

Authorizing The Chairman To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Open Space Institute (OSI) To Effectuate The Purchase Of Development Rights Program (PDR) As It Pertains To The Arrowhead Farm (Davis) In The Town Of Rochester – Planning

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) and Legislators Briggs, Cummings, Kraft, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete and Stoeckeler offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County was awarded funds from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the purchase of the development rights to the Arrowhead Farm in the Town of Rochester, and

WHEREAS, Open Space Institute (OSI) has agreed to contribute the required local match to these funds for the purchase of the development rights as well as perform the necessary monitoring functions regarding the easement, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County and the Open Space Institute (OSI) have successfully negotiated an agreement for a conservation easement over the properties involved in the Arrowhead Farm application, and

WHEREAS, the parties to desire to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to fully understand their responsibilities and effectuate the program, 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 Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Open Space Institute (OSI) to effectuate the purchase of development rights on the Arrowhead Farm, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approved of the County Attorney; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the establishment of a conservation easement on the Arrowhead Farm will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Negative Declaration as required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) is hereby adopted,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Decker and Maloney)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$349,750.00 – CONSERVATION EASEMENT – OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE
FUNDS

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