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Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval to enter into a 3 year municipal agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County for invasive species removal at various locations throughout the County. Capital/Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), is hosted by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County.

This three year blanket agreement would allow for removal of invasive species, including but not limited to, Lesser Celandine and Knotweed from various County properties. Removal comes at no cost to the County.

Last year we entered into a one year agreement with PRISM to remove Lesser Celandine from Ann Lee Pond. Lesser Celandine removal did not occur due to COVID. We would like to proceed with the removal of Lesser Celandine this spring if we receive approval for this 3 year agreement.

Please feel free to contact my office if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ramundo
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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