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DATE: July 14, 2026

TO: The Honorable Member of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to file a Freshwater Wetlands Permit Application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Cranberry Lake Nature Center and Site Work Project in West Harrison, New York, and agree to indemnify and save harmless the State of New York with respect to the Project. (Agreement No. 26-917)

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Works and Transportation (the "Department"), to file an application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") for a Freshwater Wetlands permit ("Permit") for the Cranberry Lake Nature Center project (RCL01) and Cranberry Lake Site Work project (RCL02) (collectively, the "Project") in West Harrison, New York and agree to indemnify and save harmless the State of New York (the "State") with respect to the Project.

Cranberry Lake Preserve (the "Preserve") is a County-owned park located at 1609 Old Orchard Street, West Harrison, NY, with a Tax Parcel ID of 118.03-1-11. It is accessed by a ¼ mile-long asphalt driveway. The Preserve has a nature center, 10 miles of hiking trails, and two boardwalks. The west pond boardwalk is located in a wetland, totaling 417 square feet. The south pond boardwalk crosses a narrow part of Cranberry Lake and measures 670 square feet. The Project includes replacement of the nature center building, well, and septic system; reconstruction of the driveway, parking and boardwalks; and construction of ADA permeable pavers paths and landscaping. A small portion of the Project area is located in wetlands, and, as such, the County must apply for and be granted a Permit from the NYSDEC for the Project.

In the Permit application, the County must also agree to indemnify the State as follows:

"[The applicant] agrees to indemnify and save harmless the State of New York from suits, actions, damages, and cost of every name and description resulting from said project."

The public purpose of the Project is to provide a fully functional Nature Center facility with associated infrastructure that offers an opportunity to experience an undisturbed natural habitat through family-oriented nature programs and summer camp for school-aged children.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Works and Transportation (the “Department”), is hereby authorized to file a Freshwater Wetlands permit (“Permit”) application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Cranberry Lake Nature Center project (RCL01) and the Cranberry Lake Site Work project (RCL02) (collectively, the “Project”) in West Harrison, New York and in said Permit application agree to indemnify and save harmless the State of New York from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description resulting from said Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately

Agreement No. 26-917

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
						N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: _____
\$N/A Federal Aid: _____
(match resolution) Other: _____