



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 05/29/18 03:00 PM
Department: County Administration
Category: Funding

Functional Category: Soil and Water Conservation District

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 7872*

1 **Authorizing A Contract With Tompkins County Soil and Water**
2 **District To Provide Interim Financial Assistance to Support**
3 **Conservation Related Activities**

4 **WHEREAS**, The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (District) is working to
5 conduct conservation activities throughout Tompkins County; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the District receives funding from federal, state and private grant organizations to
7 conduct this work; and

8 **WHEREAS**, many of these grant entities require a “full reimbursement” process for conservation
9 project activities, meaning that costs must first be paid by the District, and then be reimbursed by the grant
10 entity; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the District does not have adequate funding on hand to cover up-front project costs, but
12 must continue the coordination and implementation of critical conservation activities to ensure project
13 successes; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the District has requested the assistance of Tompkins County to provide funding to
15 support the cost of conservation project activities in the first instance, with such funding fully returned to the
16 County as project reimbursements for that work are received; and

17 **WHEREAS**, conservation of soil, water and related natural resources is in the interest of Tompkins
18 County; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, That upon recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality
20 Committee, the Tompkins County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a
21 contract with the Tompkins County Soil and Water District that will provide up to \$200,000 to the District
22 for conservation project activities in 2018 and obligate the District to repay the County as project
23 reimbursements for activities are received or by December 31, 2018; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to advance to the
25 District an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), said advance to be made from the
26 General Fund of the County. The advance will be repaid to the County when the District is reimbursed or by
27 December 31, 2018. The advance will be recorded in the General Fund accounting records as a Contract
28 Agencies Receivable - Soil & Water, account number A14418730.

29 **SEQR Action:** Type II-20