

## Legislation Text

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY PLANNING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REAL PROPERTY, CAPITAL PLANNING, AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY TO JOIN THE SULLIVAN O&W RAIL TRAIL ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County contains a section of the former O&W railroad corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County worked with the Sullivan County municipalities through which the O&W travels in the creation of the *Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study* details recommendations for building out the rail trail (Trail) in Sullivan County by connecting the existing developed sections to create a 50+/- mile long facility from Mamakating through Rockland, and the creation of a new trail along the former O&W spur line traveling south from Monticello; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of Sullivan County recognizes the Trail provides a multitude of community benefits including enhanced quality of life, better public health, stronger property values, economic development, sales tax revenue, and alternative transportation, and that these benefits will increase as the trail is expanded and improved; and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County has been engaged with other Trail municipalities and stakeholders in implementation of the *Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study*, collaborating on trail branding, marketing and promotion, clean-up, grant-seeking, and other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Feasibility Study* recommends “the creation of a trail coalition... to assist municipalities operating and maintaining the trail,” further recommending that such group be established as a non-profit 501c3 corporation to accept contributions, and

**WHEREAS**, Trail stakeholders, including representatives of Sullivan County, have met to plan for the creation of such a group, determining to establish the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance (Alliance) for the purposes of conducting project development, fundraising and grant seeking, maintenance, marketing and promotion, and special events related to the Trail, and

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County is supporting the Trail project with contributions of capital funding and in-kind services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Sullivan:

1. will be a member of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance, when established, and hereby acknowledges the terms and conditions of the Alliance Bylaws, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.; and
2. will appoint a representative and alternate to serve on the Alliance Board and to apprise the Legislature of Alliance activities and Trail development; and
3. will adhere to the design guidelines and brand guide in the *Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Feasibility Study* when implementing trail expansion and/or improvements.

**If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:**

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are funds already budgeted?** Choose an item.

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:**

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