

RESOLUTION NO. 245

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSPARK REGARDING PROMOTING THE HUDSON-MOHAWK HERITAGE AREA IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 6/8/15

By Messrs. Ward, Ethier, Beston, Morse and Ms. McLean Lane:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature has a long history of supporting tourism by providing funding for RiversSpark, an organization that has done a great job of bolstering the cultural and economic history of the Town of Colonie, City of Cohoes, the City of Watervliet and the Village of Menands, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 213 for 2015, this Legislative Body requested the State of New York Department of Transportation to modify the designation of Lakes to Locks Passage State Scenic Byway by adding the "RiverSpark Loop" that will showcase travelers through several areas of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Albany County has provided \$8,000 in financial assistance on an annual basis to RiverSpark for many years, but financing for 2014 did not occur, and

WHEREAS, RiverSpark has requested the County to pay the annual amount of \$8,000 for 2014, but recognizing the economic difficulties of maintaining financial assistance at that level, has requested that the future annual amount be reduced to \$500 starting with 2015, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with RiverSpark in an amount of \$8,500, representing the County's annual funding support for the years 2014 and 2015 pertaining to the promotion of the Albany County portion of the Mohawk-Hudson Heritage area, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement 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. 6/8/15