

RESOLUTION #_____ OF 2018 AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS FROM THE TOWN OF DRYDEN RECREATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE DRYDEN RAIL TRAIL PHASE 1 GRANT LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, the 2005 Town of Dryden Comprehensive Plan and the 2011 Recreation Master Plan both identified a need for increased outdoor leisure and recreational space; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2016 the Town Board appointed a Rail Trail Task Force made up of volunteer community members and authorized it to take deliberate steps to develop a Dryden Rail Trail in the historic Lehigh Valley Railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has made significant progress advancing the trail project including obtaining easements along its 10.5-mile length and clearing and surfacing the segment of the trail between the Villages of Dryden and Freeville, all using 100% volunteer labor and material from individuals and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has obtained a \$182,000 matching fund grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 to complete Phase 1 of the trail, which consists of the aforementioned segment and the segment between Game Farm Road and the Rt. 13 Bridge over Fall Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has set a goal to deliver the Phase 1 project while minimizing reliance on local property taxes by using existing Town staff and equipment and "in-kind contributions" consisting of voluntary donations of labor and materials, in combination with the EPF grant; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommends that the Town provide a source of funding because the EPF Grant works on a reimbursement basis and to meet other cash flow needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town of Dryden Resolution Number 95 of 2017, the Town Board previously approved the allocation of up to \$183, 000 to the Trail Project to meet the Town's fifty percent local match obligation, but resolved to pass a further resolution in the future to determine and allocate the exact source of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town's share of funding for the project shall be an amount not to exceed \$182,000, in cash and in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Town will enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this Town of Dryden for the Dryden Rail Trail Project Phase 1 (CFA Award 74363); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that using funds from the Recreation Reserve Fund in support of the Dryden Rail Trail Project Phase I is consistent with the purpose of the Recreation Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c, an expenditure from the Recreation Reserve Fund requires authorization by the Town Board, and such authorization is subject to a permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Dryden Rail Trail Project Phase I will provide recreational opportunities to the public and falls within the purposes for which the Recreation Reserve Fund was established; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden seeks to draw no greater than \$182,000 from the Town of Dryden Recreation Reserve Fund to fund the Town's contribution towards the cost of Dryden Rail Trail Project Phase I; and

WHEREAS, the Town completed its SEQR review and made a negative declaration of environmental impact on December 15, 2016

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the following expenditures to be disbursed out of the Town of Dryden Recreation Capital Reserve Fund: \$182,000.00 towards the cost of the Dryden Rail Trail Project Phase I; and be it further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-c, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.