

The Mamaroneck Greenway  
Board of Trustees Resolution of Support, March 24, 2025

Whereas the Village of Mamaroneck seeks to restore degraded land along the lengths of the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers in the Village of Mamaroneck by creating a linear Mamaroneck Greenway along the lines of the revised proposal from the Village of Mamaroneck Committee for the Environment (CFTE) dated February 9, 2025, and

Whereas the creation of the Greenway will restore the riverbanks and floodplain wetlands along Mamaroneck's rivers by removing invasive plants and replanting with native plants, trees, and shrubs, and

Whereas the restoration of the riverbanks and floodplain wetlands by removing invasive plants, and the protection of mature trees which absorb water and stabilize stream banks, will diminish erosion, a contributing factor in Mamaroneck's serious flooding, and

Whereas the wetlands restored by the Greenway will filter pollutants out of stormwater, improving water quality in the rivers and in Long Island Sound, and

Whereas wetland soils restored by the Greenway will store carbon at high rates, mitigating the effects of global warming, these healthier wetland soils also having a higher capacity to hold stormwater to mitigate downstream flooding, and

Whereas the Greenway plan calls for the removal of pavement in several areas and the installation of engineered green infrastructure in these new park spaces to hold and filter stormwater to mitigate both flooding and pollution, and

Whereas the restoration of floodplain wetlands and riverbanks will have significant ecological benefits, as native plants support native birdlife, pollinating insects, and other wildlife, and

Whereas the Greenway will provide green space for passive recreation in areas currently lacking in adequate open space and recreational opportunities, thereby improving the health and well-being of Mamaroneck residents, and

Whereas the Mamaroneck Greenway trails will promote safe walkability and connectivity throughout the village with connections to other Westchester trails, and

Whereas the creation of the Mamaroneck Greenway will advance the policies embodied in the Village's Local Waterfront Protection Plans of 1985 and 2017, and

Whereas creation of the Greenway was specifically contemplated in the Village's Comprehensive Plans of 2012 and 2023 and would advance the policy goals of those Comprehensive Plans, and

Whereas the CFTE presented a substantially similar Mamaroneck Greenway plan to the Village Board of Trustees in November 2023 prior to applying for a planning support grant with Long Island Sound Study, which grant was awarded and is in the process of being implemented, and

Whereas additional design funds for the Greenway were awarded by NYS Parks in 2024 and are being used for professional design of crosswalks at Fenimore Rd. and Rockland Ave. to enable safe Greenway crossings, and

Whereas volunteers working with CFTE created two native plant parks, the Rockland Pocket Preserve on the Sheldrake and the Nostrand-Howard Riverside Park on the Mamaroneck, which were dedicated as village parks in January 2023 and October 2024, and

Whereas those new parks are part of the Mamaroneck Greenway and are already providing flood mitigation, ecological, open space and recreational benefits to the community, and

Whereas the CFTE is actively seeking grant funding for further design and construction of segments of the Mamaroneck Greenway,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Mamaroneck Board of Trustees hereby endorses in principle the concept behind the Mamaroneck Greenway and enthusiastically supports the efforts of the CFTE to secure additional funding for its design and construction.