

RESOLUTION NO. 152

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY DISTRIBUTING SAPLINGS TO ALBANY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Introduced: 4/12/10

By Mr. Scavo, Conservation and Improvement Committee and Mr. Dawson:

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of all Albany County residents to protect the environment and this Honorable Body seeks to help accomplish this important task, and

WHEREAS, Planting trees in neighborhoods is one of the best things that can be done for the local environment because of all the benefits trees provide including helping to reduce ozone levels in urban areas and absorb sound to reduce noise pollution, and

WHEREAS, Trees are like the lungs of the planet, they breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen, and

WHEREAS, Carbon dioxide is one of the major contributing elements to the greenhouse effect and studies have shown that a mature tree can absorb roughly 48 pounds of carbon dioxide a year and in turn release enough oxygen to sustain two human beings, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is requested to seek opportunities to make available no cost or low cost saplings for distribution to interested Albany County residents, 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.

Referred to Conservation and Improvement Committee. 4/12/10

Adopted by unanimous vote. 5/10/10