

**RESOLUTION      OF 2024**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town Clinton duly held at the Town Hall, Centre Road in the Town of Clinton on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. Upon the calling of the roll by the Clerk the following members were:

Present:

Absent:

The following resolution was offered for adoption by \_\_\_\_\_ which resolution was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton, together with the Village of Millbrook and the Town of Washington, received grant funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (“DEC”) Hudson Estuary Program (“Estuary Program”) to receive technical assistance in developing a Natural Resource Inventory (“NRI”);

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council (“CAC”) formed an NRI Committee (the “Committee”) to work with the Task Forces for the Village of Millbrook and the Town of Washington to develop an NRI for each community. The Committee, with guidance from Estuary Program staff and Cornell University staff in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (“CCEDC”), dedicated over one year to the development of the NRI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee and the CAC have prepared and finalized the Town of Clinton Natural Resource Inventory (the “Town NRI”) dated February 19, 2024 to assist the Town of Clinton and its various boards, councils, agencies and committees and the public in identifying and considering important natural resources located within the Town;

**WHEREAS**, the Town NRI includes maps displaying the Town’s mineral, water, biological, cultural and recreation resources and their significance to the Town community; associated data; and a descriptive report summarizing the inventoried resources, findings, and recommendations;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Town NRI is to provide information for comprehensive land use and conservation planning, and to allow natural resource information to be considered in local planning and zoning decisions;

**WHEREAS**, the Town NRI can provide information to designate critical environmental areas, develop and implement a municipal open space plan, amend existing zoning and subdivision

regulations, assist in the evaluation of the effects of proposed land use and zoning changes, inform environmental review of development proposals, and document current conditions so changes over time can be assessed;

**WHEREAS**, the Town NRI was prepared at no cost to the Town through a partnership with CCEDC with funding from the Environmental Protection Fund through the DEC Estuary Program;

**WHEREAS**, the completed Town NRI is available on the Town’s web site for access by the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the Town NRI is a Type 2 Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(18) for which no further action under SEQRA is required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves and adopts the Town NRI dated February 19, 2024 as an inventory of data collection identifying important natural and community resources within the Town;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the acceptance and approval of the Town NRI and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken, as provided therein, shall in no way be deemed binding upon the Town’s various boards, councils, agencies or committees, with regard to present or future actions. By adopting the Town NRI, it is the intent of the Town Board that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the Town’s natural resources be referred to often by the various Town boards, councils, agencies and committees to assist in the development, management and protection of these invaluable resources. It is the further intent of the Town Board, to periodically update and/or amend this inventory every ten (10) years or as may be appropriate in the future;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is requested to upload this Resolution and the Town NRI to the Town’s website and provide a copy of this Resolution and website link to the Town of Clinton Planning and Zoning Departments as well as to members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development; and

The vote having been taken upon such resolution the result was as follows:

Michael Whitton, Town Supervisor voting

Eliot Werner, Councilperson voting

Katherine Mustello, Councilperson

Charles Dykas, Councilperson

Marion Auspitz, Councilperson

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There being a majority of the Town Board voting to approve the resolution, the resolution was declared by the Supervisor to have been adopted.

Dated: March 12, 2024

TOWN OF CLINTON, NEW YORK

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Mackin