

Establishing Capital Project No. 308 For Agricultural And Farmland Protection Implementation Contract For Purchase Of Development Rights And Conservation Easements – New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets – Arrowhead Farm – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget

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, pursuant to Resolution No. 55, dated February 13, 2008, Ulster County entered into an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in the amount of \$1,070,175.00 to assist in the farmland preservation efforts with the purchase of development rights and establish a conservation easement on the Arrowhead Farm (Davis) located in the town of Rochester, in keeping with the County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to participate in the preservation of agriculture lands in Ulster County as authorized in Section 247 of General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1,426,900.00 to be shared by New York State Agriculture & Markets in the amount of \$1,070,175.00, by non-profit conservation agencies and land trust organizations in the amount of \$349,750.00, and by the County in the amount of \$2,475.00 and \$4,500.00 in-kind services, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has reviewed the environmental assessment form on file with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature and is aware that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has prepared a generic Environmental Impact Statement on the program finding No Significant Impact, 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 project with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, in accordance with NYCRR Part 617, the Ulster County Legislature finds that the implementation of this project will not have a significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration will be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized upon approval of the County Attorney to enter into agreements, contracts and memorandum of understandings with appropriate parties to effectuate this project, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008-2013 Capital Program is hereby amended as follows:

ADD

Project No. 308 Purchase of Development Rights Agriculture Lands	\$1,426,900.00
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, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget is hereby amended as follows:

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Capital Project No. 308 Purchase of Development Rights – Agriculture – Arrowhead Farm	\$1,426,900.00
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TRANSFER

FROM **AMOUNT**

A4-1331-4553 (App. #)	Contingent Account	\$ 6,975.00
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TO **AMOUNT**

A4-4650-9006 (App. #)	Transfer to Capital Projects	\$ 6,975.00
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	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H4-0308-2901 (App. #)	Land Acquisition	\$1,426,900.00
H3-0308-5031	Interfund Revenue	\$ 6,975.00
H3-0308-3997	State Aid, Home & Community Conservation	\$1,070,175.00
H3-0308-2705 (Rev. #'s)	Gifts and Donations Conservation Agencies	\$ 349,750.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,070,175.00 – NEW YORK STATE REVENUE
FISCAL YEARS 2008 THRU 2009
\$ 349,750.00 – LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS
CONSERVATION AGENCIES
\$ 6,975.00 – BUDGETED 2008 COUNTY DOLLARS – TRANSFER FROM
CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT
\$1,426,900.00 – TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION