

Draft Resolution
Amendments to *Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides*
for Dutchess County Communities, adding seven new Greenway Guides
_____ [Date] _____

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act of 1991 has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary cooperation among the communities of the Hudson River region; and

WHEREAS, the _____ [Municipality] _____ adopted *Greenway Connections* by Local Law and joined the Greenway Compact on _____ [Date] _____; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act or the adoption of *Greenway Connections* do not supersede or change the powers that the State has granted municipal governments under the New York constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law, or various municipal enabling acts, and

WHEREAS, the Local Law adopting *Greenway Connections* contained a provision allowing subsequent amendments to the document by resolution of the local legislative body; and

WHEREAS, after multiple local presentations and public comments, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council has approved seven new Greenway Guides to be included in *Greenway Connections*: Centers and Greenspaces, Slower Safer Streets, Rural Roads, Building Bicycle Networks, Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps, Recycling and Waste Collection, and Green Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Guides are entirely optional in nature and to be considered only when local officials in discretionary decisions think they may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, _____ [Municipal Board or Council] _____, as lead agency, has completed a review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and has determined that these amendments to *Greenway Connections* will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, warrant a “Negative Declaration” under Article 8 of the State Environmental Conservation Law, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the _____ [Municipal Board or Council] _____ has prepared and hereby adopts the annexed SEQRA Negative Declaration for the proposed action; and
2. That the _____ [Municipal Board or Council] _____ approves and adopts the amendments to *Greenway Connections* to include seven new Greenway Guides: Centers and Greenspaces, Slower Safer Streets, Rural Roads, Building Bicycle Networks, Convenience Stores with Gas Pumps, Recycling and Waste Collection, and Green Infrastructure.

Approved: _____ [Date] _____