

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Environmental Management Council To Submit A Grant Application For A Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) Grant From The Catskill Watershed Corporation In The Amount Of \$50,000.00

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano, and McAfee) and Legislators Berardi, Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Donaldson, Gregorius, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Ulster County Environmental Management Council has requested authorization to submit a grant application to develop community planning initiatives for Ulster County highway improvements, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the 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 the County=s surface and groundwaters, and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of accurate physical data related to soils, slopes, erosion factors and water quality to be entered into a Geographic Information System and a digital database is essential to conducting effective planning for the management of the County=s stormwater systems, and

WHEREAS, such planning 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 uses 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

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

RESOLVED, the Chairman/Director of the Ulster County Environmental Management/Water Quality Management Agency is authorized to submit a grant application for a Local Technical Assistance Program grant from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in the amount of \$50,000.00,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 25 January 19, 2006

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 33 NOES: 0

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$50,000.00 – GRANT – CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION

\$ 0.00 – COUNTY DOLLARS

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