

The Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program – Purchase And Demolition Of Residential Properties Damaged By Devastating Floods In Ulster County Since April 1, 2004 - New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Division Of Housing And Community Renewal. Review And Approval Of The Environmental Review Under The State Environmental Review Act (SEQR)- Classification Of Project As An Unlisted Action, And Approval Of Negative Declaration

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Briggs, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Hansut, Maloney and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management has been notified that the New York State budget provided \$15 million to the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to develop and administer the Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program, and

WHEREAS, under the program eleven counties in the Southern Tier and Catskill regions may purchase eligible homes that have been damaged by the devastating floods these regions have experienced since April 1, 2004 and are further determined to be at future risk, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to remove people and their possessions from harm's way in areas that have been hit particularly hard by flooding and enable homeowners to relocate from areas that remain vulnerable to flooding, and

WHEREAS, homes purchased would be condemned and property will be dedicated in perpetuity for open space, recreational, wetlands or flood mitigation purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County must undertake an environmental review necessary to comply with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) prior to commencing any work that would result in physical alteration of the site, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) the project was determined to be an Unlisted Action, and the County is now progressing an uncoordinated review as allowed under the SEQRA regulations, and

WHEREAS, a long form Environmental Assessment Form was completed for the project documenting potential environmental, historic and cultural impacts of the project and proposed avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, and

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee has met and reviewed the environmental documentation for the project with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to approve the Environmental Assessment Form necessary to comply with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) prior to funding the acquisition and demolition of such residences, and any work that would result in physical alteration of the site,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE