

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Submit Application And Assurances For Preparation Or Update Of The Ulster County Farmland Protection Plan To The New York State Office Department Of Agriculture And Markets

Legislator Rodriguez offers the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSAM) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for State assistance for the preparation or update of the Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's adopted Farmland Protection Plan is more than ten (10) years old and meets the criteria for funding from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSAM), and

WHEREAS, agriculture continues to play an important role in Ulster County's economy and is recognized in local comprehensive plans as essential to the quality of life and sense of place that makes Ulster County unique, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's adopted Open Space Plan includes a recommendation that the County "update and implement the county's Farmland Protection Plan," and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board met and recommended that Ulster County seek funding available from the Department of Agriculture and Markets to update the Farmland Protection Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Laws and Rules 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 is hereby authorized to submit an application to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the purpose of preparation or update of the Ulster County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, as well as all understandings and assurances up to the maximum amount allocated in the NOFA,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Kraft and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$50,000.00 – ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

\$40,000.00 – IN-KIND SERVICES

\$10,000.00 – REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH

2009 BUDGETED COUNTY DOLLARS

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