



**COTT SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTS REDACTION SOLUTION  
PROTECTING PRIVATE DATA IN PUBLIC RECORDS FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY**

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**Columbus, Ohio; January 17, 2008**—Cott Systems, a leader in technology solutions for land records management; today announced the implementation of their redaction software solution in Rockland County, NY enabling the protection of citizen’s private information contained in public land records.

Rockland County land records are available publically with online access. Thus, Paul Piperato, County Clerk in Rockland saw the need to be proactive in protecting their resident’s and constituent’s private data such as social security numbers in public records. As of January 2006, State and Federal laws have been in affect requiring that only the last 4 digits of a social security number be filed in public records. However, the issue of historically filed documents that contained social security numbers needed to be addressed.

“Identity theft prevention is always a concern for our residents and constituents. With the help of Cott Systems, we are scanning and redacting the social security numbers from over 7 million historical documents”, explained Paul Piperato, Rockland County Clerk.

The implementation of the new system from Cott protects the private information and allows the county to continue to provide online access to historical documents without the concern of identity theft. Rockland County also uses Cott’s system for imaging, indexing, and financial transactions at the recorder’s office.

“We’re really happy with Cott’s service. They have been very accessible and responsive to our needs and listen to our suggestions. Cott has tailored some aspects of the software to specifically meet our needs,” noted Piperato.

Cott’s software solution, RESOLUTION, helps record management offices record, preserve and present official documents securely. Typically, records are scanned and published to an intra- and/or internet site, making the entire image of the document visible to those who access it. Manually removing, or redacting private information such as social security numbers can be a time consuming and tedious process. Cott’s redaction process utilizes the latest OCR (optical character recognition) technology with customized business rules built in to identify personal information and permanently burn into the image a black line through the personal identifier to make it unreadable.

About Cott Systems.

Cott Systems is a leader in technology solutions for land records management, serving government offices across the nation. Cott’s flagship software solution, RESOLUTION, was developed to help record management offices record, secure and preserve their records, as well as to provide public access while protecting private data. The privately owned company is headquartered in Worthington, Ohio. For more information visit [cottsystems.com](http://cottsystems.com).