

Establishing An Environmental Remediation Fund

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Loughran and Legislators Richard Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk, and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio and Maloney, and Richard Parete)

Legislator John Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County is concerned about a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of known environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS, often these parcels get abandoned to taxes, forcing the county to either remediate the sites and/or to remove them from a taxable status and defer formal foreclosure, thereby placing these parcels into a non-taxable and non-responsible status; and

WHEREAS, remediation can prove to be an expensive proposition both fiscally and in terms of investment of staff time, and such costs are typically borne by the County in advance of any cost recovery; and

WHEREAS, there are other environmental initiatives that the Ulster County Legislature may choose to engage in with uncertain costs from time-to-time, such as the proposed pilot program for alternative fuel and greening of the Ulster County fleet; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that an amount, not to exceed \$100,000, shall be appropriated in the 2016 budget for the evaluation and possible remediation of the properties identified in the County's annual tax foreclosure process, and such funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy set forth in Resolution 43A of the Resolutions of 2015,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Briggs)
(Absent: Legislator Wishnick)

Resolution No. 42 April 21, 2015

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Postponed in Committee: Energy and Environment on February 4, 2015

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on March 4, 2015

Passed Committee: Ways and Means as amended on March 17, 2015

Referred back to the Ways and Means Committee at Legislative Session on March 17, 2015

Passed Committee: Ways and Means as amended on April 15, 2015

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE**

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21st Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 23rd Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
23rd Day of April, 2015.

Approved by the County Executive this
28th Day of April, 2015.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive