

**TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH
RESOLUTION 134-2019**

A Resolution Accepting the Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of East Greenbush

WHEREAS, this resolution was not able to be submitted in time for consideration at the regularly scheduled pre-board meeting of June 12, 2019 and was subsequently presented to the Town Board on June 13, 2019 following a Public Hearing held on June 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the East Greenbush Natural Resources Work Group (NRWG) established through Resolution 42-2018 has prepared a Town of East Greenbush Natural Resources Inventory 2019 (NRI) to assist the Town, its various Agencies and Boards and the Public in identifying and considering important resources located within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the NRI includes maps displaying the Town's mineral, water, biological, recreation, scenic, and historic resources and their significance to the East Greenbush community; associated data; and a descriptive report summarizing the inventoried resources, findings, and recommendations; and

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

WHEREAS, the NRI can inform the Comprehensive Plan update to designate critical environmental areas, develop and implement a municipal open space plan, amend existing zoning and subdivision regulations, evaluate 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; and

WHEREAS, the NRI was made possible by an award from the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program through a partnership with Cornell University at no cost to the Town by providing guidance to the work group, assistance with data acquisition and management, creation of resource maps, and review of the NRI report; and

WHEREAS, NRWG volunteers Victoria Manieri (Chair), Jennifer Dean, Jennifer Hixon, Nancy Kupiec, and Bob Wood participated in monthly meetings, reviewed and guided revision of the resource maps, wrote the NRI report, and conducted public outreach; and

WHEREAS, technical assistance to the NRWG was provided by DEC Conservation and Land Use Specialist Ingrid Haeckel, the NRI maps were created by Cornell University intern Andrew Varuzzo, and staff support was provided by Town Director of Planning and Zoning Adam Yagelski; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer Land Trust contributed data and interpretation from the 2018 Rensselaer County Land Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the NRI is posted in its entirety on the Town's web site for access by the public; and

WHEREAS, the NRI data files belong to the Town of East Greenbush and can therefore be updated as necessary in the future; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance and approval of the NRI is a Type 2 action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, 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 of the Town of East Greenbush accepts and approves the Town of East Greenbush Natural Resources Inventory 2019, created by the Town's Natural Resources Work Group, as an inventory of data collection identifying important community resources within the Town of East Greenbush;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance and approval of the 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 or agencies with regard to present or future actions. By adopting the Natural Resources Inventory, 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 Town Boards, Agencies and the Public 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 5-10 years or as may be appropriate in the future.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Councilor Tierney and seconded by Supervisor Conway and brought to a vote resulting in the following:

Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES

Dated: June 19, 2019