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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Adoption of the Monroe County Climate Action Plan Phase II

Honorable Legislators:

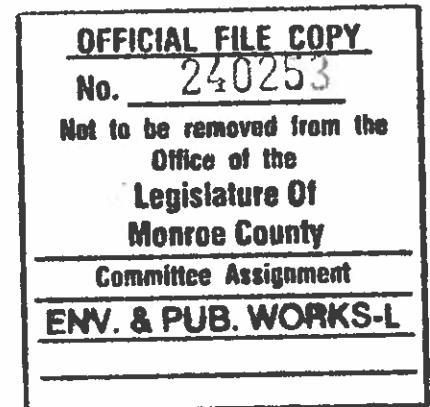
We recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt the Monroe County Climate Action Plan Phase II.

On March 10, 2020 Your Honorable Body authorized the creation of a Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee for the express purpose of creating a Climate Action Plan for Monroe County ("County") (Resolution No. 76 of 2020). This was followed by further related actions taken by Your Honorable Body to: appoint members of the Committee (Resolution No. 167 of 2020); authorize the execution of a contract with Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects & Surveyors, D.P.C. for Professional Design Services for the Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 425 of 2020); adopt the New York State Climate Smart Communities Resolution (Resolution No. 260 of 2020); and accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under the Climate Smart Communities program to support the development of the Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 111 of 2022). On September 13, 2022, Your Honorable Body adopted the Climate Action Plan Phase I (Resolution No. 276 of 2022), that demonstrated the County's leadership in climate action by committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from County operations.

The Climate Action Plan Phase II focuses on community-wide climate action. Using the same baseline year of 2019 as Phase I, the greenhouse gas emissions for the entire county were calculated from all sources to be approximately 8.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. As the Climate Action Plan is comprised of both Phase I and Phase II, the plan presents a consistent goal for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050. Through an extensive public engagement process, the County received comments from community stakeholders about their desires and priorities for action in six focus areas, namely: Energy Use & Consumption; Buildings & Housing; Transportation; Sustainable Materials Management; Land & Water Resources; and Partnerships, Education & Economy.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt the Monroe County Climate Action Plan Phase II.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of the proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.



Adoption of the Monroe County Climate Action Plan Phase II will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County Budget.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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