

**Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of State
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Environmental Protection
Fund For Watershed Management Planning And Implementation In
The Esopus Creek Watershed**

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bischoff, Richard Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano, Petit and Roberts) offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of the Environment, and

WHEREAS, funding under Title 11 of the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Environmental Protection Fund is available to cities, towns, villages, and counties to prepare, refine or implement local or regional watershed management plans, and

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek has been designated an inland waterway under Article 42 of NYS Executive Law Section 911 and is eligible for funding under Title 11, and

WHEREAS, the Esopus Creek Watershed includes significant portions of Ulster County municipalities, including the Towns of Shandaken, Olive, Marbletown, Hurley, Woodstock, Kingston, Ulster, and Saugerties, as well as the Village of Saugerties and the City of Kingston, and

WHEREAS, significant watershed planning efforts are already underway in the Upper Esopus watershed and preliminary watershed planning efforts are underway in the Lower Esopus watershed, and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant application would enable the implementation of best management practices to improve surface water quality in the Esopus Watershed, assess the sediment and runoff contribution of driveways and private roads to surface water systems, and assess and promote public stream access points along the Esopus, and

WHEREAS, the total projected cost of this project is estimated at \$519,997.00, of which \$250,325.00 would come from this grant and \$269,672.00 would be a local match, and

WHEREAS, funding for the local match is anticipated to come in part from a Catskill Watershed Corporation grant (\$99,437.00), in part from the Ulster County Water and Soil District (\$44,313.00), and in part from Cornell Cooperative Extension (\$125,922.00), and

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension have committed to their financial roles in this project, and

WHEREAS, the Catskill Watershed Corporation grant that would partially fund this project is currently being re-scoped and if the funds are not secured, this application will be withdrawn, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has met and reviewed such application with the majority of members voting in favor of supporting same, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed such application with the majority of members voting in favor of supporting same, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports the above-described grant application to the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Environmental Protection Fund, in the amount of \$250,325.00, which, should said grant be awarded and should local funding sources be realized as anticipated, will enable the implementation of best management practices to improve surface water quality in the Esopus Watershed, assess the sediment and runoff contribution of driveways and private roads to surface water systems, and assess and promote public stream access points along the Esopus, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event that the local share funding anticipated from Catskill Watershed Corporation, should become unavailable to the County for any reason, the grant application will be withdrawn,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 28 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Briggs, Cummings, Sheeley,
Stoeckeler, and Zimet)

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: (if/when grant is awarded):

\$519,997.00 – 2010-2012 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$269,672.00 – ADDITIONAL GRANT DOLLARS

\$250,325.00 – ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

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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 14th Day of October, 2009, 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 16th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

/s/ Mary L. Carey

Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this

16th Day of October, 2009.

/s/ Mary L. Carey

Mary L. Carey, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this

21st Day of October, 2009.

/s/ Michael P. Hein

Michael P. Hein, County Executive