



Amherst Town Board

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Meeting: 03/09/26 07:00 PM
 Department: Planning
 Initiated by: **Dan Howard**
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RESOLUTION 2026-236

To Authorize the Supervisor to Pursue Funds from the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) that is Made Available through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for Funding Assistance to Implement an Off Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Within the Former New York Central Railroad Corridor Known as the “Peanut Line”

WHEREAS, the Amherst Town Board accepted the Amherst Recreation and Parks Master Plan (RESOLUTION 2018-418) as a statement of the Town’s approach and direction for the future delivery of recreational services, programs and the development of recreation and park facilities, and directs each Town department, agency, board and commission to refer to the accepted plan as the Town’s guide in the conduct of its decision-making regarding Recreation and Parks programming and facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst Recreation and Parks Master Plan resident survey (Appendix B) found that the top priority for recreational facility addition, expansion or improvement is trails and pathway connectivity and a general recommendation of the plan is to integrate parks and recreation facilities into an interconnected open space system of parklands, greenways and trails, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst Recreation and Parks Master Plan recommends under Goal #3, Objective 3.2.d to reevaluate the potential for trail development within the “Peanut Line” corridor to increase connectivity and expand opportunities for walking and biking, and

WHEREAS, the GBNRTC, working with GObike Buffalo, prepared a feasibility study to explore a priority project identified in the GBNRTC regional bicycle master plan, as a region-wide greenway trail corridor, known as the “Peanut Line Trail”, and

WHEREAS, the Town’s adopted 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program includes a Trailway Project comprised of local and grant funds to extend a trail from the Ellicott Creek Trailway to the east within the Peanut Line corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board commits to providing the required local matching funds estimated in the amount of \$3,824,100 to insure the timely implementation of the proposed project, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Amherst Supervisor, is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to implement the “Peanut Line” Multi-Use Trail Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Town of Amherst Supervisor is authorized to pursue public or private funds through other sources to secure the local match as required for the TAP Grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The adoption of this resolution will have a fiscal impact that is dependent on the successful award of the NYS TAP Grant and will be fully reflected in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under project YR-1C. The Town will seek other sources of funding to offset the local match. Project funding will be comprised of NYS TAP Grant funds, Town funds, and other sources that may be available to provide the required local match for the TAP Grant.