

RESOLUTION NO. __
July 16, 2019

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NATURAL RESOURCE
AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY FOR THE CITY OF HUDSON**

WHEREAS, Chapter C Article XXXIII of the Hudson City Charter established the Conservation Advisory Council (“CAC”), and;

WHEREAS, at the direction of the City of Hudson, the CAC has prepared *Nature in the City – A Natural Resource and Open Space Inventory of Hudson, New York* (“NRI”) to assist the City, its various Agencies and Boards and the General Public in identifying and considering important natural resources located within the City of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the NRI includes maps displaying the City’s mineral, water, biological, and recreation resources and their significance to the community; associated data; and a descriptive report summarizing the inventoried resources, findings, and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NRI is to provide information for comprehensive land use and conservation planning, and to allow natural resource information to be included in local planning and zoning; and

WHEREAS, the NRI can provide information to designate critical environmental areas, develop and implement a municipal open space plan, amend existing zoning and subdivision regulations, evaluate the effects of proposed land use and zoning changes, inform environmental review of development proposals, and document current conditions so changes over time can be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the NRI was made possible by a grant of \$20,000 from the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, awarded on June 1, 2016, and a grant of \$3000 from the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the grant allowed the City of Hudson to contract with Karen Strong of Strong Outcomes, LLC, to work with the CAC as a consultant and write the NRI report, and to hire Shannon Doyle as a GIS mapping intern to create the series of NRI maps; and

WHEREAS, members of the CAC dedicated over 700 hours to the project through monthly meetings, public outreach, supervision of the mapping intern, creation of a street tree inventory, ground-truthing of small streams and culverts, review and guided revision of the resource maps and NRI report, and graphic design of the final report; and

WHEREAS, the NRI is posted in its entirety on the City's website for access by the public;

WHEREAS, the NRI data files belong to the City of Hudson and can therefore be updated as necessary in the future;

WHEREAS the acceptance and approval of the NRI is a Type 2 action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (18) for which no further action under SEQRA is required;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Hudson hereby accepts and approves the Conservation Advisory Council's *Nature in the City – A Natural Resource and Open Space Inventory of Hudson, New York* ("NRI"), as an inventory of data collection identifying important community resources within the City of Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the acceptance and approval of the NRI and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken, as provided therein, the Common Council hereby recommends that it be reviewed and considered by the City's various Boards or agencies with regard to present or future actions. By adopting the Natural Resources Inventory, it is the intent of the Common Council and the City of Hudson that this valuable and comprehensive inventory of the City's natural resources be referred to often by the City's Boards, Agencies and the Public to assist in the development, management and protection of these invaluable resources. It is the further intent of the Common Council, to periodically update and/or amend the NRI as may be appropriate in the future.

Introduced: _____
Seconded: _____

Approved: _____
Rick Rector, Mayor