

**Requesting From The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation Placement And Maintenance Of Portable Restrooms At Peekamoose Valley Camping Area In The Town Of Denning, New York, And Other Locations In Ulster County**

Legislator Shapiro on behalf of the Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bischoff, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano, Petit and Roberts) and Legislator Gregorius offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation describes the Peekamoose Valley Camping Area as providing “opportunities for camping, hiking, picnicking and fishing (and) a seasonal accessible port-a-john,” and

WHEREAS, according to residents in the Town of Denning, the portable toilets at the camping area were inadequate and not maintained properly to meet the needs of campers and hikers on busy weekends and resulted in unsanitary conditions, and

WHEREAS, after lobbying by officials from the Town of Denning to address conditions of the portable toilets, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation responded by removing the portable toilets that served campers and visitors at the Peekamoose Valley Camping Area, and

WHEREAS, during the recent Memorial Day Weekend, there were several hundred campers at the site with no available bathroom facilities or portable restrooms available, and

WHEREAS, many campers and hikers at the Peekamoose Valley Camping Area over Memorial Day Weekend were not prepared for the removal of the portable toilets and, according to residents, were seen depositing septic waste in the Rondout Creek, a tributary feeding the Rondout Reservoir, a source of New York City drinking water, and

WHEREAS, the removal of portable restrooms at other locations in Ulster County creates a similar health issue, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) replace and maintain portable toilets at the Peekamoose Valley Camping Area and other locations in Ulster County where they have been removed by the NYSDEC, in order to establish a safe environment for campers and hikers and to protect an important source of drinking water and to ensure the quality of life for the Town of Denning residents and all Ulster County residents, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Frank K. Skartados, the New York State Association of Counties, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter Grannis, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 3 Director William Janeway, New York City Department of Environmental Protection Acting Commissioner Steven W. Lawitts, and the Town Board, Town of Denning, and

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29

NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Loughran  
and Stoeckeler

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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