

On motion of TRUSTEE ____, seconded by TRUSTEE ____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, with a - vote.

Resolution #143-2022

WHEREAS, providing clean drinking water and protecting our local rivers, bays, lakes, streams and waterfronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson; and

WHEREAS, modernizing water infrastructure will safeguard clean water, reduce flooding, reduce lead exposure and other public health threats, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County is vulnerable to extreme weather including deadly heat from rising temperatures and flooding from severe storms that put people, properties and public assets across the County at risk; and

WHEREAS, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of outdoor recreation and access to fresh, local food, as people flocked to local parks and sought out healthy foods for their families; and

WHEREAS, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our region by protecting wildlife habitat, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize the four billion and two hundred million dollars of bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be targeted towards protecting clean water, reducing flood risk, restoring natural resources, protecting open space and farmland, and reducing the pollution that causes climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the 2022-23 New York State Budget and will appear on the November 8, 2022, New York State General Election Ballot for voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 includes strong labor provisions and will support more than 84,000 family-sustaining jobs for New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would enable New York State and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to address pollution and public health threats in disadvantaged communities by directing at least 35% with a goal of 40% of the measure's funding to address hazardous conditions in such communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

Dated: October 3, 2022