

Resolution # _____ of 2016

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FINGER LAKES LAND TRUST REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM
THE TOMPKINS COUNTY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR NATURAL, SCENIC, AND
RECREATIONAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Whereas, property owned by Ted and Marilyn Petkov has been recognized by Tompkins County Planning as a conservation priority due to the fact that it encompasses the entirety of a county-designated Unique Natural Area and a portion of another; and

Whereas, said property also contains more than 11,000 feet of frontage on Six Mile Creek and its tributaries and includes approximately 12 acres of wetlands; and

Whereas, this property hosts a portion of a hiking trail that provides access to a scenic vista point on Six Mile Creek that has traditionally been accessible to the public; and

Whereas, this property is adjacent to a Cornell Plantations natural area and is located in close proximity to the Finger Lakes Land Trust's Roy H. Park Preserve and Hammond Hill State Forest; and

Whereas, the Finger Lakes Land Trust has secured an agreement to purchase approximately 125 acres of the 140 acre property for \$250,000 with the intention of managing the site as a public conservation area with continued use of the hiking trail on the property that has traditionally been used by the public; and

Whereas, the Land Trust seeks a grant of \$40,000.00 from Tompkins County's Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection; and

Whereas, the completion of this project will benefit the citizens of Dryden; then now be it;

Resolved that the Dryden Town Board supports the Finger Lakes Land Trust request for funding from the Tompkins County Capital Reserve Fund for Natural, Scenic, and Recreational Resource Protection to support the acquisition of a portion of the Petkov property.