

Requiring That An Environmental Considerations Checklist (“ECC”) Be Completed Prior To The Commencement Of Capital Projects

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit, and Wawro), and The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Cahill, Greene, Heppner, and Litts)

Legislators Eve Walter and Peter Criswell offer the following:

WHEREAS, in August 2021, the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a comprehensive report entitled “Climate Change 2021: A Physical Science Basis” which unequivocally concludes that human activities caused widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere which may result in irreversible climate change and consequential destruction of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section C-11, the Ulster County Legislature is the policy determining body of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems it necessary and appropriate to implement policies that minimize the impact of human activities upon the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems it necessary and appropriate to require that an Environmental Considerations Checklist (ECC), annexed and incorporated hereto as Exhibit “A”, be completed by qualified professionals prior to the time at which a Resolution is submitted to the Ulster County Legislature seeking to establish a Capital Project, so that the environmental impact of such project(s) is known and considered; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that an Environmental Considerations Checklist, (“ECC”), annexed and incorporated hereto as Exhibit “A”, shall be completed prior to the submission of any Resolution to the Ulster County Legislature seeking to create a Capital Project, so that the environmental impact of such project(s) may be considered by the Ulster County Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the ECC shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature and the Chairperson of the Energy and Environment Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the filing of the Resolution establishing each individual Capital Project,

and move its adoption.

Resolution No. 558 December 21, 2021

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on November 29, 2021

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on December 1, 2021

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 December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One, 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 December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
23rd Day of December 2021.

Approved by the County Executive this
28th Day of December 2021.

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

|s| Patrick K. Ryan
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive