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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

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), and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden has authorized the Task Force to apply for a New York State Transportation Alternatives Program( NYS TAP) grant for construction of a Route 13 crossing and for trail surfacing, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature, in adopting the 2019 budget allocated funding for two trail- related grant opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dryden authorizes the Dryden Rail Trail Task Force to apply for

A Tompkins County Tourism Capital Grant, not to exceed $100,000, toward costs of building and restoring bridges and water crossings along the trail section included in the NYS OPRHP grant and /or the NYS Transportation Alternatives Program grant, and

A Tompkins County Parks and Trails grant not to exceed $5,000 towards the cost of three kiosks in the Game Farm to Route 13 section of the Dryden Rail trail.