

**TOWN OF WILTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA, STATE OF NEW YORK
TOWN BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-USE PATH ALONG
NORTHERN PINES ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 34), AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN
SUPERVISOR AND STAFF TO PURSUE INTERMUNICIPAL COORDINATION, PLANNING
ASSISTANCE, AND FUNDING FOR SAID IMPROVEMENT**

WHEREAS, Northern Pines Road is a public highway designated as Saratoga County Route 34, and is owned, controlled, and maintained by the County of Saratoga through its Department of Public Works, such that the Town of Wilton does not possess jurisdiction to construct improvements within the county right-of-way without the consent and participation of the County; and

WHEREAS, a New York State Department of Transportation Traffic Safety and Mobility review of the corridor, undertaken in response to a request to reduce the posted speed limit, collected radar data on Northern Pines Road and found an 85th-percentile operating speed of 51 miles per hour where the posted speed limit is 40 miles per hour, with more than 75 percent of vehicles exceeding the posted limit¹; and

WHEREAS, the corridor lacks dedicated pedestrian and bicycle accommodations yet is used by pedestrians and bicyclists, presenting a clear safety concern for non-motorized users; and

WHEREAS, planned development along the corridor, including a veterans housing project advancing on state-owned land along Northern Pines Road, is expected to increase pedestrian activity and the need for safe, connected non-motorized infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton supports responsible, smart-growth development and the expansion and connection of its existing and planned trail and sidewalk network, and improved pedestrian and bicycle accommodations along the Northern Pines Road corridor would serve residents of the corridor's existing and approved neighborhoods and advance the Town's broader connectivity goals; and

WHEREAS, transportation-safety research, including guidance from the Federal Highway Administration, indicates that context-sensitive roadway design, particularly the narrowing of travel lanes together with the addition of curb-separated pedestrian and bicycle facilities, can reduce vehicle operating speeds by visually narrowing the roadway, such that a properly designed facility along the corridor has the potential to address both the pedestrian and bicycle safety gap and the documented excessive vehicle speeds²; and

¹New York State Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety and Mobility, speed review of Northern Pines Road (County Route 34), radar collected at 320 Northern Pines Road; transmitted by NYSDOT letter dated January 13, 2026 to the Saratoga County Commissioner of Public Works and read into the record at the Town of Wilton Town Board meeting of February 5, 2026.

²See Federal Highway Administration, Traffic Calming ePrimer, Module 3, and Speed Management Manual for Local and Rural Road Owners, Sec. 3 (narrowing travel lanes and adding curb-separated facilities visually narrow the roadway and are associated with reduced operating speeds; reduced lane widths on the order of ten feet can lower speeds while freeing space for pedestrian and bicycle accommodations).

WHEREAS, Section 119-o of the General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into intermunicipal agreements to jointly undertake public improvements and to allocate the costs, construction responsibilities, and long-term maintenance obligations thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor serves as the Town of Wilton's representative on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, which is the legislative and executive authority of Saratoga County government, thereby affording the Town a direct means of advocating for this improvement at the county level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Wilton as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby declares its support for the development of a dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facility along the Northern Pines Road (County Route 34) corridor as a Town priority for safety and community connectivity.
2. The Town Board respectfully requests that the County of Saratoga, acting through its Department of Public Works and County Highway Superintendent, partner with the Town to evaluate, design, and construct such a facility within the county right-of-way, and further requests that the design give due consideration to context-sensitive measures - including narrowed travel lanes and curb separation - that may reduce vehicle operating speeds along the corridor.
3. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to advocate for this project before the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and to coordinate with the Saratoga County Department of Public Works regarding its scope, feasibility, and implementation.
4. The Town Supervisor and appropriate Town staff, in coordination with the Town's Alternative Transportation Committee, are directed to request planning and technical assistance from CDTC and CDRPC, including a feasibility and scoping study for the corridor along with alignment, right-of-way, drainage, cost, phasing, and speed-management considerations, and identifies opportunities for future connections to the Town's existing and planned trail network.
5. Town staff are authorized to identify and pursue external funding for the project - including Transportation Alternatives and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds through the Capital District Transportation Council Transportation Improvement Program, the Recreational Trails Program, other State multimodal and grant programs, and appropriate developer contributions - and to prepare and submit related applications; provided, however, that any commitment of Town funds or local matching share shall be subject to the further review and approval of this Board.
6. The Town Board expresses its intent to negotiate an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Saratoga pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o addressing the design, construction, cost allocation, and long-term maintenance of the facility, such agreement to be presented to this Board for review and approval prior to execution.
7. The Town Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors; Chad M. Cooke, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works, Saratoga County Department of Public Works, 3654 Galway Road, Ballston Spa, New York 12020; the Capital Region Transportation Council (CDTC); and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC).
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.