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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chair, Albany County Legislature
112 State St. Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

Legislative authorization is requested to convey the property located at Brookhaven Ln. (Tax Map No. 109.10-1-130) located in the Town of Bethlehem.

The Town of Bethlehem is interested in acquiring the vacant parcel off Wemple Road in Glenmont (Tax Parcel ID #109.10-1-130). The parcel, located within the Dowers Kill watershed in the Hudson River Basin, is fully constrained by federal wetlands and mitigation areas established during the approval of the adjacent Milltown Plaza subdivision.

If acquired, the Town intends to preserve the land as permanent open space, providing a buffer between Milltown Plaza and two nearby Town-owned parcels—one used for farming under the Historic Heath Farm Initiative (acquired in 2023), and the other a wetland mitigation area obtained from the Albany County Land Bank in 2018.

The purchaser will be subject to all closing costs.

If you have any questions regarding this request, I can make myself available at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

M. David Reilly, Jr
Commissioner of Management and Budget

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel