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The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, the majority of Cayuga Lake shoreline in the Town of Lansing is owned or controlled by Norfolk Southern Railway (NS); and

WHEREAS, portions of the railway are no longer in regular use, lending uncertainty to the future use of the railroad right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, it is conceivable that in the foreseeable future portions of the railroad track may be decommissioned; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) is tasked with providing guidance to the Town Board on potential conservation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has identified the railway right-of-way as an important conservation opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the open sale of this property could lead to many negative externalities, including exclusion of the use of the publicly owned lake and environs; and upon due deliberation thereupon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that it is in the public interest that if the railway right-of-way, or any portion thereof, is decommissioned that it not be put up for private sale or auction; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing would prefer to see a public entity, either the Town, County, State, Federal Government, or a nonprofit non-governmental organization acquire this property; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing feels it would be in the best interest of the community for this property to be developed for recreational use rather than individual use.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson _____, duly seconded by Councilperson _____, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake –
Councilperson Christine Montague –
Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings –
Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on September 18, 2024.