

**TOWN OF STANFORD**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 5G OF 2026**  
**TO INTRODUCE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2026**  
**ADOPTING THE DUTCHESS COUNTY GREENWAY COMPACT**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stanford (“Town Board”), held at the Town of Stanford Town Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, at 7:00 PM, Town Supervisor Julia Descoteaux called the meeting to order, and she, seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, moved the following resolutions:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stanford, pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-0119 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, desires to adopt the statement of land use policies, principles and guides entitled “Dutchess County Greenway Compact” (hereinafter referred to as “Greenway Compact”), by which action the Town of Stanford becomes a participating community in the Greenway Compact; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Supervisor Julia Descoteaux advised the Town Board that, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, it was necessary to hold a public hearing upon this proposed local law; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the Greenway Compact constitutes adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions under Section 617.5 of the SEQR Regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development is required to review the proposed zoning amendment pursuant to GML §239-m; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 164-56 of the Town Code the proposed Local Law must be submitted to the Town Planning Board for a report and recommendation thereon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following proposed Local Law is hereby introduced, to be known as Proposed Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 2026, entitled “A Local Law Adopting the Dutchess County Greenway Compact” to read as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Stanford as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.** Town of Stanford, pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-0119 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, desires to adopt the statement of land use policies, principles and guides entitled “Dutchess County Greenway Compact,” by which action the Town of Stanford becomes a participating community in the Greenway Compact.

**Section 2. Adoption of the Dutchess County Greenway Compact.** A new chapter “Chapter 30 – Greenway Compact”, shall be added to the Town Code to read as follows:

**§ 30-1. Adoption of Policy.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-0119 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, the Town of Stanford hereby adopts the statement of land use policies, principles and guides entitled “Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities” (hereinafter referred to as “Greenway Compact”), by which action the Town of Stanford becomes a participating community in the Greenway compact.

**§ 30-2. Amendments.** Proposals to amend Greenway Compact may from time to time be made by The Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (hereinafter referred to as “Greenway Council”) in response to requests from participating communities. Within ninety days of receipt of any such proposal from the Greenway Council, the Town Board of the Town of Stanford shall determine by resolution whether to accept or to reject such proposed amendment. Any proposed amendment so accepted shall be considered an amendment of Greenway Compact as adopted by the Town of Stanford. Any proposed amendment rejected by the Town Board will not be considered to be an amendment of Greenway Compact for the Town of Stanford, and notice of such rejection shall promptly be provided to the Greenway Council.

**§ 30-3. Consistency of Land Use Laws.** It is the stated policy of the Town of Stanford, that to the extent the Town amends its current, or enacts new, land use laws and regulations, such new or amended laws and regulations, where appropriate, will be designed to be consistent with the Greenway Compact.

**§ 30-4. Home Rule Authority.** Nothing in this Chapter, in the adoption of the Greenway Compact, or in becoming a participating community in the Greenway compact is intended or shall be construed (a) to limit the home rule authority of the Town under state law to make local land use and zoning decisions; (b) to authorize any other entity to supersede the Town’s land use laws and regulations or to impose any requirements on the Town; or (c) to prevent the Town, in its sole discretion, from adopting a local law at a later date for the purpose of withdrawing from the Greenway Council or the Greenway Compact.

**Section 3. Amendment of Chapter 140 of the Town Code.** A new § 140-33 is hereby added under Article VII of Chapter 140 to the Town Code to read as follows:

**§ 140-33. Greenway Compact.** By Local Law No. \_\_\_ of the year 2026 the Town of Stanford has adopted “Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities,” as amended from time to time, as a statement of land use policies, principles and guides. In its discretionary actions under this Chapter 140, Subdivision of Land, the reviewing agency should take into consideration said statement of policies, principles and guides.

**Section 4. Amendment of Chapter 164 of the Town Code.** A new § 164-64 is hereby added under Article B of Chapter 164 to the Town Code to read as follows:

**§ 164-64. Greenway Compact.** By Local Law No. \_\_\_ of the year 2026 the Town of Stanford has adopted “Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities,” as amended from time to time, as a statement of land use policies, principles and guides. In its discretionary actions under this Chapter 164, Zoning, the reviewing agency should take into consideration said statement of policies, principles and guides.

**Section 5. Home Rule Authority and Withdrawal.** Nothing in this local law, in the adoption of the Greenway Compact, or in becoming a participating community in the Greenway compact is intended or shall be construed (a) to limit the home rule authority of the Town under state law to make local land use and zoning decisions, (b) to authorize any other entity to supersede the Town’s land use laws and regulations or to impose any requirements on the Town, or (c) to prevent the Town in its sole discretion from adopting a local law at a later date for the purpose of withdrawing from the Greenway compact or the Greenway Compact.

**Section 6. Numbering for Codification.** It is the intention of the Town of Stanford Town Board and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this Local Law shall be included in the Code of the Town of Stanford; that the sections and subsections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; that the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this Local Law; that the word “Local Law” shall be changed to “Chapter,” “Section” or other appropriate word as required for codification; and that any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code affected thereby.

**Section 7. Severability.** The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law, which can be given effect without such part or parts.

**Section 8. Precedence.** This Local Law and its provisions are in addition to all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This Local Law shall take effect as of the date of filing with the New York Secretary of State.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to the applicable standards of the SEQRA regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town Board hereby declares that the adoption of the Greenway Compact is a Type II Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and is therefore exempt from environmental review under SEQR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to refer the proposed Local Law to the Stanford Planning Board for its report and recommendation pursuant to section 164-56 of the Town Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to refer the proposed Local Law to the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development pursuant to New York General Municipal Law § 239-m; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed local law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall on June \_\_\_\_, 2026, at 7 o’clock P.M., and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Stanford by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stanford will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville, New York 12581, on June \_\_\_\_, 2026, at 7 o’clock p.m., Prevaling Time on Proposed Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2026, entitled “A Local Law Adopting the Dutchess County Greenway Compact.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Stanford Town Hall, 26 Town Hall Road, Stanfordville, New York, during normal business hours on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED:           Stanfordville, New York  
                      May 14, 2026

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RITAMARY BELL, TOWN CLERK

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all Board members voting as follows:

Julia Descoteaux, Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Cunningham, Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Haims, Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nathan Lavertue, Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Theodore Secor, Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: May 14, 2026  
Stanfordville, New York

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