

# **County of Albany**

Harold L. Joyce  
Albany County Office Building  
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
Cahill Room - First Floor**

### **Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

2. AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AND PLANNING TO APPLY FOR THE NYS SNOWMOBILE GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2023

6:00 PM

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## Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**Present:** William Reinhardt, Beroro T. Efekoro, Frank J. Commisso, Samuel I. Fein, Patrice Lockart, Matthew J. Miller and Jeff S. Perlee

**Excused:** Victoria Plotsky and Merton D. Simpson

**1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**2. AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO THE ALBANY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD'S LIST OF NON-REFERRAL ITEMS**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**3. ADOPTING THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO ALBANY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 2 AND 3**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.



DANIEL P. MCCOY  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

COUNTY OF ALBANY  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
CONSERVATION AND PLANNING  
112 STATE STREET – SUITE 1310  
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207-2021  
(518) 447-5670

June 21, 2023

Honorable Andrew Joyce  
Chairman, Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I am requesting that the County Legislature approve the submittal of a request for funding to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation on behalf of the Frontier Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club and Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club of Middleburgh Inc. This funding will be utilized for the purpose of maintaining New York State designated snowmobile trails in Albany County. The state funding will be passed through to the snowmobile clubs to conduct trail maintenance. There is no cost to the County and administrative responsibility is minimal.

Enclosed please find the completed Request for Legislative Action. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 447-5670.

Sincerely,

Laura DeGaetano  
Sr. Natural Resource Planner

cc Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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## Legislation Text

**File #:** TMP-4368, **Version:** 1

### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):**

Authorization to apply for NYS Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid Program

Date:	June 21, 2023
Submitted By:	Laura DeGaetano
Department:	Economic Development, Conservation and Planning
Title:	Sr. Natural Resource Planner
Phone:	518-447-5670
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Laura DeGaetano

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.  
Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.  
Original Awarding Agency / Funder:  
Click or tap here to enter text.  
New York State Pass-Through Agency (if applicable):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):  
NYS OPRHP  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes  No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 250

Date of Adoption: 7/11/22

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The county sponsors the annual Grant-in-Aid application, which supports multiple snowmobile club's efforts to maintain over 22 miles of trails in Albany County. This program awarded the county \$14,955 for the 2022-2023 season. We will be notified of this year's funding amount in the fall as it is determined by a percentage of revenue the state receives from permits. This is a pass-through grant to the trail maintenance organizations. There is no cost to the county and minimal clerical/administrative responsibility.



# Short Environmental Assessment Form

## Part 1 - Project Information

### Instructions for Completing

**Part 1 – Project Information.** The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project: Snowmobile trail reroute-S72			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Berne, Knox Albany County, NY			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Trail reroute on S72, and GPS updates on C7B, S70, S72, S73.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Albany County		Telephone: 518-447-5670	
		E-Mail: laura.degaetano@albanycountyny.gov	
Address: 112 State St. Room 1310			
City/PO: Albany		State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: NYS DEC			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?		_____ 26miles acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?		_____ 0 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?		_____ 0 acres	
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO		YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO		YES
If Yes, identify: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO		YES
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO		YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO		YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO		YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO		YES
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO		YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes,	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____		
_____		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
_____		
_____		
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
_____		
_____		
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
_____		
_____		
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Albany County Office of Natural Resource Conservation</u> Date: <u>May 26, 2023</u>		
Signature: <u><i>Laura DePalma</i></u> Title: <u>Sr. Natural Resource Planner</u>		

Project:

Date:

**Short Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies? b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Albany County Legislature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Lead Agency  
Andrew Joyce

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Responsible Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

*Laura DeTactis*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)