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**Two new businesses get official, and enthusiastic, welcome in Sullivan**  
MONTICELLO – One company bottles water. Another company makes bottles. Sounds like a marriage made in heaven. Almost, anyway.

One of the factors that persuaded Vermont-based Plastic Technologies to set up a new plant in the Bridgeville area of Sullivan County, was Quebec-based Boreal Water's takeover of the former Leisure Water, in Kiamesha Lake.

The county legislature unanimously approved both the "Regionally Significant" designation, and inclusion in the county Empire Zone.



Plastic Technologies President/CEO  
Gene Torvend with one of his bottles



Lavoie, with some of the designer  
bottles sold to institutions, such  
as hotels

Boreal owner Francine Lavoie said the decision to open up in Sullivan County was in large part, personal, comparing her story to a man she met who told her he came to Sullivan County for the Woodstock fest 40 years ago, and never left.

"In March, I came to visit Leisure Time, and immediately, I felt really good. I move my family here. I register my son to the school here, and here I am, and I hope my story will also become a famous love story for this area," she said.

Combined, Boreal and Shelburne Plastic will add 110 new jobs to the county economy, with salaries averaging in the mid to upper 20s, and, with benefits.

Empire Zone administrator Susan Jaffe said including the two businesses in the county Empire Zone as 'Regionally Significant Manufacturing Projects', is already serving as an attractor to other prospects.

"Because of a number of folks, and the word getting out, in terms of what the economic development team has done in Sullivan County, we've had one or two businesses who, believe it or not, want to be close to Boreal Water Collection, or want to be close to Shelburne Plastics, and have reached out to us, to get a sense of who we are and what we can do," she said.

It gets even better, said Jaffe.

Sarah Ingber, a long-time county resident, has a new business making kosher barbecue sauce. She thought about other states, and even China, for bottles. The bottles will come from Shelburne Plastic Technologies.