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Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St. Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

New York State will be flying Albany County this spring to collect new aerial imagery. The County has the opportunity to upgrade the resolution of the imagery in portions of the County from 1ft. to 1/2 foot for an additional cost. The upgraded resolution is important for use in GIS, planning, economic development, law enforcement, emergency management, and for local assessors. The Department is seeking authorization to enter into an agreement with New York State in the amount not to exceed \$41,000 toward the cost of imaging upgrades and to enter into municipal agreements to share the cost of the upgrade with the Town of Bethlehem and City of Albany.

Albany County has budgeted \$10,000 in the 2021 budget toward the cost of the upgrade in urbanized areas of the County and Albany County Sheriff will provide additional funding if needed. In addition, the Towns of Bethlehem (up to \$9,700) and City of Albany (up to \$5950) have budgeted money to contribute to the portion of the upgrade covering their municipalities. An inter-municipal agreement is needed to share the cost of this upgrade. The cost will be finalized pending NYS final contract with the vendor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will also be available to answer questions at the next committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Laura DeGaetano  
Sr. Natural Resource Planner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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