

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Submit An Application And Assurances For Hudson River Estuary Program Funding To The NYS Department Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) For Open Space Planning**

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bischoff, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano, Petit and Roberts) and the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 424 dated December 12, 2007, the Ulster County Legislature adopted the Ulster County Open Space Plan in recognition of the importance of preserving open spaces, protecting wildlife and creating new recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation offers grant funding up to \$30,000.00 through the Hudson River Estuary Management Program under the Environmental Protection Fund or Hudson River Estuary Management Act (ECL, 11-0306) to fund Open Space planning activities within the Hudson River Estuary, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Estuary Program grants require a 25% match from municipalities which may include costs associated with staff time directly devoted to the project and project administration costs, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster desires to submit an application for assistance consistent with identified goals and available funding that meets the objectives and guidelines for the program, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

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

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, or such person's successor in office, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Hudson River Estuary Program in accordance with the provision of the Hudson River Estuary Management Act (ECL 11-0306) of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to enter into any contracts or assurances necessary with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and others to effectuate the purposes of the grant should funding be awarded,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00 – MATCHING COUNTY DOLLARS

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