

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Submit Application For A Hudson River Valley Greenway Compact Grant

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Alfonso, Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Roberti, and Sheeley) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act (the “Greenway Act”), Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary regional cooperation and decision-making among the communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this act is committed to the preservation, enhancement and development of the region as well as upholding municipal home rule, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (“the Greenway Council”) administers a Greenway Compact Grant Program to guide and support a cooperative planning process to establish a voluntary regional compact among counties, cities, towns and villages of the Greenway that supports the Greenway’s goals of economic development, regional planning, natural and cultural resource protection, enhancing public access to the Hudson River, and heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS, participation in the Greenway Compact Program provides incentives including a 5% preference by state agencies in grants ranking for infrastructure, land acquisition, and park assistance projects to communities that commit, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, all of its municipalities, and other governmental entities are situated in the Greenway, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Greenway Compact is consistent with economic development, community preservation, and open space protection, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act recognizes county governments as the regional entities for leading the Compact development process, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 133 dated April 11, 2002, the Ulster County Legislature endorsed the designation of Ulster County as a Greenway Community and membership in the Hudson Valley Greenway, and

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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, contingent upon the review of the County Attorney, and

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Greenway Council for Greenway Compact Grant program in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for Phase 1, in form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman is authorized to provide any assurances necessary for the submittal of the application,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Every and Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$20,000.00 – 2007 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS (GREENWAY)

\$20,000.00 – 2007 COUNTY DOLLARS (STAFF TIME)