

**RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION OVERLAY ZONING TRAINING  
AND ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held via videoconference in said Town on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022, 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:

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of New Paltz would like to establish a Conservation Overlay Zone for the purpose of protecting critical features such as woodlands, habitat areas, and other priority natural areas that are not currently addressed in the Town Code, and

**WHEREAS**, a Conservation Overlay Zone will provide a clear overview of these resources and a means to protect them, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Code of the Town of New Paltz contains specific protections for wetlands and watercourses, steep slopes, and open space preservation, as well as a designated Critical Environmental Area for the Shawangunk Ridge, and

**WHEREAS**, however, there are proposed Critical Environmental Areas that have not yet been designated, and

**WHEREAS**, a Conservation Overlay District would protect several large, intact forested and wetland areas throughout the Town, ensure that any of the ecologically important aspects of these areas that are not currently protected by code are protected, and that the Town Planning Board is given the tools it needs to allow ecologically sustainable development, and

**WHEREAS**, a Conservation Overlay District would solidify and bolster the efforts already put forth by the Town’s Open Space Plan, Community Preservation Plan, and Comprehensive Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, The Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University Department of Natural Resources and the Environment has selected the Town of New Paltz to participate in the Conservation Overlay Zoning Training and Assistance Project,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz accepts this grant, supports participation in the project and authorizes the Supervisor to facilitate this process.

<u><b>VOTE</b></u>	<u><b>AYE</b></u>	<u><b>NAY</b></u>	<u><b>ABSTAIN</b></u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Esi Lewis	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.