

Supporting The Town Of Wawarsing's Consolidated Funding Application Regarding The Colony Farm Agri-Tourism Project

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez)

Legislator Ronald G. Lapp, Jr. and Legislators Briggs and Lopez offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to encouraging economic growth and promoting tourism in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, the Town of Wawarsing unanimously approved support for a Regional Economic Development Council Consolidated Funding Application for the Colony Farm Agri-Tourism Project; and

WHEREAS, the funding application would secure funding for a comprehensive planning and implementation study to determine the best public uses for the Colony Farm property and other associated parcels, totaling nearly 500 acres, currently owned by the New York State Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, as documented in a letter dated June 15, 2016, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision is on record indicating its support of the funding application and notes, "the decisions regarding the ultimate use and disposition are matters to be addressed after the Town study is completed"; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2016, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Town of Wawarsing pursuing the Colony Farm Agri-tourism feasibility study for this year and advised the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee to support this measure; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has a history of supporting this funding application as demonstrated by the unanimous adoption of Resolution No. 263, dated July 21, 2015; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby supports the Town of Wawarsing's Consolidated Funding Application to provide for a comprehensive strategic plan designed to research, assess, and define implementation strategies for the re-use of the Colony Farm property and four subject parcels; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature encourages the Mid Hudson Regional Economic Development Council to award this project funding as part of the 2016 regional investment; and, be it further

Resolution No. 325 July 19, 2015

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Mid Hudson Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chairs Dennis Murray and Leonard S. Schleifer, Regional Council Director Meghan Taylor, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Director Suzanne Holt, Town of Wawarsing Supervisor Leonard Distel, and the Friends of Colony Farm Steering Committee,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE