

County of Albany

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



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 24, 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 A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY TO ESTABLISH TWO FORMAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE BENDER MELON FARM PRESERVE AND THE ALBANY COUNTY RAIL TRAIL
3. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

6:00 PM

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Cahill Room - First Floor

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, Victoria Plotsky and Merton D. Simpson

Excused: Jeff S. Perlee

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 PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SHAKER HERITAGE SITE

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

3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SHAKER HERITAGE SITE

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

4. AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF THE BENDER MELON PRESERVE BRIDGE

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



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DANIEL C. LYNCH, ESQ.
DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 28, 2023

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

I respectfully request the Albany County Legislature's authorization of a license agreement between Albany County and the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC) that would formalize physical connections between the Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail and the Bender Melon Farm Preserve, which is located in the Town of New Scotland.

The 175-acre Bender Melon Farm Preserve is situated on the northern and southern side of the Albany County Rail Trail. This license agreement would allow for the creation of two new connections to planned hiking and biking trails on the northern portion of the preserve – one near the Bender Melon Farm Bridge, and the other further east along the trail. Additionally, one of these connections would intersect with already built trails on the southern piece of the preserve.

The Albany County Rail Trail serves as a lynchpin for future multi-use trail development. These latest connections will be yet another step towards building a more integrated trail system along the Rail Trail corridor through a partnership with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. This would build on the progress already made after the County Legislature approved the formal connection of the Rail Trail to the nearby Joseph Hilton Park trail, which is also located within the Town of New Scotland.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-4686, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorizing a license agreement with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy for the creation of formal connections from the Bender Melon Farm Preserve to the Albany County Rail Trail

Date: September 28, 2023
Submitted By: Cameron Sagan
Department: County Executive's Office
Title: Policy Analyst
Phone: 518-447-7040
Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Cameron Sagan

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.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) license agreement

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy
425 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054

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: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail serves as a lynchpin for future trail development. This license agreement would allow for two additional formal connections to the Rail Trail, which would intersect with planned trails and existing trails within the Bender Melon Farm Preserve, which is owned by Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy.

Proposed Rail Trail Connection Points





RESOLUTION NO. 418

AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAWK HUDSON LAND CONSERVANCY REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF THE BENDER MELON PRESERVE BRIDGE

Introduced: 10/10/23

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, The Bender Melon Preserve, located in the Town of New Scotland and owned by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC), is divided into two separate parcels by the Albany County Rail Trail, and the Bender Melon Farm Preserve Bridge connects these two separate parcels, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested authorization to enter into a license agreement with the MHLC to perform needed renovations on the Bender Melon Farm Preserve Bridge and to establish formal connections between the Albany County Rail Trail and the Bender Melon Preserve, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a license agreement with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, Delmar, NY 12054 to perform needed renovations on the Bender Melon Farm Preserve Bridge located in the Town of New Scotland and to establish formal connections between the Albany County Rail Trail and the Bender Melon Preserve, 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 – 10/10/23

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Honorable Daniel McCoy
County Executive
Albany County
112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Re: CFA Application # 121601 Climate Smart Communities Project – Climate Action Plan

Dear County Executive McCoy:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Office of Climate Change is pleased to inform you that the Climate Action Plan project has been selected to receive a Climate Smart Communities grant in the amount of \$35,000. If you applied for funding from other programs or other State agencies, you will receive information from those programs or agencies separately.

Once DEC has received approval from the Office of the State Comptroller, we will reach out to the person identified in your grant application as the primary contact to provide additional information related to developing a contract for state assistance.

We look forward to working with you on this important climate action project. If you have any questions, please contact the Climate Smart Communities grant program staff at CSCgrants@dec.ny.gov or call 518-402-8448.

Sincerely,



Basil Seggos
Commissioner

c: Mr. Lucas Rogers

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-4595, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization for an award from DEC for a County Climate Action Plan

Date: 9/26/2023
Submitted By: Patrick Curran
Department: County Executive
Title: Policy Analyst
Phone: 518-447-5639
Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
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- 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
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- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

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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

Acceptance

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- 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):

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Office of Climate Change
625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany, New York 12233

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$35,000

Scope of Services: This award is for the planning, development and implementation of a County-wide Climate Action Plan to improve sustainability efforts and combat climate change.

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: A28020 02770

Revenue Amount: \$35,000

Appropriation Account and Line: A28020 44046

Appropriation Amount: \$35,000

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 50

County: 50

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: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Legislative approval is requested to accept an award for grant funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Office of Climate Change Climate Smart Communities Program in the amount of \$35,000 for the development of an Albany County Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan will build off of the Albany County greenhouse gas inventory, which is also funded by grant funding from the Climate Smart Communities Program and is currently being conducted to better understand and mitigate Albany County's carbon emissions. The Climate Action Plan will develop practices and strategies to build sustainability and combat climate change throughout the County.

APPROPRIATIONS

BUDGET LINE					DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
FUND	ORG	OBJ	PRO	FOR POSITIONS ONLY					
				STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL				
A	8020	44046	CAP23		Fees for service	\$35,000			EDCAP
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS						<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>		

ESTIMATED REVENUES

BUDGET LINE					DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
FUND	ORG	OBJ	PRO	FOR POSITIONS ONLY					
				STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL				
A	A28020	02770	CAP23		Other Unclassified Revenues		\$35,000		EDCAP
TOTAL REVENUES						<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>		
GRAND TOTAL						<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>		



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October 3rd, 2023

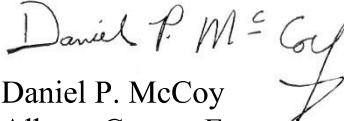
Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive is requesting authorization to accept an award of grant funding in the amount of \$35,000 from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Office of Climate Change for the planning and development of an Albany County Climate Action Plan. The County is eligible for this funding through completing action items in the Office of Climate Change's Climate Smart Communities Program. Albany County has already received funding through this program to execute a County-wide government operations and community greenhouse gas emissions inventory to better understand and mitigate the County's carbon emissions. This greenhouse gas inventory, which is currently being conducted by the County, will be the basis and foundation for an Albany County Climate Action Plan. The goal of the Albany County Climate Action Plan will be to address the causes of and impacts from climate change, build sustainability efforts across the County, and take steps to improve the County's economic, social, and environmental resiliency.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely


Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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