

Adopting Ulster Tomorrow – A Sustainable Economic Development Plan For Ulster County As An Element Of Ulster County’s Comprehensive Plan Pursuant To Article 12-b Of General Municipal Law – Planning

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature finds that economic vitality of the businesses, and industries within the County are critical to the needs of its residents, visitors, their quality of life, and future prosperity and the preservation of the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Development Corporation, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency and the Ulster County Planning Board created a partnership and steering committee that led to the development of a Sustainable Economic Development Plan for Ulster County known as Ulster Tomorrow, (“the Plan”) and has requested and that the Plan be adopted as an element of the County’s Comprehensive Plan so as to provide guidance and consistency to the County’s capital programming, departmental policies and a clear statement of support for the goals and actions in the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the ability to direct the use of County resources, advocate for programs, policies, and projects, focus the economic development process, improve economic development capacity, energize economic development services and strengthen key industries, is tied to a sustainable economic development plan, and

WHEREAS, Ulster Tomorrow – A Sustainable Economic Development Plan for Ulster County has met this challenge establishing a collaborative framework to advance new economic opportunities, improve living standards and quality of life, provide greater opportunities for the workforce, build stronger communities and widen citizen participation as part of the policy discussion, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 119, dated April 9, 2008, the Ulster County Legislature determined that the adoption of the Plan was a Type I Action under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), established that it was the only involved agency, declared itself lead agency for the purposes of conducting the necessary environmental review, provided for notices to be circulated consistent with both SEQRA and Article 12-b of General Municipal Law and directed that public informational sessions on the Plan be conducted around the County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has conducted the necessary public hearing prior to considering the Plan for adoption, and

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WHEREAS, appropriate referrals of the Plan were made to the Ulster County Planning Board, municipal planning boards and officials, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Board has recommended that the Plan as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature be adopted, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has conducted the necessary environmental review of the proposed plan under SEQRA and issued a negative declaration concerning the adoption of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive recommends the adoption of Ulster Tomorrow Economic Development Plan as a important component of Ulster County’s Comprehensive Plan , and

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

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby adopts Ulster Tomorrow – A Sustainable Economic Development Plan for Ulster County as an element to Ulster County’s Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Article 12-b of General Municipal Law Section 239-d, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is directed to file a copy of the Plan with the Ulster County Planning Board, the New York State Secretary of State and with the Clerk of each municipality in the County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Plan shall be reviewed and updated every five years in accordance with the responsibilities and procedures set forth in the Ulster County Charter for the development and update of a Comprehensive Plan,

