

**Establishing A County Policy Requiring The Posting of Information  
On the County Website to Assist Ulster County Municipalities To  
Enact Local Ordinances Prohibiting Hydraulic Fracturing**

Referred to: The Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee (Chairman Belfiglio and Legislators Lopez, Ronk, Wawro, Bartels, John Parete and Wishnick) offer the following:

Legislator Robert Aiello offers the following:

WHEREAS, there are a number of companies that are interested in drilling and hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as “fracking,” for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale formation in New York State; and

WHEREAS, fracking could endanger private wells and municipal aquifers by contaminating these water supplies; and

WHEREAS, this danger has given municipalities a reason to ban fracking within their borders through zoning laws; and

WHEREAS, the ban on fracking is a matter of Home Rule and can only be done by a village, town, or city; and

WHEREAS, there were two recent New York Supreme Court decisions that upheld local laws that banned fracking; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature desires to assist municipalities in their pursuit to ban fracking; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature does not support the practice of hydraulic fracturing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the policy of Ulster County shall be that links to resources on the regulations or prohibition of hydraulic fracturing be posted prominently on the County website; and

RESOLVED, upon posting of the links, the Clerk of the Legislature will provide appropriate municipal notification;

and moves its adoption.

Michael P. Hein, County Executive