

Expressing The Ulster County Legislature's Concerns Regarding The Awosting Reserve Development In Relation To The Environmental, Ecological And Economic Contributions Of The Shawangunk Ridge

The Economic Development / Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran and Zimet) and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Berardi, Busick, Dart, DePew, Donaldson, Every, Feldmann, Gerentine, Hathaway, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stock, Stoeckeler and Tipp offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Awosting Reserve, LLC has proposed the construction of 349 detached residential units, golf course, post office, "Village Green," and associated infrastructure and support facilities on 2,660 acres, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has agreed to serve as lead agency for this project, and

WHEREAS, the Shawangunk Ridge is a significant open space resource recognized by multiple agencies and others for its environmental, ecological and economic contributions to the quality of life within Ulster County and the region, and

WHEREAS, there are significant, cogent and compelling issues concerning the project's integration with agencies, policies and local articulated visions for future development as well as statutory requirements within local land use plans.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges interested and involved agencies and others to articulate their views concerning the project's impacts, including those associated with a broad spectrum of community character factors as envisioned by the Legislature in its enactment of SEQR and confirmed by the courts in its implementation, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project sponsors be made aware of this Legislature's concern as to the sensitive and special nature of the Shawangunk Ridge and its unique aspects with respect to biodiversity and recreational opportunity, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project sponsors be made aware of this Legislature's respect for adopted land use plans and statutes as they are applied to the project, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that as lead agency, DEC is requested to insure that participation in the SEQR process by all stakeholders is maximized, as evidenced by access to project documents, time available for review, response to comments or concerns raised as well as swift and broad recognition of party status as necessary,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Hathaway)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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