

Supporting The Town Of Wawarsing's Consolidated Funding Application Regarding The Colony Farm Agri-Tourism Project

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maio, and Maloney)

Legislator Lynn Archer and Legislator Lopez offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to encouraging economic growth and promoting tourism in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2015, the Town of Wawarsing unanimously approved support for a Regional Economic Development Council Consolidated Funding Application for the Colony Farm Agri-Tourism Project; and

WHEREAS, the funding application would secure funding for a comprehensive planning and implementation study to determine the best public uses for the Colony Farm property and other associated parcels, totaling nearly 500 acres, currently owned by the New York State Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision is on record indicating its support of the funding application and notes, "the decisions regarding the ultimate use and disposition are matters to be addressed after the Town study is completed"; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2015, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee passed a resolution supporting the Town of Wawarsing pursuing the Colony Farm Agri-tourism feasibility study and encouraged the Ulster County Legislature to support this measure; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the Town of Wawarsing's Consolidated Funding Application to provide for a comprehensive strategic plan designed to research, assess, and define implementation strategies for the re-use of the Colony Farm property and four subject parcels; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature encourages the Mid Hudson Regional Economic Development Council to award this project funding as part of the 2015 regional investment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Mid Hudson Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Dennis Murray and Leonard S. Schleifer, Regional Council Director Meghan Taylor, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Director Suzanne Holt, Town of Wawarsing Supervisor Leonard Distel, and the Friends of Colony Farm Steering Committee,

