

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION AND NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON SIGNIFICANCE-
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
GRANT OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO WALLKILL VALLEY LAND TRUST,
INC.
Taliaferro Conservation Easement**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Community Center, in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the ____ day of _____, 2017, at _____ o'clock P.M., Prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member _____, to wit:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Open Space Plan and the Ulster County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, the County, together with the Town of New Paltz and Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. is proposing to partially fund the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement (the "Easement") to be held by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc. on approximately 32.02 acres of active farmland owned by Robin and Sylvester Taliaferro located at 187 Plains Road in the Town of New Paltz (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 44, "Agriculture and Open Space Preservation and Acquisition" of the Code of the Town of New Paltz (adopted by the Town of New Paltz as Local Law 4-007) the Town of New Paltz also proposes to partially fund the purchase of the aforesaid

agricultural conservation easement (the “Easement”) to be held by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, a New York not-for-profit conservation organization, has determined such conservation to be desirable and beneficial and has agreed to accept the grant to it of such proposed Conservation Easement;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz has compared the proposed action as described in the Environmental Assessment Form Parts One and Two with the list of criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.12 and determined that the application proposed is an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz Town Board, as lead agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment Form which analyzed the proposed action, identified potential environmental impacts arising from the proposal, and described how these potential impacts are small to moderate and are mitigated by the measures elaborated in the EAF and therefore are not significant;

WHEREAS, this Resolution and Notice of Determination of Non Significance (Negative Declaration) has been prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR 617).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(1)(i) the Town of New Paltz Town Board finds the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, as Lead Agency, hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the State Environmental Quality review Act (6 NYCRR 617.6(g)(2) and directs that notice of this Negative Declaration be published and filed in accordance with applicable law, including filing with the Supervisor of the Town of New Paltz and in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Paltz.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

[Record of vote appears on following page]

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Jeffrey Logan	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.