

RESOLUTION #219 of 2015

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL TO CONFIRM THE DRAFT BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA (BOA) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DGEIS) FOR THE HUDSON RIVERPORT DATED SEPTEMBER, 2015 IS COMPLETE AND READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Sponsored by Laws and Rules Committee: Chairman Will, Dawson, Carey, Schabot, Brown

WHEREAS, a grant was awarded to the City of Kingston by the New York State Department of State through the Office of Planning and Development under the Brownfield Opportunities Areas Program and has been administered by the City of Kingston Office of Economic Development & Strategic Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Common Council determined (as per Resolution 18 of 2015) that adoption of the Brownfield Opportunity Area Implementation Plan qualifies as a Type I Action, pursuant to NYCRR Part 617.4 (b) (1), and under SEQRA, the Common Council has declared itself as Lead Agency to undertake an environmental review under NYCRR Part 617, following all regulatory protocol and ultimately render a determination of significance after due consideration; and

WHEREAS, an Advisory Committee and Steering Committee were established in August 2014, to oversee the preparation of a Brownfield Opportunity Area Step 3 Implementation Plan and the associated Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (BOA Plan/DGEIS) for 192 acres of waterfront along the Rondout Creek and Hudson River for the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Office of Economic Development & Strategic Partnerships solicited proposals from professional planning firms, interviewed three such firms and in July 2014, selected the firm of Perkins+Will and its team to develop the BOA Plan/DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee, liaisons and advisory group have worked alongside the consultant team led by Perkins+Will to review existing waterfront plans and documents and to gather new information; and

WHEREAS, significant public outreach was made to obtain comment and opinion on various aspects of the plan and contents, including, but not limited to online updates and comment solicitation, public engagement sessions and event tabling, and

WHEREAS, said public outreach and other studies have provided for a solid basis in preparing a plan that reflects the values, vision, plans and goals of the community, and

WHEREAS, the BOA Plan/DGEIS dated September, 2015 and offered on September 15, 2015 for consideration by the Common Council of the City of Kingston for presentation to the public for a minimum of thirty days for comment including a public hearing at least ten days before the close of the comment period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Draft BOA Plan/DGEIS, dated September, 2015, as prepared by Perkins+Will and submitted to the City of Kingston Common Council for their full consideration and approval is found to be complete and ready for public review.

SECTION 2: That the City of Kingston Common Council shall hold a public hearing in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 420 Broadway Kingston, New York 12401 on November 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm prior to adoption of the BOA Plan/DGEIS as required by New York State and local law.

SECTION 3: That there shall be a public comment period commencing on or about October 7, 2015 and ending on November 23, 2015.

SECTION 4: That the Common Council, as lead agency, anticipates that there will be no significant adverse impacts and hereby anticipates issuing Negative Declaration.

SECTION 5: That a Notice of Completion will be issued including publication in the Environmental News Bulletin.

SECTION 6: That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 7th day
of October 2015

Approved by the Mayor this 8th day
of October 2015


Carly Williams, City Clerk


Shayne R. Gallo, Mayor

Adopted by Council on October 6, 2015