

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements With The City Of New York And Various Towns For The Purchase And Demolition Of Homes Damaged During Hurricane Irene And Tropical Storm Lee – Department of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Referred to: Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Gregorius, Loughran, Maio and Ronk), The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Allen, Greene, Loughran, and Roberts), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Thomas J. Briggs, and Deputy Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 98, dated March 18, 2014, the Ulster County Legislature authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), wherein DHSES, as authorized and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) agreed to pass FEMA funding to the County, and the County agreed to administer a program (the “Program”) designed to purchase and demolish homes damaged during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution No. 98 further established Ulster County Capital Project No. 406 to fund the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide reimbursement funding for thirty-four homes in the Towns of Kingston, Olive, Shandaken, Ulster, Wawarsing, and Shawangunk; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Program, through the NYS DHSES, would provide 75% of the cost of each property purchase, and the State of New York has agreed to fund the remaining 25% for full-time, owner-occupied residences; and

WHEREAS, in instances where the property owner is not a full time resident, said 25% will be funded by the City of New York or will be absorbed by the property owner; and

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WHEREAS, the City of New York or one of the Towns will take title to the properties of those who are able to successfully fulfill the requirements of the Program; the County will not take title to any of the properties participating in this Program; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management is requesting that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute those agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the City of New York and with those towns choosing to take title to the property purchased under the terms of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the requested authorization constitutes a Type II action under sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.4 of the County of Ulster's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II List that was adopted in Resolution No. 118 on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County determines that this 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an agreement, any amendments thereto, and such other documents as may be necessary, with the City of New York, by and through its Department of Environmental Protection, to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which the City of New York will participate in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and take title to certain properties, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute agreements, any amendments thereto, and such other documents as may be necessary, with certain towns in the County of Ulster, to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which said towns will participate in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and take title to certain properties, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature,

