



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2022
AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Resolutions
AGENDA ITEM NO. : 2
AGENDA ITEM: Consider a resolution supporting Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, GREEN JOBS
ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT OF 2022**

WHEREAS, manmade climate change is increasing the frequency of severe storms, damaging our ecosystem, and threatening coastal regions, placing the Village of Dobbs Ferry at risk; and

WHEREAS, New York State urgently needs improved wastewater and drinking water infrastructure; critical water infrastructure is well past its intended lifespan and some systems are over 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, the County, Region and the Village of Dobbs Ferry have experienced severe flooding brought on by more frequent and severe storms including Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and most recently the remnants of Hurricane Ida which caused between \$16 billion and \$24 billion in damage to our region, damaged or destroyed many homes and demonstrated vulnerabilities in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, investing in infrastructure will reduce flooding, reduce exposure to lead and other hazardous substances, and create jobs and other tangible economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has proposed the first environmental bond act in 20 years, “The Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022”, which will be on the ballot for approval by New York's voters on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize \$4.2 billion in bonds to finance critical environmental restoration and action to mitigate the impact of climate change, to finance the protection of New York State's clean water reserves, to finance infrastructure projects rebuilding in areas damaged by flooding and projects that reduce the risk of flooding in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 provides the crucial resources necessary to respond to the crises facing our state, county, region and the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry strongly believes the passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 will benefit efforts to improve the environment by providing much needed funding to mitigate the effects of climate change across the State and provides the potential for direct benefit to the Village of Dobbs Ferry for much needed infrastructure upgrades and flood mitigation measures.