

RESOLUTION NO. 2016132

RE: DECLARING DUTCHESS COUNTY LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO GRANT AWARD TO PARTIALLY FUND THE PURCHASE OF AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE MANNE FARM IN THE TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

Legislators FORMAN, BORCHERT, MICCIO, BOLNER, STRAWINSKI, WASHBURN, PULVER, SAGLIANO, HORTON, and INCORONATO offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County is considering a recommendation of the Dutchess County Planning Board (Resolution No. 01/2016) for an award in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 in grant funds available through the Dutchess County Partnership for Manageable Growth Grant Program (the "Program") to partially fund the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement, to be held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy (the "Conservancy"), on approximately 39.25 acres of Property, known as the Manne Farm (Tax Grid Numbers: 6555-00-135985-0000, 6555-00-290980-0000, 6556-3060209-0000, 6555-00-300993-0000, and 6555-00-331929-0000) located at Jackson Road, in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Dutchess Land Conservancy's organizing efforts and an application to the Program, Dutchess Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson Land Trust, and Hudson Highlands Land Trust will contribute up to \$121,950.00 (including Dutchess Land Conservancy providing in-kind services in the approximate amount of \$7,600.00 and funds for related transaction costs in the amount of \$34,350.00) Dutchess County will contribute up to \$80,000.00 towards the purchase of the agricultural conservation easement on the Property, for a total contribution of up to \$201,950.00, and

WHEREAS, the easement shall provide, among other things, that it shall be held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy, which shall assume primary responsibility to monitor and enforce the easement, and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development has not identified any involved agencies other than the County, and the proposed action is an unlisted action, and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617 requires the designation of a lead agency from among the involved agencies before a determination of significance can be made, as there are no other involved agencies in this matter, circulation was not required, and

WHEREAS, the determination of significance must be made before project review can commence, and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this resolution to formalize and establish the County as the lead agency, which will undertake and coordinate this project pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County hereby assumes lead agency status with respect to a grant award to partially fund the purchase an agricultural conservation easement of 39.25 acres on the Manne Farm (Grid Nos. 6555-00-135985-0000, 6555-00-290980-0000, 6556-3060209-0000, 6555-00-300993-0000, and 6555-00-331929-0000) in the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County.

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Fiscal Impact: See attached statement

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 13th day of June 2016, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 13th day of June 2016.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS *(To be completed by requesting department)*

Total Current Year Cost \$ 0

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 0
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: Existing Appropriations, Contingency,
 Transfer of Existing Appropriations, Additional Appropriations, Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

H0400.8020.3006.7009 - Easement-Conservation Manne Farm

Related Expenses: Amount \$ 0

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: \$ 0

Net County Cost (this year): \$ 0
Over Five Years: \$ 0

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Declaration of Lead Agency and issuance of a Negative Declaration, pursuant to SEQRA, regarding the partial funding from the Dutchess County Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG) Grant Program for the purchase of a conservation easement on the 38.25-acre Manne Farm in the Town of East Fishkill, in partnership with the Dutchess Land Conservancy, Scenic Hudson Land Trust and Hudson Highlands Land Trust.

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Prepared On: 5/11/2016