



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: June 5, 2013

Sponsored by Council Members: Webb, Berg, Mihalko, Rennia, Motsavage, Matzo, Papastrat

Introduced by Committee: Planning & Community Development

**RESOLUTION**

*entitled*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ENTER INTO A REVISED  
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RELATED  
TO THE SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA  
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, portions of the City of Binghamton, the Village of Johnson City, and the Village of Endicott were jointly designated as the Susquehanna Urban Cultural Park pursuant to a 1977 mandate by the legislature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna Heritage Area (formerly the Susquehanna Urban Cultural Park) Commission & Advisory Board was recognized in 1987 within the Agreement establishing the Susquehanna Urban Cultural Park Commission pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton, the Village of Johnson City, and the Village of Endicott entered into such an Article 5-G agreement for the implementation in whole or in part, of the Management Plan for the Susquehanna Heritage Area (formerly the Susquehanna Urban Cultural Park); and

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan Amendment (hereinafter referred to as the Management Plan Amendment) approved in 2010 builds and expands upon previous planning efforts that have been developed and implemented since the Urban Cultural Park (now Susquehanna Heritage Area) was first recognized by the New York State Legislature in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plan Amendment recommends expanding the designated Heritage Area Boundary to include all parts of the Counties of Broome and Tioga as these two Counties are considered to be integral to telling the story of the Susquehanna Heritage Area and both possess significant resources with respect to preservation, education, recreation and economic revitalization; and

WHEREAS, legislation introduced in the Assembly by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo as A6299A (relates to expanding the Susquehanna Heritage Area) and same legislation introduced in the Senate by Senator Thomas Libous as S 5534 LIBOUS and signed by New York State Andrew M. Cuomo on August 4, 2011 amends section 35.03(1) (h) of Parks, Recreation

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and Historic Preservation (PRHP) Law to amend the boundary description to coincide with the boundary recommendation of the Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna Heritage Area encompasses the related and cohesive geographical areas of Broome and Tioga Counties associated with the regional themes of natural resources, Native Americans and Industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna Heritage Area is one of the current system of recognized Heritage Areas which have been identified across New York State to preserve, enhance and depict the natural, cultural, social and historical resources and events which have contributed significantly to the development of this State and to reflect the cultural themes of the State's development and will provide educational, inspirational, economic and recreational benefits for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Management Plan Amendment identifies a series of strategies for communities in Broome and Tioga Counties to implement the New York State Heritage Area's program objectives of preservation, recreation, education and economic benefits for the public at large; and

WHEREAS, implementation of such Management Plan Amendment requires the joint effort and collaboration of the cohesive geographical areas of Broome and Tioga Counties on a sustained basis; and

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of General Municipal Law enables municipal corporations to enter into agreements for the performance of certain functions, powers and duties on a cooperative contract basis; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment to the original Agreement of 1987 addresses the composition of the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission necessitated by an expanded boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement Establishing the Susquehanna Heritage Area Commission, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, with the Village of Johnson City, Village of Endicott, County of Broome, and the County of Tioga as annexed hereto.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy  
of the legislation adopted by the Council  
of the City of Binghamton at a meeting  
held on 6/5/13. Approved by the  
Mayor on 6/6/13.

