

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Authorize the County to Enter Into a Cooperative Agreement with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

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RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law establishes a process by which county legislative bodies may create, review, modify, consolidate, or terminate Agricultural Districts throughout the State, which the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets ("AGM") then certifies, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") has determined that the creation, modification, consolidation, termination, and certification of an Agricultural District are all actions subject to review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and

WHEREAS, the DEC has promulgated regulations pursuant to SEQRA which strongly encourage agencies to enter into cooperative agreements with other agencies regularly involved in carrying out or approving the same actions for the purposes of coordinating their procedure, and

WHEREAS, AGM and the Sullivan County Legislature ("Legislature") wish to cooperate to the fullest extent to reduce duplication of efforts consistent with SEQRA and the Agricultural Districts Law, and

WHEREAS, AGM and the Legislature hereby propose to enter into a cooperative agreement to establish procedures to eliminate the overlap and duplication in comment and review, and to create uniformity in SEQRA processes within the context of Article 25-AA for certain actions related to Agricultural Districts within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement, attached hereto as Schedule A and made a part hereof, with AGM.

