

**Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Inclusion Of The Ulster County Open Space Plan As An Element Of Ulster County's Comprehensive Plan Consistent With Article 12-b Of The General Municipal Law – Planning**

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorius, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti), the Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) and Legislators Bischoff, Cahill, Dart, Donaldson, Kraft, Liepmann, Lomita, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes the importance of preserving open spaces, protecting wildlife and creating new recreational opportunities so present and future generations can enjoy and benefit from the County's scenic, recreational and natural resources and pursuant to Resolution No. 84 dated February 12, 2004 directed the preparation of an Ulster County Open Space Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Council and the Ulster County Planning Board have completed the Ulster County Open Space Plan in consultation with County departments, local governments, interested agencies, and other stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 259 dated July 12, 2006, the Ulster County Legislature determined that the adoption of the Ulster County Open Space 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 Ulster County Open Space Plan be conducted around the County, and

WHEREAS, informational and public comment meetings were held in Saugerties, Woodstock, Ellenville, Marlborough, Kingston, and New Paltz, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, on November 7, 2007, conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Ulster County Open Space Plan in Kingston, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Open Space Plan, public comments, full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and other materials associated with the

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Ulster County Open Space Plan have been filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, in consideration of all of the foregoing, the Ulster County Legislature, as Lead Agency and as the only Involved Agency under SEQRA, has considered the materials filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, and has consulted with its advisors in examination of the potential environmental effects of the County's adoption of the Ulster County Open Space 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, and

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

RESOLVED, that in consideration of the record had herein, the Ulster County Legislature finds that adoption of the Ulster County Open Space Plan consistent with the provisions of Article 12-b of the General Municipal Law will not have significant impact on the environment and hereby issues a SEQRA Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance upon the above entitled Action, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is directed to file this notice with the appropriate agencies as required by law,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20                      NOES: 7  
(NOES: Legislators Alfonso, Busick, Cummings,  
Gerentine, Harris, McAfee and Noonan)  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Every, Fabiano,  
Felicello, Roberti and Stoeckeler)

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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