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John Zepko, Director of Planning & Code Enforcement
Town of Lansing
29 Auburn Road
Lansing, NY 14882

Re: Review Pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of New York State General Municipal Law

Proposed Action: Town of Lansing Open Space and Conservation Plan

Dear Mr. Zepko:

This letter acknowledges your referral of the proposed action identified above for review by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law.

We have determined the proposed action will have no significant county-wide or inter-community impact.

We do, however, have the following comments on the proposed action:

- The Open Space Plan suggests establishing both recreation fees and open space impact fees. Before pursuing either of these fees, the Town should consider the possible effect these fees may have on lower-income residents of the Town or on the provision of affordable housing and determine if there are ways to reduce any negative impacts on those households.
- The Open Space Plan also suggests a Real Estate Transfer Tax. If the Town pursues this proposal, we urge the Town to coordinate with the Tompkins County Clerk's office in advance to discuss collection and management of those fees.

We look forward to receiving notification on the final action taken by your municipality within 30 days of decision, as required by State law.

Sincerely,

Katherine Borgella, AICP
Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability

cc: Maureen Reynolds, Tompkins County Clerk