

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Form An Open Space Partnership As Implementation Of Strategic Recommendation No. 1 Of The Ulster County's Adopted Open Space Plan And Providing For The Legislature To Confirm The Appointments Of Members**

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bischoff, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano, Petit and Roberts) and the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature pursuant to Resolution No. 423 dated December 12, 2007 adopted the Ulster County Open Space Plan in recognition of the importance of preserving open spaces, protecting wildlife and creating new recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Plan's Strategic Recommendation No. 1 is to form an Open Space Partnership from a broad range of representative stakeholders as determined from the principles of the Plan to advise the Legislature on open space protection, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Board in commenting on the Plan Plan's adoption recommended that the formation of an Open Space Partnership be the first priority in the Plan's implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides guidance as to the public, private, and non-profit sector representatives that should be placed on the Partnership as well as its areas of interest and overall responsibilities in reporting to Ulster County Legislature, and

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

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature Chairman is authorized to form an Open Space Partnership and appoint members who shall be confirmed by the Ulster County Legislature in accordance with the adopted Open Space Plan, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Partnership shall serve for a one year term from the date of their appointment, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Planning Board Director and the Ulster County Department of the Environment Coordinator or their designees shall sever as co-chairs of the Partnership, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Partnership shall develop a set of operating procedures that govern its activities. These procedures shall provide for public comment, and stakeholder outreach, and that the recommendations of the Partnership shall be made by consensus of the parties affected and consensus shall be determined by the Co-Chairs, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Partnership shall focus its activities of those responsibilities contained in the Open Space Plan and recommend policy and funding actions to the appropriate Legislative Committees,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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