

5/12/19 RESOLUTION #96 (2019) – AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION ON GAME FARM ROAD Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption.

RESOLVED, that this Town Board sends a request to the County Highway and State Department of Transportation to do a traffic study for the speed limit reduction on Game Farm Road to 45 m.p.h.

2nd CL Green

Roll Call Vote Cl Lavine Yes CL Green Yes CL Lamb Yes Supv Leifer Yes

Proposed Amended Resolution for 10/18/19

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden places a high priority on completion of the Dryden Rail Trail, which will connect with the East Ithaca Recreation Way at Game Farm Rd, and

WHEREAS, completion of the 10.5 mile Rail Trail is a priority action in the 2014 Tompkins County Priority Trail Strategy, and

WHEREAS in 2017 the Town of Dryden was awarded a \$182,000 grant from NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to build the trail from Pinckney Rd. to Game Farm Rd., and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Rail Trail was awarded a \$1.5 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant from the NYS Department of Transportation to build a pedestrian bridge across Route 13 and to complete trail surfacing on sections adjacent to that bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Town is slated to substantially complete and open the section of the Rail Trail from Route 13 to Game Farm Road by 2020, and

WHEREAS, due to the high volume of users on the East Ithaca Recreation Way, and the likely high volume on the newly opened Dryden Rail Trail, it is anticipated that Game Farm Road will have a dramatically higher number of pedestrians and bicyclists crossing at the connection of the two trails, and

WHEREAS, a parking lot adjacent to the East Ithaca Recreation Way on Game Farm Road has increased the number of vehicles pulling in and backing out at the crossing, and

WHEREAS, the impaired sight lines north of the trail make it difficult for drivers travelling 55 miles per hour to see and stop in time for crossing trail users and cars entering and exiting the parking lot, and

WHEREAS, the East Ithaca Recreation Way by Game Farm Road is situated within a designated Tompkins County Unique Natural Area Inventory Site (Cascadilla Woods and Fish Ponds #128), and therefore is a valued riparian corridor that should be protected from adverse alteration, and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Dryden and Ithaca each own the crossing to the center line of Game Farm Rd., and

WHEREAS, representatives of the two Towns met in June 2109 with officials from Tompkins County Highway, Planning and Board of Representatives, Cornell Transportation, and Cornell Botanic Gardens, to discuss the safest, most environmentally appropriate and most cost-effective way of allowing trail users to cross Game Farm Road, and

WHEREAS, it was the consensus of that group that, following an appropriate traffic study, an at-grade crossing should be installed between the two trails, and that a request be made to reduce the speed limit on Game Farm Road from 55 MPH to 45 MPH, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board sends a request to the County Highway and State Department of Transportation to do a traffic study for the speed limit reduction on Game Farm Road from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.