

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Supervisors Braymer, Dickinson, Hogan, Beaty, Merlino, Simpson & Strough

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 1. Request: resolution supporting an amendment to the NYS constitution for *"clean air and water and a healthful environment"*
- IV. Discussion Items:
 1. Septic Inspection at Transfer Law.
 - 2.
- V. Referrals/Pending Items: None.
- VI. Privilege of the floor and public comment (please allow for 15 second delay on live stream meetings)
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments: 1. Resolution request
2.

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

MISCELLANEOUS

****Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

DEPARTMENT NAME: Environmental Concerns

DATE: 09/10/20

- (a) Purpose of Request: **Support of a "Green Amendment" to the New York State Constitution.**
- (b) Details:
- (c) Previous Resolution Number:
- (d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount:

Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract

*** as listed in budget and LOGOS**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A "GREEN AMENDMENT" TO THE
NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, the right of New Yorkers to clean water, air and a healthy environment is not given any protection in the State of New York's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, clean water, air, a stable climate and healthy environment are fundamental to sustaining healthy lives and a healthy economy;

WHEREAS, New York State has a long history of environmental protection and leadership to protect the New Yorker's health and environment;

WHEREAS, while environmental laws are designed to manage pollution, clean up and remediate contamination, and conserve natural resources, these laws do not support the notion that clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment are fundamental, inalienable rights;

WHEREAS, there are still a multitude of issues threatening New York's water, air, natural resources, such as climate change, emerging contaminants, such as PFAS and PFOA, in our drinking water supplies, poor to failing air quality, and disproportionate environmental impacts environmental justice and frontline communities.

WHEREAS, clean air, a healthy environment, and clean lakes, rivers, waterbodies, and their associated watersheds constitute valuable assets for Warren County's drinking water, recreation, tourism, agriculture, flood control, fishing and community health, as well as essential habitat for plant and animal life.

WHEREAS, in recognition that Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Senator David Carlucci sponsored Green Amendment Bills (A.2064/S.2072) that passed the New York State Legislature in April 2019, which stated that:

"proposing an amendment to article 1 of the constitution, in relation to the right to clean air and water and a healthful environment"

WHEREAS, in recognition that to enact a Green Amendment in the New York State Constitution the above mentioned bill must be passed by the New York State Legislature in 2021 and then be voted on as part of a statewide referendum;

WHEREAS, Warren County hereby supports the Green Amendment Bill (A.2064/S.2072) that passed the New York State Legislature in 2019; and further

RESOLVED, that Warren County supports the second passage of the Green Amendment Bill by the New York State Legislature in 2021 so that the voters may choose whether to add the right to a clean air, water and healthful environment to the Bill of Rights of the New York State Constitution.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the municipality's State Legislative Delegation.