

RESOLUTION NO. 291-20161005 (amended)

RESOLUTION – ESTABLISHING THE GREATER MOHAWK
VALLEY LAND BANK CORPORATION AND APPOINTING
REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON GREATER MOHAWK
VALLEY LAND BANK BOARD

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WHEREAS, New York State has recognized the need to provide new tools and innovative solutions to address deteriorated, abandoned and tax-delinquent properties and the blight they inflict upon communities; and

WHEREAS, New York State acknowledges the risks to public health and safety caused by seriously derelict properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks allow and provide a mechanism for the re-development, repair, improvement, or in appropriate situations, deconstruction of blighted properties; and

WHEREAS, land banks have now been firmly established nationally, with a record of success in helping to ameliorate the above negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of same and in order to revitalize and strengthen local communities and economies New York State has adopted a Land Bank Act (Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, Article 16); and

WHEREAS, a number of communities in the Greater Mohawk Valley with the direction and encouragement of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District ("MVEDD"), desire to create a regional land bank in order to efficiently and effectively address blight across the Greater Mohawk Valley;

and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Bank Act, it is necessary to adopt a resolution establishing the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation ("GMVLB") on behalf of the County of Otsego and the other signatories, and addressing certain other requirements relating to the structure and function of the GMVLB; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Representatives hereby establishes and authorizes the creation of a regional land bank as follows:

1. Name of the land bank: Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Corporation
2. Number of initial members of the board of directors: 9
3. The initial individuals to serve on the GMVLB board and their initial terms of office are:
 - a) Appointed by the Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature, confirmed by the Herkimer County Legislature:
Raymond Johnson (County Legislator), initial term of 2 years;
Kurt Ackerman (County Legislator), initial term of 1 year;
 - b) Appointed by the County Executive of Montgomery County:
Karl Gustafson (Office of the Executive), initial term of 2 years;
 - c) Appointed by the Chair of the Otsego County Board of Representatives, confirmed by Resolution of the Board:
Margaret M. Kennedy (County Representative), initial term of 2 years;
Craig Gelbsman (County Representative), initial term of 1 year;
 - d) Appointed by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Schoharie County, confirmed by Resolution of the Board of Schoharie

County:

Steven Wilson (County Administrator), initial term of 2 years;

- e) Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Rome:
Mark Domenico (Chief Enforcement Officer), initial term of 1 year;
- f) Appointed by the Mayor of the City of Utica:
Brian Thomas (Commissioner, Urban & Economic Development), initial term of 2 years;
- g) Appointed by the Common Council of the City of Utica:
Joseph A. Marino (Chair, Economic Development Committee), initial term of 1 year;

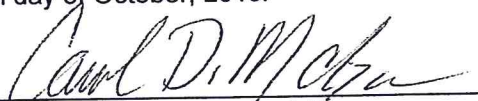
- 4. Board members must be residents of the county or city from which they are appointed. Each of the joining counties and the joining cities will be entitled to have the number of members of the board of directors as listed above. The regular terms of office of members of the board shall be 2 years, in addition to any partial term for which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy.
- 5. The proposed articles of incorporation of the GMVLB are approved for inclusion in the application for the GMVLB which is to be sent to Empire State Development.
- 6. The County of Otsego (together with the other joining counties and cities) will enter into and the Chair of the Otsego County Board of Representatives is authorized to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement for the creation of GMVLB, and is authorized to execute such other documents as may be necessary to establish the GMVLB, subject to the approval of the Otsego County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK :
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO :

I, Carol D. McGovern, Clerk of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution on file in my office and that the same is a true and complete copy thereof as duly adopted by said Board of Representatives while in session on the 5th day of October, 2016.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Board of Representatives of Otsego County, New York, this 6th day of October, 2016.

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Clerk, Board of Representatives
Otsego County, New York