

RESOLUTION NO. 68

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SARATOGA COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES AT THE ANN LEE POND AND AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AND PLANNING BUDGET

Introduced: 3/8/21

By Conservation, Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee, Messrs. Beston, Bruschi, Clay, Cleary, Commisso, 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 Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning has requested authorization to enter into an 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 the Ann Lee Pond in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for a term commencing March 1, 2021 and ending December 20, 2021, 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 Department has indicated that the agreement would allow PRISM to manually eradicate Lesser Celandine from the Ann Lee Pond Nature and Historic Preserve as a project to be performed by a certified applicator under a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) permit and pursuant to a variance from the County Pest Management Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Department has also indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate said funds into the 2021 Department of Economic Development, Conservation, and Planning Budget, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County in collaboration with PRISM regarding the removal of Lesser Celandine at the Ann Lee Pond in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 for a term commencing March 1, 2021 and ending December 20, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the 2021 Department of Economic Development, Conservation, and Planning Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3075 PRISM Partnership by \$7,200

Increase Appropriation Account A8020.4 by \$7,200 by increasing line item A8020 4 4046 Fees for Service by \$7,200

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