

Funding Capital Project No. 602 – ARP Infrastructure And Trails – Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. As Subrecipient - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the ARPA Special Committee, Peter J. Criswell, and Deputy Chair Thomas Corcoran, Jr. offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Finance, Division of Recovery and Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature passed Resolution Number 333 on August 17, 2021 creating Capital Project number 602, entitled “ARP Infrastructure and Trails”, with an anticipated allocation in the amount of \$6,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, resolution number 333 resolved that funding for capital project number 602 shall be subject to the further approval of the Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, a purpose of Capital Project number 602 is to utilize \$2,100,000.00 of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Rail Trail Improvement and Infrastructure investments that assist economic development and mental health in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc (OSI) seeks a transfer of \$2,100,000.00 of ARPA funds from Ulster County to act as a federal subrecipient in administering a program to deliver construction and renovations to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail from the Village of New Paltz to the Town of Gardiner; to the Ontario & Western (O&W) Rail Trail from the hamlet of Accord (Town of Rochester) to the hamlet of Kerhonkson (Town of Wawarsing); and to the O&W Rail Trail from the Hamlet of Napanoch to the Village of Ellenville (both in the Town of Wawarsing); and

WHEREAS, OSI will provide day to day oversight and program delivery, maintain and rebuild existing infrastructure, remove vegetation, improve drainage, upgrade the safety of existing bridges, road crossings, and fencing, regrade and resurface trails, provide budgetary and other supporting documents related to the transferred funds, and ensure compliance with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) regulations of ARPA; and

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WHEREAS, expansion of Ulster County’s trail networks is identified as a priority in the Ulster County Recovery & Resilience Plan as well as in the Ulster County Green New Deal where expansion of Ulster’s trail networks works to connect Ulster’s population centers to walking and biking access; and

WHEREAS, these rail trail improvements will serve the under resourced community of Ellenville, provide access to scenic views along the Rondout Creek, further the completion of a 29-mile rail trail from the City of Kingston to the Village of Ellenville, and provide a direct feeder trail to the statewide Empire State Trail in the Village of New Paltz; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 602 for the ARP Infrastructure and Trails be amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 602	ARP Infrastructure and Trails	\$2,100,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Ulster County Capital Fund is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH.7197.0602.4300.4505 (App. #)	Professional Services	\$2,100,000.00
HH.7197.0602.3400.4995 (Rev. #),	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$2,100,000.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Maloney)
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

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Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on March 1, 2022

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on March 8, 2022

Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on March 9, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on March 16, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$2,100,000.00 – COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

\$2,100,000.00 – FEDERAL CAPITAL FUND REVENUES

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 16th Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18th Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
18th Day of March 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this
24th Day of March 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive