



## **A. 129/S. 6235 (Cahill/Metzger)**

*AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the tax law, in relation to community preservation funds*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 129/S. 6235 (Cahill/Metzger), which would authorize any town or city within Ulster County to establish a community preservation fund.

As development in New York continues to sprawl, it is increasingly difficult for local governments to conserve natural areas, farmland, and historic sites. Preserving undeveloped land is especially important for resiliency as the state deals with increased flooding and more severe storms. Community preservation funds give municipalities the resources to protect natural land and resources in perpetuity, resulting in thousands of acres of preserved open space, parks, forests, wetlands, ecologically-sensitive environments, and historic sites.

This legislation would allow towns and cities within Ulster County to establish their own community preservation funds, funded by a real estate transfer tax to be approved in a referendum, which would then supply the necessary resources to protect, improve, and support environmental assets.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 129/S. 6235

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