

Designating The Ulster County Department Of The Environment As The County's Water Quality Management Agency Pursuant To New York State County Law, Article 5 § 220-A

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Lapp and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted in conjunction with the 2018 Executive Budget; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County's waters are essential to the health and welfare of all its citizens as well as to the function of biologic communities; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and improving the quality of Ulster County's waters are crucial to water supply, recreation, tourism, agriculture, industry, aesthetics as well as to the overall quality of life in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the County has an ongoing responsibility to meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Phase II Stormwater Program (also known as the MS4 program) which requires coordination regarding storm water management; and

WHEREAS, the County has an ongoing need and responsibility in drinking water protection and watershed management planning; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to working towards increasing the resilience of our water systems and identifying and addressing significant changes due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of the Environment is designed to serve as a coordinating entity in County government working with county department and agencies involved in various environmental initiatives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County Legislature hereby designates the Ulster County Department of the Environment as the County's Water Quality Management Agency pursuant to New York State County Law Article 5 § 220-A,

