Supporting The Grant Application To The Hudson River Valley Greenway To Initiate The Development Of A Greenway Compact For Ulster County

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

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act (the “Greenway Act”), Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary regional cooperation and decision-making among the communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this act is the preservation, enhancement and development of the region as well as upholding municipal home rule, and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (“the Greenway Council”) administers a Greenway Compact Grant Program to guide and support a cooperative planning process to establish a voluntary regional compact among counties, cities, towns and villages of the Greenway that supports the Greenway’s goals of economic development, regional planning, natural and cultural resource protection, enhancing public access to the Hudson River, and heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS, participation in the Greenway Compact Program provides incentives including a 5% preference by state agencies in grants ranking for infrastructure, land acquisition, and park assistance projects to communities that commit, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has its municipalities and other governmental entities situated in the Greenway, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Greenway Compact is consistent with economic development, community preservation, and open space protection, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act recognizes county governments as the regional entities for leading the Compact development process, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature endorsed the designation of Ulster County as a Greenway Community and membership in the Hudson Valley Greenway [Resolution No. 133 dated April 11, 2002], 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
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WHEREAS, the Ways and Means 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 supports the submittal of an application to the Greenway Council for Greenway Compact Grant program in the amount not to exceed $49,000 for the first phase, the identification of priority growth areas, in developing a Greenway Compact, and

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29    NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Loughran and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: (IF/WHEN GRANT IS AWARDED):
$15,000.00 – BUDGETED REVENUE DOLLARS – STATE AID
$34,000.00 – ADDITIONAL REVENUE DOLLARS – STATE AID
$49,000.00 – BUDGETED APPROPRIATION DOLLARS (IN-KIND)
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STATE OF NEW YORK  ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 8th Day of July, 2009, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 10th Day of July in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

Karen L. Binder, Deputy Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 10th Day of July, 2009.

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Approved by the County Executive this 14th Day of July, 2009.

Michael P. Hein, County Executive