

Safe Drinking

Water

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

RESOLUTION #22 OF THE YEAR 2003

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF H.R. 2771 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the New York City water supply system is a monumental hydraulic and civil engineering achievement, consisting of an interconnected series of reservoirs, controlled lakes, and several hundred miles of underground tunnels and aqueducts that collect and transport 1.4 billion gallons of high-quality, unfiltered drinking water daily to nine million New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the New York City unfiltered drinking water supply is an extremely valuable natural resource that must be protected in a comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the State, City of New York, federal government, environmental organizations, and upstate Watershed communities entered into the historic New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (Watershed Agreement) to protect the unfiltered drinking water supply of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Agreement signatories recognized that the goals of drinking water protection and economic vitality of Upstate Watershed communities are not inconsistent and the Watershed Agreement signatories entered into a new era of partnership to cooperate in the development and implementation of a watershed protection and partnership programs that maintain and enhance the quality of the New York City drinking water supply system and the economic vitality of the Upstate Watershed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Agreement signatories recognized the need for an enhanced monitoring program in order to protect the quality and purity of the unfiltered drinking water supply of the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act demonstrated the federal government's commitment in supporting a comprehensive monitoring program by authorizing appropriations of \$15 million a year for seven years to the State of New York for demonstration projects implemented as part of a watershed management program that protects the source water of the New York City unfiltered drinking water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations made pursuant to this authorization have funded key components of the Watershed Agreement that provides for the long-term protection of the quality and purity of the New York City unfiltered drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, West of Hudson communities have received \$2,990,000 of SDWA funding for enhanced monitoring projects to date; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Vito J. Fossella, Member of the United States Congress from Richmond County, New York, has sponsored legislation H.R. 2771 to continue the long-term protection of this irreplaceable and unfiltered drinking water supply by reauthorizing another seven

years of the federal government's commitment to protecting the New York City unfiltered drinking water supply; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Village of Tannersville** goes on record in support of H.R. 2771 introduced by Congressman Vito J. Fossella and urges its swift passage by Congress; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Village of Tannersville** send copies of this resolution to the West of Hudson Congressional delegation including House of Representative members and that each is encourage supporting Congressman Fossella's amendment.

Where upon the foregoing resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows:

Dated: September 30, 2003


Ayes: Weyant, Legg

Nays: None

Abstentions: Paul Morra

I, the undersigned Acting Clerk of the Village of Tannersville, hereby certify that the above is a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of trustees on September 30, 2003.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Village of Tannersville, County of Greene, this 30th day of September, 2003.


Clerk