

**Amending Capital Program 2005 – 2010 And Establishing Capital Project No. 285 For Agricultural And Farmland Protection Implementation Contract For Purchase Of Development Rights And Conservation Easements – New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets – Paul And Watkins Farms - Amending The 2005 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget**

The Economic Development / Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran and Zimet) offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 85, dated February 10, 2005, Ulster County has entered into an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in the amount of \$1,031,008.00 to assist in the farmland preservation efforts with the purchase of development rights or conservation easements on land owned by various farmers in Ulster County, under the County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to participate in the preservation of agriculture lands in Ulster County as authorized in Section 247 of General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1,375,699.00 to be shared by New York State Agriculture & Markets in the amount of \$1,031,008.00, by non-profit conservation agencies and land trust organizations in the amount of \$336,359.00, and by the County in the amount of \$8,332.00 in in-kind services, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has reviewed the environmental assessment form on file with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature and is aware that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has prepared a generic Environmental Impact Statement on the program finding No Significant Impact, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development/Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs 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 project with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, in accordance with NYCRR Part 617, the Ulster County Legislature finds that the implementation of this project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration will be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized upon approval of the County Attorney to enter into agreements, contracts, memorandum of understandings with appropriate parties to effectuate this project, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 - 2010 Capital Program is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>ADD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Project No. 285		
Purchase of Development Rights - Agriculture Lands		\$1,375,699.00

, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 285		
Purchase of Development Rights - Agriculture		\$1,375,699.00

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H4-0285-2901 (App. #)	Land Acquisition	\$1,375,699.00
H3-0285 5710	In-Kind services	\$ 8,332.00
H3-0285-3997	State Aid, Home & Community Conservation	\$1,031,008.00
H3-0285-2705 (Rev. #'s)	Gifts and Donations Conservation Agencies	\$ 336,359.00

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Donaldson, Every,  
Gerentine, Hathaway and Hyatt)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,031,008.00 – NEW YORK STATE REVENUE - FISCAL YEARS 2005 THRU  
2006  
\$ 336,359.00 – LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS  
CONSERVATION AGENCIES  
\$ 8,332.00 – IN-KIND SERVICES/ULSTER COUNTY DOLLARS  
\$1,375,699.00 – TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION