

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BRAYMER, MAGOWAN, LEGGETT, MCDEVITT, GERACI, DICKINSON AND SMITH

AUTHORIZING NEW YORK STATE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Lake George Park Commission adopted regulations in December of 2022 to implement a comprehensive Septic System Inspection Program for the Lake George watershed, and

WHEREAS, the Septic System Inspection Program will be implemented on a five-year rotating cycle starting in 2023. The Septic System Inspection Program will include all septic systems with 500 feet of the Lake George shoreline and within 100 feet of its tributaries encompassing close to 3,000 septic systems, and

WHEREAS, the Lake George Septic System Inspection Program is estimated to identify a substantial number of failing systems that will need remediation and/or replacement, and

WHEREAS, currently the Lake George waterbody is eligible for Counties on its shoreline to receive funding from the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund, which has funds available to assist eligible homeowners with grants to pay a portion of remediation and replacement costs of their systems in need, and

WHEREAS, in the Lake George region, homeowners need this financial assistance to help pay for all of the associated costs of a septic system replacement project, and

WHEREAS, Warren County has received two rounds of funding to administer this program based on New York State Department of Environmental Conservation allocations to assist homeowners, and more funds are needed from the State to meet the pending applications that Warren County has received from currently eligible homeowners, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Septic Replacement Fund Program guidelines provide funding to homeowners who successfully apply to their counties if the septic system being replaced is located within 250 feet of a given water body, and

WHEREAS, on Lake George, due to soil types and terrain that can cause added concerns related to the potential failure of existing septic systems, the Lake George Park Commission has included systems in its Septic System Inspection Program that are within 500 feet of its shorelines, and

WHEREAS, Warren County seeks to provide septic replacement funding to those homeowners who have septic systems within 500 feet of Lake George and will be subject to the Lake George Park Commission's Septic System Inspection Program, but are beyond the 250 feet that would make them eligible for the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that due to the current and anticipated demand from homeowners in Warren County for funds from the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund, Warren County urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to increase significantly in 2023 the funding allocations

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for Warren County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the Lake George Park Commission Septic System Inspection Program regulations, and considerations of local soil and terrain conditions of the Lake George region, Warren County urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to modify its program guidelines for the Lake George watershed to make septic systems within 500 feet of its shoreline and within 100 feet of its tributaries eligible for assistance from the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.