

D. PARTNERSHIPS: TO ESTABLISH INTERMUNICIPAL AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT ISSUES WHICH TRANSCEND MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, AND WHICH ARE BEST ADDRESSED BY EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, IN ORDER TO INCREASE EFFICIENT, PLANNED, AND COST-EFFECTIVE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY, AMONG OTHER MEANS, FACILITATING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AMONG ADJACENT COMMUNITIES AND TO ENSURE WITHIN A REGIONAL CONTEXT, THE APPROPRIATE BALANCE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND OPEN SPACE PROTECTION;

E. COMMUNITY LIVABILITY: TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES' SENSE OF PLACE BY ENCOURAGING COMMUNITIES TO ADOPT DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES WHICH BUILD ON EACH COMMUNITY'S VISION FOR ITS FUTURE, INCLUDING INTEGRATION OF ALL INCOME AND AGE GROUPS, MIXED LAND USES AND COMPACT DEVELOPMENT, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION, OPEN SPACE PROTECTION, BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT, ENHANCED BEAUTY IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND DIVERSE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PROXIMITY TO PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, RECREATION AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT;

F. TRANSPORTATION: TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES, INCLUDING INCREASING PUBLIC TRANSIT, PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE AND OTHER CHOICES, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE, REDUCE AUTOMOBILE DEPENDENCY, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND AUTOMOBILE POLLUTION;

G. CONSISTENCY: TO ENSURE PREDICTABILITY IN BUILDING AND LAND USE CODES; AND

H. SUSTAINABILITY: TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING AND CREATE NEW COMMUNITIES WHICH DO NOT COMPROMISE THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, BY AMONG OTHER MEANS ENCOURAGING BROAD BASED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMMUNITY PLAN AND ENSURING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IS ADEQUATE TO SUSTAIN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

2. "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE NEW YORK STATE SMART GROWTH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE CREATED BY SECTION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

3. "SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT" SHALL MEAN THE "COMMUNITY VISION PLANNING GRANT," THE "AGRICULTURE RETENTION AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLANNING GRANT," AND THE "TRANSIT ORIENTED DESIGN PLANNING GRANT."

4. "MUNICIPALITY" SHALL MEAN A TOWN, CITY, COUNTY, VILLAGE OR A DESIGNATED PUBLIC AGENCY THEREOF, OR A PUBLIC AUTHORITY.

S 925-A. NEW YORK STATE SMART GROWTH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. 1. THERE IS HEREBY CREATED THE NEW YORK STATE SMART GROWTH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION, THE CHAIR OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE CHAIR OF THE NEW YORK STATE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE CHAIR OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SHALL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE NEW YORK STATE SMART GROWTH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.

3. A MEMBER MAY APPOINT A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING MEMBER, TO EXERCISE HIS OR HER POWERS AND PERFORM HIS OR HER DUTIES.

4. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

1 S 925-B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE. 1. THE NEW YORK STATE
2 SMART GROWTH INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE SHALL PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPALITIES, ON
3 A COMPETITIVE BASIS, WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, SMART GROWTH PLANNING
4 GRANTS AS ENUMERATED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION AND APPROVED BY
5 THE TASK FORCE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION TO NEW YORK
6 STATE MUNICIPALITIES.

7 2. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

8 A. COMMUNITY VISION PLANNING GRANT. THE TASK FORCE SHALL AWARD SUCH
9 GRANT TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MUNICIPAL PLAN DESIGNED TO
10 ENGAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY
11 CONSENSUS ON WHAT THE RESIDENTS WANT THE COMMUNITY TO BE, THE DIRECTION
12 OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHAT MUST BE DONE TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED COMMON
13 VISION. THE GRANT MAY BE USED TO FUND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMPLETION
14 OF THE COMMUNITY VISION PROCESS AND PLAN PREPARATION, EXCEPT FOR FUNDS
15 USED FOR TRAVEL, FOOD, FACILITY RENTAL OR OTHER CAPITAL EXPENSES.

16 B. AGRICULTURE RETENTION AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLANNING GRANT.
17 SUCH GRANT SHALL BE AWARDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A MUNICIPAL PLAN THAT
18 INCLUDES MEASURES TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF AGRICULTURE
19 IN NEW YORK, IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES THAT STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE THE
20 USE OF EXISTING ALTERNATIVE PLANNING TOOLS AND CREATE NEW TOOLS THAT
21 FACILITATE THE ACCOMMODATION OF GROWTH IN WAYS THAT CONSUME LESS LAND
22 AND ALLOW FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE SOILS. SUCH PLAN
23 SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN INVENTORY OF FARM PROPERTIES AND A MAP ILLUSTRAT-
24 ING SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

25 C. TRANSIT ORIENTED DESIGN PLANNING GRANT. SUCH GRANT SHALL BE AWARDED
26 TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PLAN DESIGNED AROUND A MUNICIPALITY'S
27 TRANSIT FACILITY TO ENCOURAGE TRANSIT-FRIENDLY LAND USE AROUND SUCH
28 FACILITIES. SUCH PLAN SHALL ENCOURAGE SUFFICIENT RESIDENTIAL DENSITY IN
29 A MIXED-USE CONFIGURATION FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT THAT INCORPO-
30 RATES CONNECTIVITY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, STREETScape IMPROVEMENT, AND
31 PARKING.

32 3. THE TASK FORCE SHALL APPLY THE FOLLOWING APPROVAL CRITERIA WHEN
33 EVALUATING APPLICATIONS FOR A SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT, THE:

34 A. DEGREE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT HAS EFFECTIVELY PARTNERED WITH RELE-
35 VANT, DIVERSE ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO SECURE ENDORSEMENT FOR RECOM-
36 MENDED TECHNIQUES AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL EXPERTISE;

37 B. DEGREE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT'S SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT APPLI-
38 CATION PROPOSES TO EFFECTIVELY USE GRANT FUNDS; THE TASK FORCE SHALL
39 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HOW MUCH OF THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR ACTIVITIES
40 DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROJECT AS OPPOSED TO INDIRECT EXPENDITURES;

41 C. DEGREE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT'S SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT APPLI-
42 CATION PROPOSES TO EFFECTIVELY LEVERAGE AND USE MATCHING FUNDS, INCLUD-
43 ING FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH OTHER STATE GRANT PROGRAMS; THE APPLICANT
44 SHALL DEMONSTRATE HOW IT SHALL COORDINATE THE SMART GROWTH PLANNING
45 GRANT WITH OTHER FUNDS TO LEVERAGE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT
46 SUCH PLAN OR THAT SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT FUNDS SHALL COMPLEMENT
47 ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO THE SMART GROWTH PLAN;

48 D. DEGREE TO WHICH THE APPLICANT IS COMMITTED TO SMART GROWTH PRINCI-
49 PLES;

50 E. DEGREE TO WHICH APPLICANT'S SMART GROWTH PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION
51 DEMONSTRATES THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED PLAN.

52 4. THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS NO LATER THAN THE
53 FIRST OF JUNE SUCCEEDING THE DATE ON WHICH THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE
54 BECOME LAW AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

1 5. THE TASK FORCE SHALL FACILITATE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH
2 OTHER STATE GRANT PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE A CENTRALIZED INFORMATION REPOSI-
3 TORY ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

4 S 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 6 of section 92-s of the state
5 finance law, as amended by section 13 of part E of chapter 61 of the
6 laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

7 (d) Moneys from the open space account shall be available, pursuant to
8 appropriation[,]; (I) for any open space land conservation project[,];
9 (II) FOR bio-diversity stewardship and research pursuant to chapter five
10 hundred fifty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-three[,];
11 (III) for the purposes of agricultural and farmland protection activ-
12 ities as authorized by article twenty-five-AAA of the agriculture and
13 markets law[,]; (IV) FOR non-point source abatement and control projects
14 pursuant to section 17-1409 of the environmental conservation law and
15 section eleven-b of the soil and water conservation districts law[,];
16 (V) for Long Island Central Pine Barrens area planning or Long Island
17 south shore estuary reserve planning pursuant to title thirteen of arti-
18 cle fifty-four of the environmental conservation law[, and]; (VI) for
19 operation and management of the Albany Pine Bush preserve commission
20 pursuant to subdivision two of section 54-0303 of the environmental
21 conservation law; AND (VII) FOR SMART GROWTH PROJECTS PURSUANT TO ARTI-
22 CLE FORTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.

23 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
24 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2015.