

The Legislature of Rockland County



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AGENDA **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2014

1. REF. #2867 - REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.8121 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.5925 – THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN AIR/GREEN JOBS BOND ACT OF 2014
(HON. ALDEN H. WOLFE, CHAIR, ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE)
LG# 3290
2. REF. #5110 - *DISCUSSION ITEM:* REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
(HON. NANCY LOW-HOGAN, LEGISLATURE)

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Introduced by:
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor

Referral No. 2867
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RESOLUTION NO. OF 2014
REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL
A.8121 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.5925 –
THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN AIR/GREEN JOBS BOND ACT OF 2014

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 permanently changed New York's environment for the better, but those funds are now exhausted and significant capital needs remain; and

WHEREAS, for example, a 2008 assessment of the costs to repair, replace and update New York's wastewater infrastructure estimated the total funding need to be \$36.2 billion over a 20 year period, while a similar assessment for drinking water infrastructure found a need of \$38.7 billion over a 20 year period. These estimates were made prior to devastation of extreme weather events in the last few years; and

WHEREAS, air pollution also remains a major public health issue across New York as asthma rates continue to rise, while global warming is accelerating as greenhouse gas emissions continue to pollute the atmosphere. Air pollution control programs must expand to meet this challenge; and

WHEREAS, bill A.8121 and S.5925 would provide funds for the preservation, enhancement, restoration, and improvement of the state's environment; and

WHEREAS, these capital investments will also spark economic growth as manufacturing and construction jobs are created and new opportunities arise; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has met, considered and by a vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County hereby requests that the New York State Assembly pass New York State Assembly Bill A.8121 and the New York State Senate pass Bill S.5925 – The Clean Water/Clean Air/Green Jobs Bond Act of 2014, and that the Governor of New York sign such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Senators, Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr., Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, and Hon. James G. Skoufis, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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