a lot of extra work.

When considering new trees for a property, homeowners can easily be persuaded by the beauty of the tree. Though that's worthy of consideration, homeowners who want low-maintenance trees should speak to a gardening professional about the work required to maintain a tree's beauty throughout the year, especially during periods of drought or other adverse conditions. In addition, ask the gardening pro to recommend non-invasive trees. Planting invasive trees can be harmful and cause damage to surrounding plants, which can be costly and time-consuming to address.

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# Exterior renovations that boast the best ROI

Remodeling with a return on investment in mind can be a smart strategy for homeowners, whether one is thinking about moving in the next few months or further down the road. Though this approach is an inexact science, in many instances, it's savvy for homeowners to consider what buyers may want when planning home improvements.

Homeowners may be surprised to learn which renovations garner the best ROI at resale. The home loan and refinancing company RenoFi indicates that overall home improvement projects provide a 70% ROI on average. Many high-ROI projects add functional space and improvement. The following are some exterior renovations that

help homeowners recoup the most money at resale, according to Remodeling magazine's "2022 Cost vs. Value Report."

1. **Garage Door Replacement:** 93.3% recouped of \$4,041 cost
2. **Manufactured Stone Veneer:** 91.4% recouped of \$11,066 cost
3. **Siding replacement (Fiber Cement):** 68.3% recouped of \$22,093 cost
4. **Window replacement (Vinyl):** 67.5% recouped of \$20,482 cost
5. **Siding replacement (Vinyl):** 67.2% recouped of \$18,662 cost
6. **Window replacement (Wood):** 66.3% recouped of \$24,388 cost
7. **Deck addition (Wood):**

64.8% recouped of \$19,248 cost

8. **Entry Door Replacement (Steel):** 63.8

5 recouped of \$2,206 cost

The majority of renovations on Remodeling magazine's list of the best investments are exterior renovations, making this area of a home a particular point of interest for homeowners. The only interior project that cracked the Top 10 ROI for projects was a minor midrange kitchen remodel.

Exterior renovations perhaps add the most bang for your buck because they're not only functional, but also because they add immediate curb appeal. Much in the way it has been said people eat with their eyes first — which is why chefs spend so much time on elaborate plating — buyers will judge a property by how it looks when they arrive, even before they've stepped inside a home. In essence, home buyers often judge a book by its cover. A worn exterior may indicate to potential buyers that the home was not maintained, however false that assumption may be.

It's important for homeowners to consider all factors before beginning a renovation. Certain projects offer a stronger return on investment than others, and that's a significant consideration for homeowners thinking of selling their homes.



## Options to finance home improvements

Renovating a home is a great way to impart personality indoors and out. Improvements can make spaces more livable and address safety issues. Home renovations often take residents' lifestyles into account, and changes can be customized to accommodate a growing family or an empty nest.

No matter the job, home improvements tend to be costly. According to the financial resource SoFi, on average, the cost to renovate or remodel a whole house runs between \$10 and \$60 per square foot. Certain rooms demand a higher cost, with a kitchen or bathroom remodel costing around \$100 to \$250 per square foot due to electrical and plumbing needs. Figuring out how to pay for the improvement project is as essential to the planning process as picking out materials and contractors.

The following are some financial considerations and financing options for homeowners looking to renovate their properties.

• **Consider if the investment is worth it.** Remodeling magazine routinely assesses common improvements and how much homeowners can expect to recoup on the investment in its annual "Cost v. Value" report. In 2022, a homeowner spending \$4,000 on a garage door replacement recouped 93.3% of the investment, whereas adding a midrange bathroom at \$63,000 would only offer a 51.8% return. Homeowners must decide if they want to go forward with the project if they're likely to get just a \$33,000 return when they choose to sell the home later on.

• **Refinance the home mortgage.** Homeowners can use a cash-out mortgage refinance as a way to access thousands of dollars for a remodel. This taps into a home's equity. Keep in mind that the mortgage will then be a new mortgage at the current interest rate and an outstanding balance higher than what was the current one. Typically 20% equity in the home is needed to refinance.

• **Take out a personal loan.** For those who do not want to refinance, a personal loan or home improvement loan can be good

for midsize projects, according to American Express. Personal loans for home renovations typically require no collateral and one's credit score determines the interest rate.

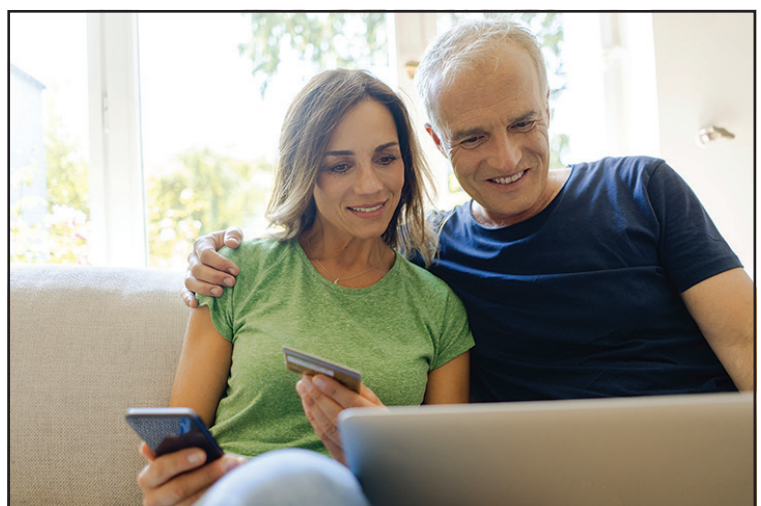
• **Utilize a home equity line of credit.** A HELOC is a form of revolving credit, like a credit card. Homeowners borrow against the credit line granted with the home being the collateral. As a person pays down what is owed, he or she can borrow more. This is a good idea for recurring or long-term home improvements.

• **Try a home equity loan.** Home equity loans use the home as collateral like a HELOC. The home equity loan is an installment loan for a fixed amount on a fixed monthly schedule for a set term. These are sometimes called second mortgages.

• **No- or low-interest credit card.** Smaller projects can be financed using credit cards. Many will offer introductory rates with no interest for a few months. This is generally only preferable if a person can pay off the balance before interest is charged.

These are the primary ways

to finance home improvement projects when costs exceed available cash on hand.



## Bite back against Lyme disease

Among the tall grasses and wildflowers that sprout each spring and summer lies a stealthy predator just waiting for its chance at an easy meal. Ticks may be small in stature, but their impact on bite victims is potentially significant. Preventing Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses comes down to following some key steps.

• **Learn how common Lyme disease is.** Lyme disease affects an estimated 476,000 people each year in the United States alone, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Vector-Borne Diseases. Lyme disease is most common in New England, the mid-Atlantic states and the upper Midwest. Between 2009 and 2022, the Government of Canada reported 17,080 human cases of Lyme disease across Canada. However, instances of Lyme disease are likely underreported due to undiagnosed cases.

• **Know which ticks carry Lyme disease.** The black-legged deer tick and the Western black-legged tick carry the Lyme disease spirochete. The black-legged tick is native to the northeastern, mid-Atlantic and north-central U.S., while the western black-legged tick is found on the Pacific coast.

• **Wear light-colored clothing outdoors.** When traveling in areas where ticks reside, it is important to wear light-colored clothing. Long pants and tall socks, long-sleeved shirts, and hats also should be worn. It is easier to spot ticks on light-colored clothing, and covering up prevents ticks from gaining easy access to skin.

• **Know where to expect ticks.** John's Hopkins Medicine says black-legged ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in and near wooded or grassy areas. Walking through tall leaves and bushes or through tall



grasses can disturb ticks and enable them to jump onto people or pets. To avoid ticks, walk in the center of trails and avoid tall vegetation.

• **Be mindful of pets.** Even if you do not venture outdoors into tick-laden environments, your dog may. He or she can carry ticks into the house where they end up on you or other family members. Prescription tick repellent products are available from veterinarians, and there are topical solutions and collars that can keep ticks away.

• **Remove ticks quickly and correctly.** The CDC says if a tick is removed in less than 24 hours from when it first attached, the chances of getting Lyme disease is very small. Remove a tick with fine-tipped tweezers as soon as it is noticed, being cautious to remove all mouth parts. Try not to squeeze the tick, as it can regurgitate saliva and other fluids when squeezed.

• **Repel ticks when possible.** Create less favorable conditions for ticks. Use a product containing DEET or permethrin on clothing to repel ticks. Some people use chemical-control agents on their properties to reduce the number of ticks in the yard. Discourage deer from the property, as they can carry many ticks, by erecting fences and removing vegetation that deer eat.

Various strategies can help people reduce their risk for Lyme disease.

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