STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 11, 2026

Introduced by Sen. WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT authorizing the county of Cortland to transfer ownership of Linear Park to Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, the county of Cortland, acting through its governing body is hereby authorized to discontinue the use of Linear Park more particularly described in section three of this act, and to convey its interest in the real property to Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc. upon terms agreed upon by the county of Cortland for use by Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc. for park and/or recreational purposes.

§ 2. The authorization provided in section one of this act shall be effective only upon the condition that the county of Cortland dedicate an amount equal to or greater than the fair market value of the parklands being discontinued towards the acquisition of new parklands and/or capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities.

§ 3. The parklands authorized to be conveyed by the county of Cortland in section one of this act are located, bounded and described as follows:

ALL those certain pieces or parcels of land constituting the right of way and lands of the Branch Line of Railroad known as the Elmira, Cortland and Northern Branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company situate in the Town of Cortlandville, County of Cortland and State of New York, beginning at a line marking the division of the Town of Groton, Tompkins County and the Town of Cortlandville, Cortland County at Chaining Station 3417+60, and extending generally easterly through said Town of Cortlandville to a point of ending marking the westerly line of a parcel of land containing seven hundred and fifty-five thousandths (0.755) of an acre, more or less, conveyed by Robert C. Haldeman, Trustee of the Property of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Debtor, to Cortland Wood Products, Inc. by deed dated September 28, 1978; said point of ending having a bearing of North two degrees thirty-eight minutes twenty-nine

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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seconds West (N 2° 38'29" W), a distance of ninety-nine and twenty-eight hundredths (99.28) feet, more or less.

The area of land intended to be conveyed is twenty-one and four hundred seventeen thousandths (21.417) acres, more or less.

§ 4. Should the lands described in section three of this act cease to be used for the purposes described in section one of this act, those lands shall revert to the county of Cortland for public park and recreational purposes.

§ 5. The land to be transferred pursuant to this act and all structures and facilities situated on such land shall be maintained, owned and operated for park purposes by the Lime Hollow Nature Center, Inc.

§ 6. The use of such parkland and facilities to be transferred pursuant to this act shall continue to be made available to the general public of the state of New York, including all residents of the county of Cortland. Where the availability of such facilities is limited, use of such facilities must be determined by an equitable method.

§ 7. In the event that the county of Cortland received any funding support or assistance from the federal government for the purchase, maintenance or improvement of the parklands set forth in section three of this act, the discontinuance and alienation of such parkland authorized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the county of Cortland has complied with any federal requirements pertaining to the alienation or conversion of parklands, including satisfying the secretary of the interior that the alienation or conversion complies with all conditions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure the substitution of other lands shall be equivalent in fair market value and usefulness to the lands being alienated or converted.

§ 8. This act shall take effect immediately.