

Authorizing The Ulster County Legislature To Serve As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) And Initiate Environmental Review Of The Ulster County Priority Strategies To Support Housing Development In Ulster County

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, Resolution No. 411 dated December 10, 2002, established an expanded Ulster County Housing Consortium as the official advisory body to the Ulster County Legislature on housing issues and the development of housing in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Housing Consortium, lead by the Ulster County Planning Board, developed a set of recommendations and strategies contained in a report entitled "Priority Strategies to Support Housing Development in Ulster County", and

WHEREAS, there was extensive public outreach and comment opportunities afforded in the development of the "Strategies" that were incorporated into the final draft, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Ulster County Housing Consortium has endorsed the report at its July 26, 2005 meeting and urged its adoption by the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes the critical links between successful communities and the availability of housing to meet the needs of all its residents, and

WHEREAS, copies of the full report, executive summary and presentation materials have been provided to the full Legislature for consideration and comments, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is required to conduct an environmental review pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature desires to provide a Public Hearing and Town Meetings, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

Resolution No. 260 July 12, 2006

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to call any Public Hearings and circulate notices in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 and Article 12 of General Municipal Law Section 239(d), and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature direct the Ulster County Housing Consortium to conduct informational sessions around the County as requested by individual municipalities, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature direct the Ulster County Housing Consortium to report back to the Ulster County Legislature's Economic Development, Planning, Housing and Transit Committee, the high priority recommendations on the implementation of the "Strategies",

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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