

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign And Execute An Agreement With The Catskill Watershed Corporation To Accept A Stormwater Retrofit Grant To Be Administered By The Ulster County Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Management Agency – Amending The 2006 Ulster County Budget – Environmental Management Council**

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ulster County Environmental Management Council has requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to sign and execute an agreement with the Catskill Watershed Corporation to accept a Stormwater Retrofit Grant in the amount of \$275,000.00, for the purchase of a combination high-pressure wash and vacuum truck for use in Ulster County's Phase II Stormwater Program in the west of Hudson Watershed, and

WHEREAS, the grant will be administered by the Director of the Ulster County Management Council/Water Quality Management Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Management Agency will provide \$115,285.00 budgeted 2006 funds and in-kind matching services, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Ulster County and its residents to adopt a proactive approach towards planning and managing its highway stormwater infrastructure as a cost savings measure, to insure proper inspection and maintenance of such infrastructure and to preserve the quality of Ulster County's surface and groundwaters, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of specialized equipment is essential to conducting effective maintenance of the County's stormwater systems, and

WHEREAS, such maintenance is critical to insuring public health, safety and reducing property damage and the associated costs related to flooding, and

WHEREAS, such maintenance is an important component of effective watershed management that leads to improvements in water quality, and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the quality of Ulster County's waters are crucial to human health, for residential and municipal water supply, outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, boating, irrigation for agricultural purposes, commercial use and for aesthetic reasons associated with the general quality of life, and

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has been polled and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign and execute an agreement with the Catskill Watershed Corporation to accept a Stormwater Retrofit Grant in the amount of \$275,000.00, for the purchase of a combination high-pressure wash and vacuum truck for use in Ulster County's Phase II Stormwater Program in the west of Hudson Watershed, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the grant will be administered by the Director of the Ulster County Management Council/Water Quality Management Agency, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2006 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-3550-2113 (App. #)	Other Vehicles	\$275,000.00
A3-3550-2189 (Rev. #)	Other Home & Community Income	\$275,000.00

and moves its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$275,000.00 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$275,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2006 REVENUE DOLLARS

\$115,285.00 – BUDGETED 2006 COUNTY DOLLARS & IN-KIND MATCHING  
SERVICES

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