

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 087: SUPPORTING THE FINGER LAKES LAND TRUST APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO ACQUIRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT IN THE TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Canandaigua (hereafter referred to as the ‘Town Board’) understands the importance of preserving undeveloped lands for the purpose of protecting the Town’s high quality natural resources including important or rare ecological land covers, productive soils, wildlife corridors, wetlands, streams and riparian zones, and the water quality of Canandaigua Lake; and

WHEREAS, these priorities are illustrated in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan Update 2021, the Town’s Open Space, Conservation, and Scenic Views Master Plan, the Town’s Natural Resource Inventory Update, and the Town’s Agricultural Enhancement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Land Trust is applying for a grant program with the Nature Conservancy – the Resilient and Connected Network Grant Program – to obtain outside funding to assist with transactional costs associated with the acquisition of a permanent conservation easement on 156+ acres owned by the Shaw family in the hills above the west side of Canandaigua Lake with portions of the proposed easement lying in the Towns of Canandaigua, Bristol, and South Bristol; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Shaw conservation easement contains land in the Town of Canandaigua that falls within the Town’s Strategic Forest Protection Area and contains sloping forest lands, some active agricultural lands, and a riparian corridor alongside a stream that drains to Canandaigua Lake; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby supports the Finger Lakes Land Trust in their application to the Resilient and Connected Network Grant Program to obtain funding for transactional costs associated with acquiring a conservation easement in the Town of Canandaigua owned by the Shaw family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to provide a copy of this resolution to Andrew Zepp, Director of the Finger Lakes Land Trust and to Matt Levy, Land Protection Manager of the Nature Conservancy.