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AS URGED BY THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR CUOMO AWARDS STATE FUNDING FOR THE AVR/HUDSON LANDING PROJECT

The Ulster County Legislature proudly announces Governor Cuomo's support and partnership in recognizing the AVR/Hudson Landing Project as a priority to the County of Ulster, City of Kingston, Town of Ulster and to the Hudson River Valley community by awarding funding today through the Regional Economic Development Councils. The Legislature takes pride in being part of the first Best Plan Award presented to the Mid Hudson Region for a total of \$92.8 million. The Mid Hudson Regional Economic Council was one of four out of the ten regional councils to receive Best Plan Awards and as a result received almost double the funding.

In September of this year, the Ulster County Legislature unanimously passed Resolution 222 to urge the Governor's inclusion of the AVR/Hudson Landing Project in this year's Regional plan. Resolution 222 began the Legislature's communication, outreach and ultimate partnership with Governor Cuomo. This completes the three economic development promises made in Chairwoman Bernardo's opening remarks for the 2012 Ulster County Legislative session. As promised, the Ulster County Legislature successfully fought to secure the appointment of one of their own to the Olympic Regional Development Authority as part of the transition team for Belleayre Mountain oversight, stood strong beside the Town Board of Rosendale in effectuating their wishes for the Williams Lake Project which has now moved, following the outreach and requests from the full Ulster County Legislature, from a stalled project to a positively progressing Department of Environmental Conservation review of the project and finally the Legislature's success in obtaining funding for AVR which will result in the creation of jobs in the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster.

Chairman Terry Bernardo thanked Governor Cuomo in her statement following the announcement. "Governor Cuomo's vision of bringing real economic change with his regional approach ensures powerful investments in our local communities which will leverage broader commitments here and now. The Ulster County Legislature is united in our efforts to make this funding award happen. We remain united in our efforts to promote economic investments throughout Ulster County."

The AVR/Hudson Landing Project is revitalizing a former cement production facility that straddles both the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster. This 524 acre parcel, known as the Tilcon site, overlooks the Hudson River and with a proposed 1,650 housing units, 75,000 square feet of commercial space, and a public walkway on a 524 acre parcel, it will transform the bank of the Hudson River. Upon completion, the public walkway will be the longest walkway along the Hudson River shoreline between Albany and Yonkers. It will re-open a river based gateway that was once the economic foundation for the county at-large.

James Maloney, Town of Ulster Legislator and Chairman of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee highlighted the return of this parcel to economic prosperity. “As a sponsor of Resolution 222, I am thrilled at the result of our hard work and the creation of hundreds of jobs in our region. Through the stimulation of our local economy, similar to the recent successes witnessed at the nearby Walkway Over the Hudson, the AVR/Hudson Landing Project pays tribute to the region’s history of diverse neighborhoods rich in culture, history, recreation, and the arts.”

Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, a cosponsor of Resolution 222 and a City of Kingston Legislator also thanked Governor Cuomo. “Today, Governor Cuomo partnered with the City of Kingston in our commitment to return this City to a model city and tourism destination. Having been born and raised in the Kingston Point area, I am delighted this much needed project has received the funding and will revitalize the area.”

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