

Authorizing The Ulster County Legislature To Serve As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) And Initiate Environmental Review Process For The Ulster County Open Space Plan And Program

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee), the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) and Legislator Kraft offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 84 dated February 12, 2004, Ulster County has directed the Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Agency and the Ulster County Planning Board to coordinate the preparation of an Open Space Plan and Program (“the Plan”) for the purposes of preserving open spaces, protecting wildlife and creating new recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes the importance of preserving open spaces, protecting wildlife and creating new recreational opportunities so present and future generations can enjoy and benefit from the County’s scenic, recreational and natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Agency and the Ulster County Planning Board have drafted a proposed plan, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is required to conduct an environmental review pursuant to NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is the only involved agency, as defined under SEQRA for the purposes of this action, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature desires to provide for public input including hearings and town meetings, 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, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares itself as lead agency for the purposes of conducting the necessary environmental review of the proposed plan under SEQRA, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature finds this action to be a Type I action under SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated review, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to call any Public Hearings and circulate required notices in accordance with SEQRA as well as Article 12-b of General Municipal Law Section 239-d, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature directs the Ulster County Planning Board and Environmental Management Council/Water Quality Agency to conduct public information sessions as needed or requested by individual municipalities,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Gerentine)
(Absent: Legislator Aiello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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