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January 12, 2023

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

In accordance with Section 152 of County Law, this shall serve as notice that a *Special Session of the Board of Legislators will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY.

The agenda for the meeting is:

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING** - Application of Jefferson County for Restore NY, Round 7, Grant Funding in Regard to the Deferiet Paper Mill Demolition and Revitalization

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

1. Supporting the Application for RESTORE NY, Round 7, Grant Funding for the Demolition and Revitalization of the Deferiet Paper Mill Site
2. Status and Discussion of Legislative District #13 Vacancy

If you need additional information relative to the Board Session agenda items, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
**Resolution No. 25**

Supporting the Application for RESTORE NY, Round 7, Grant Funding  
for the Demolition and Revitalization of the Deferiet Paper Mill Site

By Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, New York State Empire State Development is requesting funding proposals for Restore NY Communities Initiative, a grant program for revitalizing urban and rural areas, disadvantaged communities, and stabilizing communities, and

Whereas, Jefferson County is currently partnering with the Village of Deferiet, Town of Wilna, Tug Hill Commission, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, and New York State Energy Research and Development Agency to redevelop the former Deferiet Paper Mill site for solar energy production and other uses, and

Whereas, By Resolution 281 of 2021 this Board of Legislators entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with NY Energy Research and Development Authority (hereinafter“NYSERDA”) and Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency to facilitate the planning, investigation and redevelopment of the Deferiet Paper Mill site into a “Build-Ready” solar energy generation facility, and

Whereas, The proposed project to build a renewable energy generation facility, demolish the existing decapitated manufacturing structures, and refurbish and preserve the hydro electric power canal supplying the Brookfield hydro-electric dam at the site is determined:

1. To be consistent with the policy of the Board of Legislators to rehabilitate and restore to the tax roll tax delinquent property.
2. That the proposed financing is appropriate for the scope of the work required at the site (i.e. demolition of all existing structures condemned for occupancy).
3. The proposed use of the facility as a renewable energy generation site including solar and hydro-electric generation, with possible mixed use commercial/light industrial is the most effective use of existing and future resources to promote economic development and preservation of community resources.
4. The project will enhance community infrastructure in order to attract, create and sustain employment opportunities.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Board of Legislators finds that the application and Property Assessment List (Exhibit “A” hereto) by Jefferson County, NY for Restore NY grant funding for the Demolition and Revitalization of the Deferiet Paper Mill site is in the best interest of the people of Jefferson County and the North Country and urges the New York State

Empire State Development to grant such application.

Seconded by Legislator: \_\_\_\_\_

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State of New York )  
County of Jefferson ) ss.:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Jefferson, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Legislators of said County of Jefferson with the original thereof on file in my office and duly adopted by said Board at a meeting of said Board on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and that the same is a true and correct copy of such Resolution and the whole thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk of the Board of Legislators

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**Restore  
New York**

**Property Assessment List**

Municipal Name	Deferiet (V) of Wilna (T)
Project Name	Former Deferiet Mill Site Revitalization Predevelopment Project (CFA 122650)

List and sequentially number all properties submitted for this project. Properties with both a demolition/deconstruction phase AND a rehabilitation/ reconstruction phase must use separate lines to define EACH project phase. **This list must be published in a local daily newspaper for three consecutive days and be the subject of a public hearing.**

#	Site Name /Address	Sq.Ft.	R-Residential C-Commercial	DM-Demolition DC-Deconstruction RH-Rehabilitation RC-Reconstruction	V-Vacant A-Abandoned C-Condemned S-Surplus
B1	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	4,584	C	DM	C
B2	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	8,517	C	DM	C
B3	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	2,374	C	DM	C
B4	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	4,293	C	DM	C
B5	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	6,284	C	DM	C
B6	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	7,018	C	DM	C
B7	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	457	C	DM	C
B8	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	457	C	DM	C
B9	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	1,932	C	DM	C
B10 <sub>+</sub>	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	76,268	C	DM	C
B11 <sub>+</sub>	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	2,857	C	DM	C
B12 <sub>+</sub>	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	4,081	C	DM	C
B13 <sub>+</sub>	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	9,338	C	DM	C
B14 <sub>+</sub>	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	17,995	C	DM	C

**Notes:**

**B1: Parcel ID: 66.82-1-29  
Address: Parker Ave, Deferiet, New York**

**B2-B14: Parcel ID: 66.82-1-67  
Address: Anderson Avenue, Deferiet, New York**



Restore New York

### Property Assessment List

Municipal Name	Deferiet (V) of Willna (T)
Project Name	Former Deferiet Mill Site Revitalization Predevelopment Project (CFA 112311)

List and sequentially number all properties submitted for this project. Properties with both a demolition/deconstruction phase AND a rehabilitation/ reconstruction phase must use separate lines to define EACH project phase. **This list must be published in a local daily newspaper for three consecutive days and be the subject of a public hearing.**

#	Site Name /Address	Sq.Ft.	R-Residential C-Commercial	DM-Demolition DC-Deconstruction RH-Rehabilitation RC-Reconstruction	V-Vacant A-Abandoned C-Condemned S-Surplus
B15 +	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	1,642	C	DM	C
B16 +	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	8,038	C	DM	C
B17 +	Former Deferiet Paper Mill	22,506	C	DM	C

**Notes:**  
**B15 - B17: Parcel ID: 76.27-1-3**  
**Address: County Route 36, Deferiet, New York**