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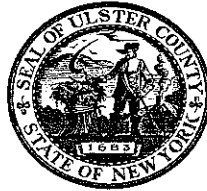
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 13, 2012

COUNTY ATTORNEY BEATRICE HAVRANEK ANNOUNCES: AUCTION OF LOWER ESOPUS RIVER WATCH PROPERTIES RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 5, 2012 AT 10 AM

Kingston, NY – Pursuant a court order of the Honorable Henry F. Zwack, Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, the auction of Lower Esopus River properties previously scheduled for September 14, 2012 has been rescheduled to Friday, October 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the County's Legislative Chambers located at 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor in Kingston, New York. The purpose of this postponement is to enable more participation by various land trust organizations, maximize opportunity for all bidders, and facilitate a more successful auction. A copy of the Court's letter order is attached.

The County has been named the beneficiary to the proceeds of the sale of over 122 acres of real property owned by Lower Esopus River Watch, Inc. located in the Towns of Rosendale, Esopus and Shawangunk. The properties are:

Parcel # 1

Town of Esopus

SBL#: 71.3-5-15

Location: Off Rousner Lane

Acreage: 8.00

Parcel # 7

Town of Esopus

SBL#: 71.3-5-29

Location: Rousner Lane

Acreage: 52.90

Parcel # 2

Town of Esopus

SBL#: 71.3-5-16

Location: Off Rousner Lane

Acreage: 8.00

Parcel # 8

Town of Rosendale

SBL #: 62.2-3-1

Location: Lucas Ave. Ext.

Acreage: 8.20

Parcel # 3
Town of Esopus
SBL#: 71.3-5-18
Location: Rousner Lane
Acreage: 10.00

Parcel # 4
Town of Esopus
SBL#: 71.3-5-20
Location: Rousner Lane
Acreage: 26.00

Parcel # 5
Town of Esopus
SBL#: 71.3-5-22
Location: Rousner Lane
Acreage: 4.00

Parcel # 6
Town of Esopus
SBL#: 71.3-5-23
Location: Off Rousner Lane
Acreages: 4.00

Parcel # 9
Town of Rosendale
SBL#: 62.82-2-18
Location: Josephine Avenue
Acreage: .22

Parcel # 10
Town of Rosendale
SBL#: 62.82-5-22
Location: Main Street
Acreage: .14

Parcel # 11
Town of Rosendale
SBL#: 63.5-1-25
Location: Whiteport Rd.
Acreage: .40

Parcel # 12
Town of Shawangunk
SBL#: 98.4-1-26
Location: 128 Oregon Trail
Acreage: .61

Further information may be found on the Ulster County Department of Finance website at:
<http://ulstercountyny.gov/resources/finance.html>



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September 12, 2012

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The Honorable Henry F. Zwack
Rensselaer County Courthouse
80 2nd Street, 3rd Floor
Troy, New York 12180

Re: *Schneiderman v. Lower Esopus River Watch, Inc. et al.*
Index No. 08-5067, Ulster County Supreme Court

Dear Judge Zwack:

I write to request a revision to the attached Order Authorizing Sale of Real Property entered on August 28, 2012 (the "Auction Order"). The Auction Order requires that the land owned by Lower Esopus River Watch, Inc. ("LERW") be sold at auction by September 21, 2012. Exhibit 1 to the Order is a Legal Notice which scheduled the auction for September 14, 2012 and which ran in The Kingston Daily Freeman and the Times Herald-Record over the last two weeks.

As noted in the attachments to the original Order to Show Cause, several of LERW's parcels of land are considered protected wetlands. We understand that one or more land-trust organizations may be interested in purchasing these parcels as a method of additional open space protection, but will not be able to complete their due diligence by this Friday.

We believe that a postponement of the auction to October 5, 2012 will enable any such organizations to complete their due diligence, maximize opportunity for all bidders and facilitate a more successful auction. I have spoken with representatives of the County and LERW and they do not object to the postponement. I have also e-mailed Mr. Fritschler for his comments, but have not received a response.

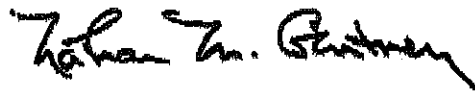
In order to publicize the postponement, the County will issue a press release and include a notice on the website of the County's Commissioner of Finance. In addition, the legal notice, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Auction Order, will be revised to include the

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new auction date and time and published in the Daily Freeman and Times-Herald-Record at least once prior to October 5, 2012. Finally, the Commissioner of Finance will take any other steps that he feels are necessary to adequately notify the public of the postponement of the auction.

As a result, we respectfully request that the Court so-order this letter to approve the adjournment of the auction date from September 14, 2012 to October 5, 2012. Thank you for the Court's time and consideration of this matter.

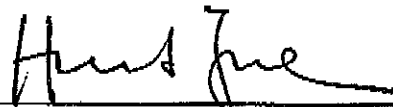
Respectfully Submitted,



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SO ORDERED:

 9/13/2012

The Honorable Henry F. Zwack
Acting Justice Supreme Court