

**RESOLUTION No. 4024 of 2024**  
**ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS**  
**2024 CLIMATE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Wappingers Falls pledged to take part in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Certification Program with pledges to address local climate threats, document the Village's most vulnerable assets, and recommend strategies to protect the community and its assets from increasing climate risks; and

**WHEREAS**, a Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan sets out to both document these vulnerable assets and set goals, through concrete and prioritized initiatives, to effectively address vulnerabilities related to the changing climate in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Centers for the Environmental Information, the last decade (2011-2020) was the warmest on record, and each of the last four decades has been warmer than any previous decade since 1850, and climate-related storms, including Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and Hurricane Ida in 2021, have caused significant financial and social impacts in New York and resulted in billions of dollars in damages; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the latest New York State Climate Impacts Assessment, sea level along the tidal Hudson is projected to increase by 12 to 17 inches by the 2050s and by 25 to 46 inches by the 2100s compared to a 1995-2014 baseline; and

**WHEREAS**, certain frontline and vulnerable communities, including young children and the elderly, will disproportionately feel the health impacts of climate change, as they can be less climate-resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) Adapt Team, comprised of municipal officials and environmental volunteer community leaders, collaborated with municipal officials, key stakeholders, community residents and neighboring municipalities participating in the Hudson Valley Regional Council's Climate Action Planning Institute Adaptation Cohort Program to develop a Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan for the Village dated July 2024 ; and

**WHEREAS**, during a meeting held on 30 October 2024, the Village Board introduced the proposed Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan to the public, and the plan was publicly shared on the Village's website; and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the thresholds contained in 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 5, the Village Board has determined that the proposed project is a Type II Action that meets the threshold found in 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(24) and (27) and, therefore, SEQR does not apply.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby adopts the 2024 Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village Board authorizes submission of this document to the NYS DEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for the Village of Wappingers Falls.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Y / N - Mayor: Kevin Huber

Y / N - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Trustee: Walter Masch

Y / N - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Trustee: Joseph Nicholas

Y / N - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Trustee: Bob Marshall

Y / N - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Trustee: Michael Ruffen

Y / N - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Trustee: John Tyliczszak

Y / N - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Trustee: Jeff Smith

The Resolution was thereupon adopted on 12/11/24.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, John Karge, hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk for the Village of Wappingers Falls, in said County of Dutchess, and do hereby certify the above is a true copy of the RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE Village of Wappingers Falls 2024 Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan. I further certify the record is located at Village Hall 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls NY 12590. I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Municipality this 12/11/24 John Karge, Village Clerk