



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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## **You Have A Say When It Comes To Naming County Property**

(KINGSTON, NY) Legislator Richard Parete understands the importance of honoring and recognizing noteworthy persons in Ulster County based on feedback received from the local community. It is why he sponsored unanimously adopted legislation that establishes a policy for the naming of county-owned assets.

“We have such amazing folks here in Ulster County. To recognize each and every one of the dedicated and awe inspiring individuals who contribute their skills, knowledge, and time to make Ulster County the place to be and a destination to visit would be momentous and should never be taken lightly,” commented Legislator Parete after Resolution No. 370 passed unanimously at the October 21, 2014 Legislative Session. “With the process established in this Resolution, not only will the municipalities be the ones to recommend any proposed name changes, the general public will supply their voice to the entire process. Ultimately, there will be no surprises as to who or why a given individual’s superior contributions are being recognized by Ulster County.”

The proposed policy requires the Legislature to make its decision on naming any county assets only after receiving a recommendation from the municipality or municipalities in which the county-owned asset occurs and based upon public input from individuals and organizations. While Legislative committees will process the recommendation, the public will be encouraged to participate in the discussion at a public hearing held prior to any Legislative decisions. The designated name is designated for 25 years unless specifically designated for a longer term by the Ulster County Legislature.

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[Resolution No. 370-14 attached]

**Establishing A Policy For The Naming Of County-Owned Assets**

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Allen, Greene, Loughran, and Roberts), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman of the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Legislator Richard Parete, offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that the designation of names for county-owned assets should be approached with deliberation and input from local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that the setting forth policies and procedures relating to the naming of county-owned assets can prevent conflict, provide a historical context for future generations in Ulster County and is in the public interest; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature establishes the following policy for the naming of the assets owned by County of Ulster:

Section 1. It is the policy of the County of Ulster for the Ulster County Legislature to choose names for county-owned assets by a majority vote based upon the following criteria, in no particular propriety order:

1. Neighborhood or geographical identification;
2. A natural or geographical feature;
3. An outstanding feature of the asset;
4. An event of historical or cultural significance;
5. A historical figure or an individual (living or deceased) who has made a significant land, monetary or civic contribution to
  - a. the County of Ulster, or
  - b. the municipality in which the asset is situated, or
  - c. given their life while in service of the United States Of America;
6. As required by purchase or gifting agreement

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Section 2. The Ulster County Legislature shall designate the names of county-owned assets via resolution. Unless the asset name is designated in a purchase agreement or an accepted gift of property, the Ulster County Legislature shall make its selection after receiving a recommendation from the municipality or municipalities in which the county-owned asset occurs, which shall be based upon public input from individuals and organizations. Municipal recommendations shall state how the proposed name(s) meet(s) the criteria of Section 1.

Section 3. Whenever the Ulster County Legislature or local municipality wishes to consider naming a county-owned asset, the issue shall be referred to the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee of the Legislature before approval of that name by the full Legislature. If more than one name is proposed for a particular county-owned asset, the Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee may create a sub-committee to consider the proposals and make recommendations to the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee.

Section 4. A public hearing shall be scheduled prior a vote by the Ulster County Legislature on a resolution naming a County-owned asset to insure public input on any name(s) being considered.

Section 5. Following the selection of a name for a county asset by the Ulster County Legislature, the County shall identify the specific asset with appropriate signage specifying the name.

Section 6. The name shall remain for a minimum of 25 years except in an instance when a County-owned asset is named for an individual and the County Legislature finds that because of the individual's character the continued use of their name would not be in the best interest of the community.

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on October 9, 2014

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services as amended on October 20, 2014

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of October, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October, 2014.

Approved by the County Executive this  
\_\_\_\_ Day of October, 2014.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

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Michael P. Hein, County Executive