

**RESOLUTION NO. 67**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SARATOGA COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES AT VARIOUS COUNTY LOCATIONS**

Introduced: 3/8/21

By Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee, Messrs. Beston, Bruschi, Clay, Cleary, Comisso, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Efekoro, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, McLean Lane, Messrs. Miller, Peter, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson, Smith, Ward and Ms. Plotsky:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to enter into a three-year agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County in collaboration with the Capital-Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) regarding the removal of Lesser Celandine at various County locations for a term commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Lesser Celandine is an invasive perennial flowering plant species that has been detected near the northern parking lot in a drainage area of the Ann Lee Pond and needs to be removed, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the agreement would allow PRISM to manually remove Lesser Celandine and other invasive species from various County locations this spring as well as to educate the Department staff on how to identify the invasive plant in the future at no cost to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute a three-year agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County in collaboration with PRISM for the removal of Lesser Celandine and other invasive species at various County locations for a term commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2024, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement be approved by the County Attorney as to form and content prior to the execution thereof, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the appropriate Albany and Saratoga County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote – 3/8/21*