

ENVIRONMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2013178

RE: REQUESTING THAT DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATE THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF SOLARIZEDUTCHESS.COM PROGRAM FOR OUR COUNTY, SIMILAR TO MADISON, GENESEE, AND TOMPKINS COUNTIES

Legislators Tyner, Blalock, Jeter-Jackson, and MacAvery offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Dutchess County needs more green jobs, lower electric bills, and cleaner air, and

WHEREAS, Solarize Madison is a community-focused renewable energy program promoting sustainable energy production to stabilize current and future energy costs; Solarize Madison was created by the Madison County Planning Department and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board with support from the Renewable Energy Training Center at Morrisville State College, and

WHEREAS, Solarize Madison is bringing solar energy to residents there at affordable costs through volume purchasing; together they decide who to hire and what they can afford; Genesee and Tompkins counties have also initiated similar county-level solar discount programs, and

WHEREAS, Solarize Madison will bring at least fifteen (15) solar photovoltaic (PV) and twenty (20) solar hot water installations to Madison County; by working with state and county organizations, Madison County residents, and solar energy installers, Solarize Madison County will streamline the installation process making solar energy installations easy and affordable for Madison County residents, farmers, business owners, municipalities and institutions, and

WHEREAS, when communities choose to run a volume purchasing program they can reduce their costs by 20-30 percent and coupled with New York and Federal tax credits and incentives, solar energy installation costs can be reduced by 70-80 percent, and

WHEREAS, solar energy installation contractors will be selected through a competitive bid process; collective bargaining and group purchasing should lower the out of pocket cost to participants by 20-30%; community-led outreach marketing and education by the project managers of Solarize Madison and other trusted partners will deliver a direct appeal from one friend to another to join the campaign, and collective

education and bargaining provides a safe environment for customers to feel comfortable with their investment, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature requests that the Dutchess County Planning and Development Department work with the Dutchess County Department of Finance to evaluate the cost and feasibility of a Solarize Dutchess program here for our county similar to Solarize Madison and other programs like it in Genesee and Tompkins counties, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County Planning and Development Department, and Dutchess County Department of Finance

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 10th day of June, 2013, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 10th day of June, 2013.

CAROLYN MORRIS, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE