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STATE OF NEW YORK}
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS} SS:
TOWN OF ULYSSES:

PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR POTENTIAL DESIGNATION OF SMITH WOODS AS A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA

RESOLUTION # 79 OF 2026:

WHEREAS, the Paleontological Research Institute ("PRI") is in the process of donating the property known as Smith Woods to the Town of Ulysses; and

WHEREAS, Smith Woods is a unique, old-growth, undeveloped forest that holds important historic and educational opportunities which if negatively impacted by surrounding development could bring harm to its continuation and preservation; and

WHEREAS, as part of the donation, the Town is obligated to review and potentially designate said property as a Critical Environmental Area (the "Proposed Action"), as that term is used and defined pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action appears to be an Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to begin the process of environmental review for the proposed action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses preliminarily classifies the Proposed Action as an Unlisted Action and directs the Town Planner to prepare a Part 1 Short Environmental Assessment Form relating to the Proposed Action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is directed to prepare a memo recommending particularized reasons for the designation of Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Planner is directed to prepare a narrative response to the questions within Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the Town Board's review and consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor or her designee, each with the support of the Town Planner, are hereby authorized and directed to take all other steps necessary to proceed with the potential designation of Smith Woods as a Critical Environmental Area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: 3-0

Date Adopted: 4/14/26

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above resolution is an exact copy of the same adopted by the Ulysses Town Board at a meeting on the 14th day of April, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Ulysses, New York, on this 16th day of April, 2026.

Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk

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