

Amending Capital Project No. 370, STRIVE – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus, To Include The Costs of Building Acquisition, Design of Green Infrastructure Elements, And Additional Architectural Services

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Litts, Maio, Maloney, and Rodriguez), The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Archer, Gregorius, Lopez and Wawro), 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, Briggs, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee, David B. Donaldson, and Deputy Chairman Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is moving forward with implementation of the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (“STRIVE”) Project; and

WHEREAS, STRIVE has as its cornerstone, the relocation of the SUNY Ulster/ Ulster County Community College (“UCCC”) Extension Center from the Business Resource Center to the former Sophie Finn Elementary School at 94 Mary’s Avenue in Kingston, New York, adjacent to Kingston High School; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County’s purchase, as the local sponsor of UCCC, of the former Sophie Finn Elementary School (“Sophie Finn”) in the City of Kingston was negotiated for \$300,000 and subsequently approved through public referendum in May 2013 by the voters of the Kingston City School District; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sophie Finn to be utilized as a UCCC extension center, renovations and improvements must be made (the “Project”), and the County Legislature created Capital Project No. 370 by Resolution No. 261 dated October 16, 2012, and subsequently amended by Resolution No. 178 dated July 18, 2013, for the purpose of authorizing architectural design, legal and SEQRA review, and construction management services for the Project; and

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WHEREAS, the County Legislature supported the implementation of STRIVE, UCCC Renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School pursuant to Resolution No. 300 dated November 19, 2013, supporting a revised “Project” totaling \$7,057,450; and

WHEREAS, in December 2013, following the passage of Resolution No. 300, Ulster County received notice of an additional \$439,000 grant award from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for design and construction of Green Infrastructure elements, including pervious parking areas, rain gardens, and other innovative storm water management elements, requiring further revisions to the Project design; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 391 dated December 17, 2013, the Ulster County Legislature adopted and issued a Negative Declaration under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the purchase and rehabilitation of Sophie Finn for use as the SUNY Ulster Kingston Extension Center; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014, the County received conditional Subdivision Approval from the City of Kingston for the subdivision of the approximately 6-acre Sophie Finn Building site from the Kingston High School property and is now finalizing easements with the Kingston City School District in order to facilitate the transfer of the building and site; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project, which was previously authorized for architectural, legal and SEQRA review, and construction management services, now needs to be amended to provide funding for building acquisition and completion of final architectural design, which will now include green infrastructure elements recently-funded through additional State grants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 370 and the Capital Fund are hereby amended as follows:

INCREASE

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H4-0370-2904 (Appr.#)	Building Acquisition	\$300,000.00
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H4-0370-2961	Architectural Services	\$75,410.00
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H3-0370-5710 (Rev.#)	Serial Bonds	\$366,085.00
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DECREASE

AMOUNT

H4-0370-2909	SEQRA Review	\$4,775.00
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H4-0370-2973	Legal	\$4,550.00
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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$366,085.00 – ADDITIONAL 2014 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$366,085.00 – ADDITIONAL SERIAL BONDS

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*****A BOND RESOLUTION WILL BE REQUIRED*****