

**Re-Establishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee –
Ulster County Legislature**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Litts, Maio, Maloney, and Rodriguez), and The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Litts, and Provenzano)

Legislators Mary Beth Maio, Craig Lopez, and Lynn Archer offer the following:

WHEREAS, the final report of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad Corridor “U & D Rail + Trail” Trail Feasibility Study issued in July 2006 concludes that the Corridor “has the potential to become a unique “Rail + Trail” system providing transportation, economic development, tourism, and recreation benefits for Ulster County and communities along the route”; and

WHEREAS, the development of this and other trails in Ulster County offer important and highly desirable health programs promoting healthy trails and healthy people opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is devoted to improving conditions for physical activity in our communities and for the general public’s health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health and Ulster County Health Department offer programs aimed at reducing the incidence of childhood obesity, enhancing physical fitness and reduce the risk of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Rail + Trail Feasibility Study recommends that the County formally establish an ongoing Trails Advisory Committee (TAC); and

WHEREAS, the recently completed Ulster County Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) incorporates the vision of a shared use Rail with Trail Corridor extending east to west across the entire County; and

WHEREAS, the NMTP recommends several actions requiring leadership and coordination at the Ulster County Legislature level which will be facilitated by a Trails Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Rail + Trail Feasibility Study recommends several Phase 1 Trail Projects across the length of the Corridor; and

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WHEREAS, the 2008-2013 Capital Projects Plan describes \$13.1 Million of Federally Funded Projects in Ulster County for Phase I and Phase II of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad Corridor for Rail + Trail development; and

WHEREAS, a Railroad Advisory Committee (RAC) has existed since 1983 to guide operations and funding initiatives for the functions of a railroad in the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, a Trails Advisory Committee will parallel and complement the activities of the RAC; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, the Health Services Committee sponsored Resolution No. 224, which established the Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C-16 of the Ulster County Charter, all Advisory committees, commissions and boards shall serve at the pleasure of the Ulster County Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, a Trails Advisory Committee shall consist of not more than Eleven (11) Voting Members to be appointed by the Members of the Ulster County Legislature and is hereby created and re-established for the purposes of i) advising the Ulster County Legislature on trail-related issues, and ii) advising the Legislature on the adoption, repeal or amendments to Laws and Regulations as they relate to Ulster County Trails; the members of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee appointed by the Members of the Ulster County Legislature for a term expiring December 31, 2015 shall be:

- 1) Ulster County Legislature (3 members): **Legislators Lynn Archer, Craig Lopez and Mary Beth Maio**
- 2) Trails Community (2 members): **Kathy Nolan and George Dagis**
- 3) Historical Community (1 member): **Steve Rice**
- 4) Hiking & Biking Communities (2 members): **John Adams and Irene Berner**
- 5) Other Non-Motorized Transportation Communities (1 member): **Abigail Osgood**
- 6) Local Government Officials (2 members): **Carl Chipman (Supervisor, Town of Rochester) and Terry Houck (Assistant Supervisor, Town of Wawarsing)**

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7) New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)*
(1 member): **James Bogner**

8) New York State Department of Transportation (DOT)* (1 member): **Lisa
Mondello**

(*denotes non-voting members);

and, be it further

RESOLVED, representatives from the Ulster County government are invited to attend all meetings of the TAC, and may be asked from time to time to participate and advise the Trails Advisory Committee at the request of the Trails Advisory Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee will update and report to the Ulster County Legislature's Public Health and Social Services Committee and Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee as to its findings, conclusions and recommendations on an annual basis,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit
on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE