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

WHEREAS, the Conservation Advisory Council, authorized by Resolution 19-49 on January 16, 2019, is directed to “keep a required inventory and map, as defined in section 239-y of the General Municipal Law, of all open areas within the Town, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such open lands, including lands owned by the state, any other municipality within the state, or by the Town of Lansing itself”; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Motion 22-01 authorizing Town of Lansing Supervisor to execute Agreement for Grant #21-597 between the Park Foundation and the Town of Lansing for Open space index and Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Motion M22-04 Authorizing the Issuance of Open Space Index and Conservation Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ) subject to changes in consultant selection timeline and proposal submission deadline at the discretion of the Director of Planning; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing passed Resolution 22-89 authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute Standard Agreement for Professional Services with Bergmann Associates Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Surveyors, D.P.C. for the Town of Lansing Open Space Index and Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, being the local agency which has primary responsibility for approving and carrying out the action, did on April 17, 2024 find that the adoption of the Town of Lansing Open Space and Conservation Plan is a Type I Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act §617.4(b)(1), and declared intent to establish itself as the Lead Agency for environmental review via Resolution 24-104; and

WHEREAS, this Board, acting as Lead Agency in environmental review, has on May 15, 2024, reviewed the criteria and determined the significance of the project including the proposed action, its location, its purpose, and its potential impacts on the environment, and reviewed and accepted as adequate a Full Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 1, 2, 3, and the attached Statement of Findings, prepared by Lead Agency and Town Planning staff; and

WHEREAS, Project plans, and related information, were duly delivered to the Tompkins County Planning and Sustainability Department per General Municipal Law § 239; et seq., and such Department responded in a letter dated April 9, 2024, from Katherine Borgella, Tompkins County Commissioner of Planning, pursuant to §239 -l, -m, and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law determined the proposed action will have no significant county-wide or inter-community impact: and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Town of Lansing Agricultural Committee, and the Town of Lansing Planning Board were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed Public Hearing was held at the Lansing Town Hall, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing, New York, being in the Town of Lansing, on the 20th day of March 2024, at 6:30 pm, to consider public input and comments upon such proposed plan, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, and to take such action thereon as is required or permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation there upon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the proposal will result in no significant impact on the environment and that a Negative Declaration for purposes of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law be filed in accordance with the provisions of Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse the said Negative Declaration on Part 3 of the FEAF attached hereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby approves and adopts the Town of Lansing Open Space Conservation Plan dated March 2024, as created and recommended by the Town's Conservation Advisory Council in its advisory capacity, as a collected and organized inventory of data identifying important natural, visual, and community resources within the Town of Lansing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance and approval of the Open Space Conservation Plan, and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken as provided therein, shall in no way be deemed binding upon the Town or its various boards or agencies with regard to present or future actions; By adopting the Natural Resources Inventory and the Scenic Resources Inventory Open Space Conservation Plan, it is the intent of the Town Board that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the Town's natural and visual resources be regularly consulted and utilized by the Town, its various boards, departments, and the public to assist in the development, management and protection of these resources;

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 Laurie Hemmings –

Councilperson Christine Montague –  
Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on  
May 15, 2024.