



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 02/13/17 04:00 PM  
Department: County Administration  
Category: Environmental

Functional Category: Soil and Water Conservation District

**SCHEDULED**

**RESOLUTION NO.**      *DOC ID: 6822*

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1            **Authorizing a Contract with the Tompkins County Soil and Water**  
2            **District to Provide Interim Financial Assistance to Support Grant-**  
3            **Funded Conservation Efforts throughout the County**

4            WHEREAS, the mission of the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (District) is to provide  
5 assistance to citizens and units of local government in making sound decisions on the management of soil, water, and  
6 related natural resources based on their needs, and  
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8            WHEREAS, the District will further assist in the implementation of decisions by seeking and coordinating  
9 technical and financial assistance from federal, state, and local governments, and private sources, and  
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11            WHEREAS, the District applies for funds, throughout each year, on behalf of landowners and municipalities to  
12 various entities, such as New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State  
13 Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Environmental  
14 Protection Agency (EPA), and other organizations to conduct Soil and Water Conservation work, and  
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16            WHEREAS, the District is projecting over \$2,700,000 in expense disbursements in 2017 through these grant  
17 and programmatic funding sources, and  
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19            WHEREAS, these \$2,700,000 of projected expenses are not paid for by the Tompkins County appropriation to  
20 the District in the 2017 Tompkins County Budget which cover a portion of operational expenses for the District, and  
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22            WHEREAS, the funding entities to whom the District applies for funding, typically require a “full  
23 reimbursement” process for project activities, meaning that costs must first be paid by the District, and then be  
24 reimbursed by the funding entity, and  
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26            WHEREAS, the District does not have enough funding on hand to cover up-front project costs, but must  
27 continue the coordination and implementation of critical conservation project activities, and  
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29            WHEREAS, the District has requested the assistance of Tompkins County to provide funding to support the  
30 cost of Hydrilla Project activities in the past two consecutive years (2015 and 2016), with such funding fully returned  
31 to the County as NYSDEC reimbursements for that work is received, and  
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33            WHEREAS, a similar assistance request is being sought for a broader array of conservation activities funded  
34 by “reimbursement” grants in 2017, now therefore be it  
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36            RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That  
37 he Tompkins County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with the  
38 Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District that will provide up to \$200,000 to the District for  
39 conservation project activities in 2017 and obligate the District to repay the County as reimbursements for conservation  
40 project activities are received,  
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42            RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to advance to the District  
43 an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), said advance to be made from the General Fund of  
44 the County,

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2           RESOLVED, further, That the advance will be repaid to the County when the District is reimbursed by  
3 NYSDEC; the advance will be recorded in the General Fund accounting records as a Contract Agencies Receivable -  
4 Soil & Water, account number A14418730.  
5 **SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20