



TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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Resolution #63 of 2024

RE: AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR TOWN OF AMENIA TO JOIN FEDERALLY DESIGNATED LANDS OF THE HUDSON HIGHLANDS REGION

WHEREAS, the Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing substantial natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites, plentiful recreation opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water source for over fifteen million people; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 10-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services managers a voluntary program to assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region in coordination with willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region, should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watershed, trails, scenic and natural lands and other protected areas unique to the region for the enjoyment of future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia supports being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

Motion made by C/Winters
Seconded by S/Blackman

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen/councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Blackman	Aye
Councilman Rebillard	Aye
Councilwoman Hamm	Aye
Councilman Winters	Aye
Councilwoman Ahearn	Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York
May 16, 2024

Ericka Howard, Deputy Town Clerk