

Supporting Ashokan Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited, Inc. Proposal for Esopus & Feeder Stream Evaluation/Restoration

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Bischoff, Busick, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, Loughran, McAfee, Noonan, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, changing weather patterns along with poor management practices by city, state, and federal government agencies and departments are threatening our waterways and continued added heavy flows from the Shandaken tunnel are leaving many of our waterways in poor condition, and

WHEREAS, the many feeder streams emptying into the Ashokan Reservoir and after that the Esopus Creek directly impact the residents and property owners along their banks, and

WHEREAS, the recent flooding again demonstrates that taking action on a piecemeal approach or only when disaster occurs is detrimental to the streams and landholders.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports the Ashokan Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited, Inc., and the Catskill Delaware Natural Water Alliance, Inc., in their efforts for a comprehensive proposal to find cooperative funding for evaluation and restoration of the habitat and stability of our waterways thus protecting purity of water, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and personal property, and the Ulster County Legislature also urges all other Esopus corridor towns, villages, conservation groups and farmers to join together and support this effort for a comprehensive solution, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ashokan Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited, Inc., and the Catskill Delaware Natural Water Alliance, Inc.,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Every and Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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