

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 16 of May 14, 2026**

**TO SUPPORT THE HARLEM VALLEY RAIL TRAIL AND AUTHORIZING EXPLORATION OF A
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake recognizes the value of recreational trails in promoting public health, outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail is a regional multi-use trail being developed along the historic Harlem Valley rail corridor to provide safe, accessible opportunities for walking, cycling, and other non-motorized recreation; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail will enhance tourism, connect communities throughout the region, and provide recreational and transportation benefits to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, segments of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail will be constructed within the Town of Copake, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that long-term success of the trail will depend on responsible maintenance, stewardship, and cooperation among municipalities, counties, and partner organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to express its support for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and its willingness to explore opportunities for collaboration regarding maintenance and stewardship of any trail segments located within the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby expresses its support for the continued development and completion of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, in consultation with the Town Board and appropriate municipal officials, to explore potential maintenance agreements or partnerships with relevant governmental entities and organizations regarding the upkeep, operation, and stewardship of any portion of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail located within the Town of Copake once constructed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any proposed maintenance agreement shall be subject to review and approval by the Town Board prior to execution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to relevant partner agencies and organizations involved in the development of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

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

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Dated May 14, 2026
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Wolf
Councilperson Gansowski
Councilperson Gabaccia
Councilperson Haight
Councilperson Morningstar

Lynn M. DeRocha, Town Clerk

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