

RESOLUTION NO. 78

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS OFFICE OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGARDING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A RAIL TRAIL BIKEWAY**

Introduced: 3/12/07

By Conservation and Improvement Committee, Messrs. Dawson,
Cunningham, Reilly, Collins, Shafer, Domalewicz and McCoy:

WHEREAS, The Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a \$350,000 matching grant pertaining to the acquisition of an abandoned rail line for development of a rail trail bikeway, and

WHEREAS, The funding, available under the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 and the Land and Water Conservation Fund, would be applied toward the acquisition of an abandoned rail line from the Canadian Pacific Railway for the development of a rail trail bikeway along the D&H rail corridor from the City of Albany at the intersection with Route 32 to the intersection with Grant Hill Road in the Village of Voorheesville, and

WHEREAS, The County's \$350,000 match for the grant will be provided by Scenic Hudson, Inc., which the County will advance to CP Rail, and upon completion of the conveyance the County will be reimbursed the full amount by the State, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a matching grant in the amount of \$350,000 regarding the aforementioned acquisition of abandoned rail line for the development of a rail trail bikeway, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/12/07