Resolution No. 158 May 12, 2005

Amending Capital Project No. 255 For Agricultural And Farmland Protection Implementation Contract For Purchase Of Development Rights And Conservation Easements - New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets – Davenport/Misner – Amending The 2005 Ulster County Budget

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Cummings and Legislators Busick, Noonan, Stock, Tipp, Dart, Feldmann, Lomita and R.A. Parete) offers the following:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Number 319, dated September 19, 2001, Ulster County has entered into an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in the amount of \$744,375.00 to assist in the farmland preservation efforts with the purchase of development rights or conservation easements on land owned by various farmers in Ulster County, under the County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature established Capital Project No. 255 pursuant to Resolution No. 341, dated October 10, 2002, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been awarded additional funds to cover the increased cost of the project that has a revised estimated cost of \$1,364,555.00 to be shared by New York State Agriculture & Markets in the amount of \$1,023,415.00 by non-profit conservation agencies and land trust organizations in the amount of \$325,400.00 and by Ulster County in the amount of \$8,740.00, in cash and \$7,000.00 in in-kind services, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has reviewed the environmental assessment form as 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 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 as on file with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, and

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 - 2010 Capital Program is hereby amended as follows:

AMEND

FROM	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 255 Purchase of Development Rights-Agriculture Lands	\$1,006,000.00
<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 255 Purchase of Development Rights-Agriculture Lands	\$1,364,555.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 Ulster County Capital Project Fund is hereby amended as follows:

	DELETE	<u>AMOUNT</u>
H3-0255-5710	Serial Bonds	\$ 71,375.00
	<u>INCREASE</u>	AMOUNT
Н3-0255-3997	State Aid	\$ 279,040.00
Н3-0255-2705	Gifts and Donations (Conservation Agencies)	\$ 135,150.00
H3-0255-5031 (Rev. #'s)	Interfund Transfers	\$ 15,740.00

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	<u>TRANSFER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
FROM		
A4-1331-4553	Contingent Account	\$ 15,740.00
<u>TO</u>		
A4-4650-9006 (App. #'s)	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 15,740.00
and moves its adoption.		

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0

(Legislator Aiello left at 10:00 PM) (Legislator Noonan left at 10:05 PM) (Legislator Busick left at 10:07 PM)

(Absent: Legislators Hyatt, Loughran and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,023,415.00 - NEW YORK STATE REVENUE -FISCAL YEARS 2005 THRU 2007

\$ 325,400.00 - LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM VARIOUS CONSERVATION AGENCIES

<u>\$ 15,740.00</u> - ULSTER COUNTY FUNDS

\$1,364,555.00 – TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION