

RESOLUTION NO. 23

APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE ALBANY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER THE NATIONAL GRID 10,000 TREES AND GROWING PROGRAM FOR ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/8/21

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee, Messrs. Reinhardt, Efekoro, Fein, Miller, Ms. Plotsky, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Tunny and Feeney:

WHEREAS, The County Executive has been notified that National Grid has made up to \$20,000 in grant funding available to Albany County regarding its “10,000 Trees and Growing Program” for the replacement of trees damaged or lost during a severe storm on October 7, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that the funding will be in the form of a reimbursement grant of \$150 per tree to replace trees in Albany County areas hardest hit by the storm, outside of the City of Albany which is receiving its own dedicated funding from National Grid for tree replacement, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested the designation of the Soil and Water Conservation District, based on its specialized knowledge and experience, to administer both the grant funding and tree replacement programs, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature hereby approves the designation of the Soil and Water Conservation District to administer the National Grid “10,000 Trees and Growing Program” and grant funding of up to \$20,000 for the replacement of trees damaged or lost in Albany County during a severe storm on October 7, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements associated with the aforementioned approved plan as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 2/8/21

Mr. R. Joyce abstained.