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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
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Resolution-2017-2_Recommending an amendment to the UNA Inventory document consisting of boundary and data revisions to UNA-106 Sapsucker Woods Bird Sanctuary

1. **Whereas**, the Unique Natural Areas Inventory of Tompkins County, New York, includes an extensive database, GIS coverage, and reports on 194 sites determined to contain significant ecological, biological, geological or aesthetic characteristics, and

2. **Whereas**, the UNA committee has determined that this site meets the following criteria for inclusion in the UNA Inventory: quality of example of plant community, important birding site, designated natural area/preserve, state-designated wetland, diverse flora, rare or scarce community types, rare or scarce plant species, wetlands, scenic/aesthetic value, recreational value, important teaching site, and

3. **Whereas**, the UNA committee proposes the attached boundary changes and data revisions to UNA-106, and

4. **Whereas**, at the request of the landowner, Cornell University Real Estate Department, the UNA committee re-examined a previously proposed expansion on the western edge of this UNA, and

5. **Whereas**, these boundary changes increase the total acreage of this UNA from 202.19 acres to 257.34 acres, representing an area increase of 27.27%, and

6. **Whereas**, these revisions are based on several UNA committee field trips and consultant site visits, newly available wetlands data, and updated aerial photography and GIS technology, and

7. **Whereas**, the UNA Inventory has listed this site as needing special conservation and management as it does not have an adequate protection buffer, now therefore let it be

8. **Resolved**, that the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council approves amending the UNA Inventory to include these revisions to UNA-106 Sapsucker Woods Bird Sanctuary.

January 12, 2017

Voting in the Affirmative: Opposed: Abstentions: