

**RESOLUTION
TOWN OF GUILDERLAND TOWN BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilderland and its residents are enriched by distinct neighborhoods and communities, including the historic Hamlet of McKownville;

WHEREAS, McKownville has a vibrant and active residential community, and diverse and successful local businesses that have combined to provide a desired quality of life for its residents;

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilderland has invested substantial taxpayer and other resources to protect and enhance the quality of life of McKownville residents;

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilderland has adopted a Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood studies, and enacted zoning and land use regulations that govern the use and development of property, and protect residential neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the McKownville Corridor Study emphasized the need to protect the hamlet's neighborhood character and encourage resident participation in planning and land use decisions;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, the University of Albany Foundation purchased a 8.9 acre parcel bordered by Waverly Place and Norwood Street in McKownville (the "Holt-Harris property");

WHEREAS, for more than seventy years, the Town of Guilderland has adopted and enforced a Zoning Code that limits allowed uses on the Holt-Harris property and the surrounding residential neighborhood to single-family residences; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Guilderland Planning Board, in its 1999 approval of the subdivision of the Holt-Harris property, conditioned its approval on no further subdivisions as further protection of the nearby single-family residential community; and

WHEREAS, this Board is presently considering the adoption of a new Zoning and Land Use Code that will enhance protections of residential neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board encourages any owner of the Holt-Harris property to respect the Town's long-standing public enactments that the property and its neighborhood shall remain as a single-family residential use and not further subdivided;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares that any board, agency or person reviewing any proposed use or development of the Holt-Harris property shall honor, respect, and enforce the Town's unwavering support for maintaining the residential character of the Holt-Harris property and its surrounding single-family residential neighborhood;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board opposes any future use or development of the Holt-Harris property that is inimical to the historic single-family residential use of the property and/or threatens the property interests of nearby residents and community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares that the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and this Board are interested and/or involved agencies in any proceedings under the State Environmental Quality Review Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs that this Resolution be transmitted to the University of Albany Foundation, President of UAlbany, Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, Chancellor of the State University of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Senator George Amedore, Assembly Member Patricia Fahy, and Albany County Executive Daniel McCoy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to take appropriate action in furtherance of this Resolution or act on anything relative thereto.

Adopted on February 2, 2016 by the Town of Guilderland Town Board.