

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 Develop An Assessment Program – 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 \$50,000.00, to develop a program, together with New York City Department of Environmental Protection the Assessment Program in which County, Town or Village planning Departments within Ulster County's Phase II Stormwater Program in the West of Hudson Watershed to conduct detailed and comprehensive assessments of existing community stormwater infrastructure, with the goal of identifying and prioritizing potential areas and stormwater best management projects (BMP's) for funding, 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 \$86,406.00 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, 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

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

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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 \$50,000.00, to develop an Assessment Program for the detailed and comprehensive assessments of existing community stormwater infrastructures in Ulster County's Phase II Stormwater Program in the west of Hudson Watershed, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, 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 Miscellaneous Contractual Expenses	\$50,000.00
A3-3550-2189 (Rev. #)	Other Home & Community Income	\$50,000.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 50,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2006 REVENUE DOLLARS

\$ 36,840.00 – 2006 BUDGETED COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 69,566.00 – LOWER ESOPUS RIVER WATCH IN-KIND SERVICES

\$ 28,400.00 – EMC CHAIR IN-KIND MANPOWER

\$ 50,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2006 APPROPRIATIONS (PAYABLE TO LERW)

\$184,806.00 – TOTAL PROJECT GRANT

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