

Resolution #__-2018 Resolution in support of land acquisition by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to establish a corridor between Danby and Shindagan Hollow Road State Forests.

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Conservation has proposed to purchase two parcels of land (61.7 acres and 50 acres) from willing sellers (Finger Lakes Trail Conference, LLC, and Finger Lakes Land Trust, Inc., respectively) in order to implement a corridor (Finger Lakes Trail) between Danby and Shindagan Hollow Road State Forests in Caroline, and

Whereas, these properties may be paid for with funds from New York State’s Environmental Protection Fund; and

Whereas, whenever said funds are used to acquire land not specifically listed on prior state land acquisition plans, the town must be notified and offered the opportunity to object; and

Whereas, this initiative is consistent with New York State’s Open Space Plan; and

Whereas, this project would provide benefits of landscape and wildlife habitat protection; and

Whereas, this project would enhance public access to natural lands for enjoyment; and

Whereas, these lands would have the same taxable status as existing state forest lands; and

Whereas, this project would be consistent with Caroline’s Comprehensive Plan in promoting the rural nature of the town; therefore be it

Resolved, the Caroline Town Board supports this initiative by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to implement a natural lands corridor between Danby and Shindagan Hollow Road State Forests.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions: