

**Town of Copake**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**Number 28 of September 14, 2023**

**Resolution Supporting Submission of a Proposal to the Capital Region Economic Development Council to Select the Copake Hamlet for up to \$4.5 Million of Strategic Investment Through Round 2 of the New York State New York Forward Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake supports the NY Forward Program's "comprehensive approach to boosting local economies by transforming communities into vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live, work and raise a family;"

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Copake shares the goals of the DRI to:

- Build a strong foundation of placemaking
- Grow the local property tax base
- Build a diverse population, with affordable housing and accessible employment opportunities
- Create an active, desirable downtown with a strong sense of heritage
- Attract new businesses that create a robust mix of shopping, dining, entertainment and services
- Provide amenities that support and enhance downtown living and quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, Copake has worked enthusiastically to develop a long-term vision, goals, strategies and projects for our hamlets with significant community engagement (see [www.copakewaterfronts.com](http://www.copakewaterfronts.com));

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the public and proposed project sponsors have come together to offer a suite of expanded and new business ventures focused on farms, agriculture, local food and beverages, farm stores and restaurants, therapeutic riding, farm access, affordable farmworker housing and farm stay accommodations.

**WHEREAS** these projects include farm succession, multiple ventures by woman owned companies and engagement of workforce and participants of all ages and abilities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Town Board approves and strongly endorses the proposal requesting that the CREDC select Downtown Copake for participation in the NY Forward Program and affirms a high level of public and community support for these investments.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

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Roll Call Vote.

Supervisor Mettler  
Councilperson Wolf  
Councilperson Gansowski  
Councilperson Judd  
Councilperson Sullivan

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Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

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