RESOLUTION NO. 133

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO TAKE INITIAL REVIEW ACTIONS TO DETERMINE SEQR LEAD AGENCY REGARDING THE SOLDIER ON PROJECT

Introduced: 4/14/14
By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The County Executive's Office has proposed to transform the Ann Lee Home and surrounding area to accommodate the Soldier On Project which will entail a lease and renovation of the former Ann Lee Nursing Home and constructing new housing adjacent to the existing building that will focus on chronically homeless veterans and their challenges, and

WHEREAS, The proposed development of the Soldier On Project is subject to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process and when more than one agency is involved, a lead agency must be established prior to a determination of significance and the initial review and actions by an agency to establish lead agency requires several important steps to be taken to comply with the applicable rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning (Planning Department) has acted on behalf of the Legislature for many years and this Honorable Body seeks the assistance of the Planning Department to make certain that all appropriate steps are taken regarding this proposal, and

WHEREAS, In the initial review of this proposal, the Planning Department needs to use due diligence to determine if the action involves more than one agency and in an instance where an agency proposes to undertake or approve a Type I action it must, as soon as possible, transmit documentation to all the involved agencies to notify them that a lead agency must be agreed upon, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Planning Department is requested to take initial review actions to determine lead agency regarding the Soldier On Project and report back to the legislature regarding its findings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, During said review, the Planning Department is requested to submit a copy of all correspondence to and from the other involved agencies to the Clerk of the Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 4/14/14