



Tompkins County Legislature

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Ithaca, NY 14850

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Department: Planning and Sustainability Department

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SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7128

1 **Appropriating Funds from Tompkins County Natural Infrastructure**
2 **Capital Project for the Lounsbery – Tract - Six Mile Creek Water**
3 **Protection Project**

4 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature established the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project in 2017,
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7 *WHEREAS, the current balance in the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project fund is \$200,000, and*
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9 WHEREAS, the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project is focused on protection, by acquisition, easement,
10 restoration and/or stabilization, of:

- 11 • Upper watershed forests and wetlands;
- 12 • Stream corridors and floodplains;
- 13 • Aquifer recharge areas, and
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15 WHEREAS, the objectives of the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project is to:

- 16 • Protect and enhance those natural systems that can help to mitigate the impacts of intensive rainfall events
17 that are expected to continue to increase as a result of climate change;
- 18 • Help decrease sediment loads in streams and Cayuga Lake;
- 19 • Protect overall water quality in streams, surficial aquifers and Cayuga Lake, and
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21 WHEREAS, the Natural Infrastructure Capital project goal is to reduce risks of flooding and protect public
22 and private water supplies; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Project Selection Criteria and Process was accepted by the Planning, Development, and
25 Environmental Quality Committee in February 2017 which outlined the following evaluation criteria:

- 26 • The cost effectiveness of project in achieving the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project objectives;
- 27 • The ability for the project to leverage additional funding;
- 28 • The project's location within one of the Tompkins County Conservation Plan's Priority Protection areas or
29 is of sufficient size to make a major contribution to protection of natural infrastructure, and
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31 WHEREAS, the project is to provide funding from the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project fund to support
32 the Six Mile Creek Source Water Protection Project - Lounsbery Tract, and
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34 WHEREAS, the Six Mile Creek Source Water Protection Project - Lounsbery Tract,

- 35 • Protects and enhances 3,900 feet of Six Mile Creek stream corridor;
- 36 • Improves overall water quality and reduces flow rates to Six Mile Creek and the City of Ithaca's water
37 source;
- 38 • Proposes leveraging funding from both the City of Ithaca's Six Mile Creek Watershed Protection Fund as
39 well as the New York State Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Source Water Protection funding;
- 40 • Is of sufficient size to make a major contribution to protection of natural infrastructure; and
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42 WHEREAS, support from the Natural Infrastructure Project fund is an important but modest component of the

1 total funding needed to implement the Six Mile Creek Source Water Projection Project and acquire a perpetual
2 easement held by the Finger Lakes Land Trust on the Lounsbery Tract, and
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7 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability and the Planning Advisory Board have
8 recommended that the County Legislature authorize \$15,000 in funding from the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project
9 to support the Six Mile Creek Source Water Protection Project - Lounsbery Tract, contingent on the awarding of
10 WQIP Source Water Protection Funding, now therefore be it
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12 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That
13 a total of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in funding from the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project be appropriated
14 for the purpose of supporting the Six Mile Creek Source Water Protection Project - Lounsbery Tract project, and
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16 RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make an adjustment to the
17 Planning Department budget from the Natural Infrastructure Capital Project fund, and
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19 RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts or
20 agreements related to this project.
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22 SEQR ACTION: Unlisted