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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,
Presiding Officer

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

LAURA SCHAEFER, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, July 15, 2019
3:27 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

LAURA SCHAEFER,
Chairwoman

THOMAS MCKEVITT,
Vice Chairman

STEVEN RHOADS

DENISE FORD

ARNOLD DRUCKER,
Ranking

CARRIE SOLAGES

SIELA BYNOE

MICHAEL PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

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2 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: At this
3 time I will call the Planning, Development
4 and Environment Committee to order. Clerk,
5 please call the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, thank you.
7 Legislator Carrie Solages?

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
10 Bynoe?

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
13 Arnold Drucker?

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
16 Denise Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
19 Steven Rhoads?

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
22 Thomas McKeivitt?

23 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Laura
25 Schaefer?

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2 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: We have a
4 quorum.

5 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.

6 First, can I have a motion to suspend the
7 rules, please?

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Second.

10 CLERK PULITZER: So moved by
11 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
12 McKevitt. All those in favor signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 Those opposed?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 The rules are suspended. There
18 is one item on the addendum today which is
19 Clerk Item 261-19. Clerk Item 261-19 is a
20 resolution authorizing the County of Nassau
21 to endorse the application of the trust for
22 public land for a grant for the Empire State
23 Trail Extension Project.

24 Can I have a motion?

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by
4 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
5 Drucker.

6 MR. SALLEY: Sean Salley, Nassau
7 County Department of Public Works. This is
8 a request for a resolution of the
9 endorsement by the county Legislature for
10 the trust for public lands application to
11 New York State to consolidate funding
12 application for a grant to study the
13 feasibility and do some preliminary design
14 on what they are calling the Empire Trail
15 Extension which would be a non-motorized,
16 continuous trail through Nassau and Suffolk
17 Counties.

18 There's an existing empire trail
19 that the governor had designated through
20 main land New York State, so trust for
21 public land is putting forth a plan to
22 extend that to Long Island so they are
23 looking for funding to do some additional
24 planning.

25 Because the activities are

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2 located in Nassau and Suffolk counties, the
3 grant application requires that the counties
4 essentially endorse the trust for public
5 lands application.

6 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you,
7 there is no cost to the county? We're just
8 basically we are endorsing?

9 MR. SALLEY: Yes, the county
10 Department of Public Works may assist in
11 reviewing documents and providing
12 information, but there's no required match
13 from the county.

14 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Do you know
15 when they anticipate to start this if we go
16 ahead and endorse it?

17 MR. SALLEY: The awards are
18 typically announced in the late fall. Trust
19 for public land has been doing work with the
20 money that have so the project is underway.
21 This piece would likely begin if they are
22 successful with the grant in 2020.

23 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Legislator
24 McKevitt.

25 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Yes, Mr.

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2 Salley, just to reiterate, this is just to
3 authorize the grant to do further design
4 work, but there have been no plans solidly
5 as to what type of public access will be for
6 this entire trail as of this point; is that
7 correct?

8 MR. SALLEY: That's correct. As
9 part of the project, should the trust for
10 public land be successful, their project
11 includes determining all those factors,
12 public outreach and so forth.

13 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Thank you.

14 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: I would
15 assume it will also encompass what
16 disruption there may be if they were to
17 build this trail?

18 MR. SALLEY: Absolutely, and they
19 have a time line of potentially 2022 for
20 implementation because as this moves forward
21 they have to determine construction;
22 property that are impacted, public feedback.

23 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.
24 Any questions? Legislator Drucker.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Mr. Salley,

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2 could you repeat what you said about the
3 time line?

4 MR. SALLEY: Certainly. So trust
5 for public lands, they have a one pager that
6 summarizes their efforts, but I will read
7 from their one pager.

8 They prepare and released a
9 preliminary feasibility study in late 2018.
10 The work they are seeking to grant for money
11 now would be 2019 through 2020. They are
12 going to do survey and environmental work in
13 2020, along with public outreach.

14 Preliminary design and
15 construction documents 2021 and then
16 construction 2022. I think this is a very
17 preliminary schedule, granted they do not
18 have the funding to implement this as of yet
19 but this is where they are at the moment.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any other
22 questions from the legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of passing this item signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Those opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 There are none, so the item
9 passes unanimously.

10 There is no other business in
11 front of this committee so can I have a
12 motion to adjourn.

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Second.

15 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by
16 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
17 Bynoe. All in favor signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Great, we are adjourned.

20 (Whereupon, the Planning
21 Development and Environment Committee
22 adjourned at 3:32 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 31st day of July, 2019.

FRANK GRAY