

Amending The 2012 – 2017 Capital Program To Establish Capital Project No. 370 – Implementation Of The STRIVE Project, UCCC Renovation Of Sophie Finn Elementary School And Re-Location of Various County Departments

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Lopez, Wawro, Donaldson and Gregorius), The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Maloney, Roberts, Briggs and John Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

The Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, Dean J. Fabiano, and Deputy Chairman John Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County Executive has introduced the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (STRIVE) Project; and

WHEREAS, the STRIVE Project has as its cornerstone, the creation of a satellite campus of Ulster County Community College (UCCC), to be located in the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the Sophie Finn Elementary School in the City of Kingston is slated for closure by the Kingston City School District; and

WHEREAS, the location of Sophie Finn Elementary School is particularly advantageous for its use as a satellite campus due to its proximity to Kingston High School as well as Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals, and it is therefore anticipated that the College will negotiate a lease with the Kingston City School District for the use of Sophie Finn; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sophie Finn to be utilized as a college satellite campus, certain renovations and improvements must be made (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, once the necessary renovations and improvements are complete, it is anticipated that Ulster County Community College will operate its satellite campus in the City of Kingston and will no longer utilize space at the County’s Business Resource Center located at Development Court, thereby allowing the County to locate other County departments in that space; and

WHEREAS, the centralization of County departments will create convenience and savings for taxpayers by increasing efficiency and reducing overhead costs; and

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WHEREAS, the expense associated with re-locating County departments to the BRC is not eligible for reimbursement from New York State; and

WHEREAS, in order to offset some of the cost of implementing the STRIVE Project, namely re-locating County departments to the BRC with any balance utilized for renovations at Sophie Finn Elementary School, the Dyson Foundation has offered to provide a grant to Ulster County in the amount of \$500,000.00 to be used exclusively for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the issuance of serial bonds in the amount of \$440,000.00 to provide for the required cash flow for initiation of the project and until New York State reimburses the County upon Project completion; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a capital project to fund the Architectural, engineering, and environmental work required for the renovations and improvements at the Sophie Finn Elementary School necessary for implementation of the STRIVE Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has stated that the costs associated with the implementation of the S.T.R.I.V.E. project will be fully funded by State, private and other non-County funding sources, which have offered written and verbal commitments to cover estimated project implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, the Dyson Foundation has agreed to provide \$500,000 in grant funding to support the restructuring of Ulster County facilities associated with the S.T.R.I.V.E. project contingent upon receipt of documentation that sources of additional funding totaling approximately \$4 million have been identified and committed to the project budget; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Legislature will receive the same documentation as the Dyson Foundation upon receipt of same; and be it further

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RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes expenditures exclusively for the pre-design studies and architectural design phases for the renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School, and further, the expenditure of additional funds for subsequent phases of construction related to S.T.R.I.V.E. must be approved by the Ways & Means Committee and the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3) of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State [SEQRA], the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the above recited project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature has determined, after review of the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR Parts 617.4 and 617.5, that the project is an Unlisted Action, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature will conduct a coordinated review and circulate its Notice of Intent to serve as Lead Agency, together with the EAF and accompanying documentation to all interested and involved agencies pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (2) (i) and 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (3), at the conclusion of an otherwise unchallenged thirty (30) day period following the date of transmittal of the Notice of Intent, the EAF and documentation aforesaid to the interested agencies, the Legislature shall become the Lead Agency under SEQRA for this project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 370 is hereby established and that the 2012 – 2017 Ulster County Capital Program be amended as follows:

ADD

Capital Project No. 370 Implementation of the STRIVE Project - Including UCCC Renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School

and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the 2012 Capital Project Fund be amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H3-03-0370-5710 Rev #)	Serial Bond Proceeds	\$440,000.00
H4-0370-2961	Architectural Services	\$415,000.00
H4-0370-2909	SEQRA Review (Environmental)	\$ 10,000.00
H4-0370-2973	Legal	\$ 15,000.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Belfiglio)

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services on October 2, 2012

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on October 3, 2012

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on October 16, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$440,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2012 APPROPRIATIONS

\$440,000.00 – SERIAL BONDS (100% REIMBURSABLE BY STATE AID)

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 16th day of October, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
17th Day of October, 2012.

Approved by the County Executive this
_____ Day of October, 2012.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Michael P. Hein, County Executive