



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 06/29/17 03:00 PM
Department: Planning and Sustainability Department
Category: Environmental
Functional Category:

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7127

1 **Appropriating Funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural,**
2 **Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection for the Emerald**
3 **Necklace / Charles Spencer Preserve Ott Tract Protection Project**

4 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature established the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and
5 Recreational Resource Protection by Resolution No. 217 of 2005, and
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7 *WHEREAS, the current balance in the Capital Reserve Fund is \$75,023.06, and*
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9 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund is to support participation by Tompkins County in
10 partnerships with other levels of government and private organizations to:

- 11 • protect and preserve the natural, scenic, and recreational resources found in the Agricultural Resource Focus
- 12 Areas and Natural Features Focus Areas identified in the Comprehensive Plan;
- 13 • preserve and develop recreational trail corridors that cross municipal borders; and
- 14 • develop outdoor recreation facilities, within the focus areas, that are intended to serve all county residents, and
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16 WHEREAS, the Program Guidelines for use of the Capital Reserve Fund call for proposed projects to
17 substantially further at least one of the following objectives:

- 18 • Protect a stream buffer at least 330 feet in width,
- 19 • Provide public access to the Cayuga Lake shore,
- 20 • Protect land that is adjacent to permanently protected open space,
- 21 • Preserve land on an existing or potential intermunicipal trail corridor,
- 22 • Protect a high concentration of Prime Soils or Soils of Statewide Significance,
- 23 • Protect a Distinctive or Noteworthy view as identified in the Tompkins County Scenic Resources Inventory,
- 24 • Is located in a NFFA or ARFA as identified in the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan or serves as a
- 25 potential link to connect resources within these areas,
- 26 • Protects corridor or habitat that can provide for connectivity between protected areas, and
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28 WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has requested financial support from the Capital Reserve Fund for
29 the purpose preserving the 157-acre Jackson Hollow Road property (Town of Newfield Tax Parcel 33.-1-7.2) to
30 connect and provide habitat linking important Natural Features Focus Areas (NFFAs) as well as adjacent public open
31 space resources and
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33 WHEREAS, the Jackson Hollow Road property,

- 34 • Protects a stream buffer of over 330 feet in width;
- 35 • Protects habitat that provides connectivity between NFFAs protected areas, and
- 36 • Connects to existing protected lands.
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38 WHEREAS, support from the Capital Reserve Fund is an important but modest component of the total funding
39 needed to complete the survey for the acquisition of the parcel, and
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41 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability and the Planning Advisory Board have
42 recommended that the County Legislature authorize \$25,000 in funding from the Capital Reserve Fund to support the

1 Emerald Necklace/Charles Spencer Preserve Ott Tract Protection Project, now therefore be it
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3 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee and
4 the Budget and Capital Committee, That a total of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in funding from the Capital
5 Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection be appropriated for the purpose of supporting
6 the Finger Lakes Land Trust's Emerald Necklace/Charles Spencer Preserve Ott Tract Protection Project, and
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8 RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make an adjustment to the
9 Planning and Sustainability Department budget (A8027.54400 - \$25,00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for Natural,
10 Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection, and
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12 RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts or
13 agreements related to this project.
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15 **SEQR ACTION: Unlisted**