

Establishing Capital Project Nos. 748 and 749 - DPW Solar Array Siting Program, Amending The 2026 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program - Amending The 2026 Ulster County Operating Budget - Amending The 2026 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Referred to: The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Kovacs and Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Levine, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, Roberts, and Uchitelle)

Chair of the Legislature, Peter J. Criswell, offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 - 2031 Capital Improvement Program includes funding for the 2026 DPW Solar Array Siting Program in the amount of \$591,409.00; and

WHEREAS, Capital Project No. 653 was established pursuant to Resolution No. 382 of July 16, 2024, for Hall of Records Rooftop Solar Project in the amount of \$120,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Capital Project No. 705 was established pursuant to Resolution No. 468 of September 17, 2024, for Trudy Resnick Farber Building Rooftop Solar Array Project in the amount of \$275,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to locate additional rooftop solar arrays at Development Court in the Town of Ulster and Department of Public Works Office Building in the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works performed a preliminary assessment of all County buildings has identified County-owned properties to site photovoltaic infrastructure maximize the use of develop renewable; and

WHEREAS, Department of Public Works is committed to environmental stewardship, energy efficiency, and reducing its operational carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, the installation of rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on County-owned facilities is a viable method to generate clean, renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance energy independence; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 702 of December 18, 2023 the Restricted Capital Reserve Fund – Decarbonization Capital Reserve for the design, construction, reconstruction, or acquisition for the purpose of capital projects that improve energy efficiency in County buildings and operations, or that replace fossil fuel-reliant HVAC and other equipment at the end of useful life with clean, energy-efficient technologies for which bonds may be issued; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 702 of 2023, the authorization to utilize the Restricted Capital Reserve Fund – Decarbonization Capital Reserve will require the submission of level energy reporting data provided annually in the Ulster County Benchmarking Report produced in accordance with Resolution No. 447 of 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Restricted Capital Reserve Fund – Decarbonization Capital Reserve had a balance of \$16,034,535.00 as of December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works requests that Capital Project No. 748 be established and funded for Development Court Office Complex Solar in the Town of Ulster in the amount of \$1,139,613.00, and that Capital Project No. 749 be established and funded for the Department of Public Works Office Building Solar in the City of Kingston in the amount of \$335,387.00; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, based upon examination by the Ulster County Legislature, the County's funding of this Project constitutes a Type II action as defined under Section 2 of the County of Ulster's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II List, which was adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 118 dated April 20, 2010; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Ulster County has determined that this funding action does not pose a significant potential environmental impact and may be progressed as a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 of SEQRA, and does not require any further determination or procedure under SEQRA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Capital Projects No. 748 and No. 749 are hereby established as follows:

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	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 748	Development Court Office Complex Solar	\$ 1,139,613.00
Capital Project No. 749	Department of Public Works Office Building Solar	\$ 335,387.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2026 Ulster County Operating Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.9900.9900-3900.9982 (Rev. #)	Reserves Decarbonization (Reserve AA.0878.5302)	\$798,493.00
AA.9901.4600-9000.9025 (App. #)	Interfund Transfers to Capital	\$798,493.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2026 Ulster County Capital Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH.1997.0748-2300.2550 (App.#)	Construction	\$1,139,613.00
HH.1997.0748-3400.4097 (Rev.#)	Federal Aid – Capital Projects	\$ 410,530.00
HH.1997.0748-3300.3097 (Rev.#)	State Aid – Capital Projects	\$ 135,069.00

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HH.1997.0748-3520.5031 (Rev.#)	Interfund Transfer In	\$ 594,014.00
HH.1997.0749-2300.2550 (App.#)	Construction	\$ 335,387.00
HH.1997.0749-3400.4097 (Rev.#)	Federal Aid – Capital Projects	\$ 99,588.00
HH.1997.0749-3300.3097 (Rev.#)	State Aid – Capital Projects	\$ 31,320.00
HH.1997.0749-3250.5031 (Rev.#)	Interfund Transfer In	\$ 204,479.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Budget Director is authorized to transfer funds between Capital Projects Nos. 705, 746, & 747 as necessary,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,475,000.00 – INCREASE TO 2026 CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
\$ 798,493.00 – INCREASE TO 2026 CAPITAL FUND INTERFUND REVENUE
\$ 510,118.00 – INCREASE TO 2026 CAPITAL FUND FEDERAL AID
\$ 166,389.00 – INCREASE TO 2026 CAPITAL FUND STATE AID
\$ 798,493.00 – INCREASE TO 2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATED
RESTRICTED CAPITAL RESERVE – DECARBONIZATION
CAPITAL RESERVE
\$ 798,493.00 - INCREASE TO 2026 GENERAL FUND INTERFUND TRANSFER
APPROPRIATIONS