

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday May 25 at 6:30pm.

1. CAC Update- T Griese
2. Memorializing Resolution Supporting the passage of the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act – T. Griese (CAC)
3. Add Handicap Parking on Greenkill Ave.- Alderman Scott-Childress
4. Remove Handicap Parking on Elmendorf Street- Alderwoman Worthington

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RESOLUTION 119 OF 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, RESOLUTION REGARDING NY-NJ WATERSHED
PROTECTION ACT: H.R. 4677**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Davis, Hill,
Muhammed, Olivieri, Hirsch

WHEREAS, New York Congressman Tonko has proposed the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, a unique federal investment program to authorize \$50 million of federal funds to protect and restore all watersheds, including the Hudson River Watershed, that flow into New York-New Jersey Harbor and

WHEREAS, The Act has unanimous support among the Hudson Valley's Congressional delegation; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would provide benefits to diverse stakeholders such as the protection of fisheries and wildlife, conservation of natural resources and public and private lands, critical urban greenspaces, ocean and coastal resources, and various opportunities to improve the quality of life for community members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Kingston, NY is part of the most densely populated and economically important regions in the country, the proposed NY-NJ Watershed Act will provide enormous economic and environmental benefits locally, regionally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, waterways and watersheds provide drinking water, tourism and outdoor recreation, economic opportunities, as well as sustain fisheries, critical wildlife and provide vital infrastructure from flooding and rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, three waterways form a substantial portion of the municipal boundaries of Kingston: Esopus Creek and the tidal Rondout Creek and tidal Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Act would provide matching funds to achieve the goals of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program, a state program that has greatly benefitted Hudson Valley communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would fund shoreline management and restoration within the watersheds,

WHEREAS, as an elected body tasked with protection and safeguarding irreplaceable water-connected resources and nature-based flood hazard mitigation measures that are essential to protect human life and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enhance collaboration and coordinate restoration activities at all levels of government to protect fish and wildlife habitats, endangered species, improve water quality, increase public access to the estuary, mitigate flood risks, and develop public outreach and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the region of the NY-NJ Watershed live in communities lacking environmental justice, where access to and enjoyment of fish, wildlife, clean natural resources have been impaired or compromised, federal funding is necessary to mitigate these long overdue environmental and social issues; and

WHEREAS, Kingston would benefit from the Act as it would establish beneficial programs and award grants to help fund valuable restoration projects in our local community; and

WHEREAS, Kingston is a cornerstone in which its residents depend on and the region relies on for its resources to provide prosperity throughout the state, therefore, Kingston must uphold its duty to protect the community's access to drinking water and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Kingston has an opportunity to be a social and environmental leader of the state, by supporting the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, we may lead by example and facilitate much needed change; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Kingston, supports the passing of the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2022

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2022

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2022

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 7:05 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Davis, Tony; Schultheis, John; Norman, Edward
Subject: Late Communication - Handicap Sign
Attachments: Handicap Permit.pdf

Good morning Elisa,

Alderman Scott-Childress has requested a handicap sign at 193 Greenkill Ave. I have attached the constituent's permit. Because this is an emergency situation for the constituent, I would like to place it on the May 25 Public Safety committee meeting. Can you please add this to the agenda? You can use this email as the communication – the one from the constituent had personal information I did not want posted.

John & Ed – please let Tony or me know if you see any issues with this request.

Thank you,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 6:52 AM
To: Worthington, Rita
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: RE: Handicap sign removal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning Rita,

I don't receive the 311 alerts. An email will always need to be sent to me so that I know to assign it to committee.

Elisa – can you add the below email to my communications folder?

Thank you!
Andrea

From: Worthington, Rita
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Handicap sign removal

Andrea,

I thought I had submitted a request through the 311 app to have 2 handicap signs removed in front of 48 Elemendorf Street as there are new homeowners the signs are no longer necessary anymore. If I did not, please accept this communication as a request to be placed on this month's public safety committee agenda.

Thank you.
Rita

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