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Troy Weldy  
President  
Columbia Land Conservancy  
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Dear Mr. Weldy:

The Copake Town Board is pleased to support the Columbia Land Conservancy's (CLC's) application for a Local Stewardship Grant from the Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for a Countywide Conservation Plan for Columbia County.

The proposed Strategic Conservation Plan will establish county-wide conservation priorities by analyzing and prioritizing Columbia County's natural resources including, but not limited to forest land, farmland, water resources, and other ecologically significant areas. We understand that the creation of the plan will be collaborative in nature, drawing on input from municipalities, towns, local organizations, and community members. The resulting plan will serve as a catalyst for municipalities and organizations engaged in open space protection and planning efforts in the county by establishing shared conservation priorities while identifying appropriate sites for future development including renewable energy technologies and affordable housing.

The Copake Conservation Advisory Committee has volunteered to participate in the development of the plan, through opportunities to provide feedback as well as by attending meetings, public workshops, and field trips throughout the county during 2024. This proposal, and CLC's serving as lead applicant, has our full support.

Very truly yours,

JEANNE E. METTLER  
Supervisor