

Authorizing The Chairman To Initiate The Required Actions And Establishing The Legislature As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Adoption Of A Sustainable Economic Development Plan For Ulster County (Ulster Tomorrow) As An Element Of The County's Comprehensive Plan

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Development Corporation, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency and the Ulster County Planning Board have created a partnership that has led to the development of a Sustainable Economic Development Plan for Ulster County known as Ulster Tomorrow, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes the importance of having a plan that provides a sound basis for implementation of economic development strategies to coordinate the collective activities of the system and focus strategic economic development efforts, and

WHEREAS, the plan has met this challenge establishing a collaborative framework to: advance new economic opportunities, improve living standards and quality of life, provide greater opportunities for the workforce, build stronger communities, and widen citizen participation as part of the policy discussion, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster Tomorrow Steering Committee has requested and the Ulster County Legislature is desirous that the plan be adopted as an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan so as to provide guidance and consistency to County's capital programming, departmental policies, and a clear statement of support for the goals and actions in the plan, and

WHEREAS, prior to the adoption of the plan as an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan the Ulster County Legislature is required to conduct the necessary environmental review pursuant to NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) and offer opportunity for comment and review in accordance with Article 12-b of General Municipal Law Section 239-d, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature finds that it is the only involved agency in this action and hereby declares itself as lead agency for the purposes of conducting the necessary environmental review of the proposed plan

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under SEQRA, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature finds this action to be a Type I action under SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated review, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to call any Public Hearings and circulate required notices in accordance with SEQRA as well as Article 12-b of General Municipal Law Section 239-d, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature directs the Ulster County Planning Board in conjunction with the Ulster Tomorrow Steering Committee to conduct public information sessions and seek comments as needed or requested by individual municipalities and report back to the Legislature, on the conduct of those sessions and any comments received, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that at the conclusion of the public information meetings and prior to its submittal for consideration by the Legislature, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature shall transmit the plan to Ulster County Planning Board as required by Article 12-b of General Municipal Law Section 239-d, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is directed to provide copies of the plan in its current form to the Chief Elected Officials of the municipalities in the County informing them of the Ulster County Legislature's intent to adopt the plan as an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Gerentine and Kraft)

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