



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive  
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Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members and County Executive Poloncarz:

We have prepared an Interim Financial Report ("Report") of the County of Erie, New York ("County") as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2012 (i.e., "First Quarter 2012"). The Report, which is enclosed for your review, consists of the following elements:

- Financial Statements
- Investment Report
- Cash Flow Statement
- Property and Sales Tax Summary
- Debt Schedules
- Miscellaneous Financial Data (including data on short and long-term bonded indebtedness, property tax rates and constitutional taxing power)

We provide the following observations and comments for your consideration:

## **Sales Tax**

As you are aware, the 2012 Adopted Budget amount of \$411,047,133 is predicated on a 2.5% increase in sales tax revenue over the County's 2011 actual sales tax revenue. During First Quarter 2012, the County recognized revenue of \$96.1 million including a prior period adjustment of \$1.1 million.

Also for First Quarter 2012, the increase in sales tax revenue is \$3.4 million which is in part attributed to the increase in consumer energy prices at approximately \$549,049 (particularly wholesale gasoline), food prices and Canadian shoppers' continuing purchases of retail consumer

goods and services such as apparel, overnight accommodations and dining experiences, compared to First Quarter 2011. Final receipt of 2012 revenue for sales tax will occur in February 2013.

### **Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Revenue (“FMAP”)**

The County’s receipt of FMAP revenue concluded in 2011; however, a minor reconciliation is scheduled to occur in October 2012 relating to distributions that occurred during the time period April through July 2011. A potential recovery of FMAP revenue from 2009-2010 amounting to \$2,784,566, which is now considered ineligible according to Federal review, is expected to occur in June 2012. A 2011 liability has been established for this repayment pending the County’s external auditor’s approval.

### **2011 Department of Social Services (“DSS”) Adjustment**

2011 DSS revenue was initially overstated by \$10,175,948 due to an accrual error. This amount has been deducted – in addition to the known aforementioned FMAP retrieval – from the 2012 General Fund beginning fund balance in this Report (reference p. 3).

In total, these reductions amount to \$12,960,514. Given that the County’s operating surplus for fiscal year 2011 was \$3,905,988, taking these adjustments into account, the unaudited 2011 reduction of fund balance in the General Fund amounts to \$9,054,526.

### **Real Property Tax - Debt and Property Tax Levels and Limits**

Through First Quarter 2012, the County received \$251 million in real property tax revenues including collections from the City of Buffalo and towns of the first class.

The County’s debt level is 15.14% of the total Net Debt Contracting Margin allowed by State law. As for the County’s property tax levy position in relation to the County Charter’s stated property tax limit, the County is at 47.81% of the County’s 1% total taxing power.

### **2012 Capital Budget Borrowing**

On March 29, 2012 the County Legislature approved the County Executive’s 2012 Capital Budget for projects amounting to approximately \$36.7 million, of which approximately \$21.2 million is approved to be bonded. Taking into account the 2011 assignment of \$3 million for the new polar bears exhibit at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens, approximately \$24.2 million was authorized to be bonded.

## **Short-term Borrowing in 2012**

As of March 31, 2012, my office projects that the County will require a \$40 million revenue anticipation note ("RAN") with the note to be issued in October 2012. Ultimately the final dollar amount and timing of the issuance will be determined as the County's actual cash position is monitored and projections are adjusted, as applicable, throughout the year.

## **Future Concerns**

### **Review of the Administration's Four Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012-15 ("FYP")**

Although County Executive Poloncarz's FYP, dated April 2, 2012, was approved at the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority's board meeting on April 16, I expressed and maintain concerns about certain assumptions and omissions in the FYP. Primary concerns are: sales tax assumptions; fund balance usage; fringe benefit assumptions; lack of information regarding the upcoming Buffalo Bills lease and union contract settlement impacts. My full findings and comments report is accessible at the Comptroller's web site.

### **2012 Erie County Medical Center Corporation ("ECMCC")-Intergovernmental Transfer ("IGT")**

The Administration has reported that, in 2012, the budgeted amount for the IGT payment to ECMCC (\$16,200,000) is inadequate and the shortfall could be as high as \$17,000,000. The County will know the exact amount in autumn 2012.

## **Adherence to New GASB 54 Requirements**

The enclosed set of financial statements contains changes in terminology of fund balance components pursuant to the County's anticipated implementation of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 54 ("GASB 54") titled Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. A resolution will be submitted to the County Legislature recognizing this prescribed set of changes and my recommendation to update the Comptroller's Office's prescription for managing fund balance components.

The financial statements and other information contained in this Report have been compiled largely from the official accounting records maintained in the County's SAP system. The financial statements for ECMCC, the Erie Community College, the Erie County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, the Erie Tax Certificate Corporation and the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority are not included because financial information for the aforementioned entities is maintained separately from the County. Information contained in this Report has not been reviewed by the County's independent auditor; therefore, no opinion on this Report is expressed.

Please note that the 2011 information contained in this Report (e.g., 2012 beginning fund balance) is subject to change pending the results of the County's annual independent audit which is currently underway.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at 858-8400.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Shenk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

David J. Shenk  
Erie County Comptroller

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Enclosure

cc: Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority  
Robert Keating, Director, Budget and Management

**COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**  
**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2012**



**Erie County Comptroller's Office**

**DAVID J. SHENK**  
**Erie County Comptroller**

**APRIL 30, 2012**

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

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# **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

**Balance Sheet**

**Governmental Funds**

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 172,709	\$ 115,237	\$ 287,946
Investments . . . . .	-	200	200
Receivables (net of allowances) Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens . . . . .	118,414	794	119,208
Other . . . . .	8,234	30,624	38,858
Due from other funds . . . . .	29,481	68,610	98,091
Due from component unit . . . . .	32	-	32
Due from other governments . . . . .	209,405	18,174	227,579
Prepaid items . . . . .	156	-	156
Loan receivable . . . . .	300	-	300
Restricted cash . . . . .	33,300	-	33,300
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 572,031</b>	<b>\$ 233,639</b>	<b>\$ 805,670</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 4,592	\$ 2,682	\$ 7,274
Accrued liabilities . . . . .	45,368	6,683	52,051
Due to other funds . . . . .	41,399	32,199	73,598
Due to component unit . . . . .	5,480	2,909	8,389
Due to other governments . . . . .	3,405	12	3,417
Retained percentages payable . . . . .	9	1,426	1,435
Unearned revenue . . . . .	28,230	30,051	58,281
Deferred revenue . . . . .	59,570	-	59,570
Short-term debt . . . . .	88,000	-	88,000
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>276,053</b>	<b>75,962</b>	<b>352,015</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Nonspendable:			
Loan receivable . . . . .	300	-	300
Prepaid items . . . . .	156	-	156
Restricted for:			
Handicapped parking . . . . .	111	-	111
Law enforcement . . . . .	67	-	67
E-911 system costs . . . . .	-	1,755	1,755
Debt service . . . . .	-	8,895	8,895
Assigned:			
Designated for subsequent . . . . .	-	-	-
year's expenditures . . . . .	-	-	-
Judgments and claims . . . . .	-	-	-
Capital expenditures . . . . .	-	83,355	83,355
Other purposes . . . . .	89,450	63,672	153,122
Unassigned . . . . .	205,894	-	205,894
<b>Total fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>295,978</b>	<b>157,677</b>	<b>453,655</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 572,031</b>	<b>\$ 233,639</b>	<b>\$ 805,670</b>

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Real property taxes and tax items .....	\$ 223,906	\$ 37,502	\$ 261,408
Sales and use taxes .....	163,675	1,159	164,834
Transfer taxes .....	-	1,598	1,598
Intergovernmental .....	88,596	8,944	97,540
Departmental .....	25,252	7,303	32,555
Interest .....	295	205	500
Miscellaneous .....	535	770	1,305
<b>Total revenues .....</b>	<b>502,259</b>	<b>57,481</b>	<b>559,740</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
General government support .....	96,600	2,665	99,265
Public safety .....	28,300	2,876	31,176
Health .....	16,813	1,998	18,811
Transportation .....	5,495	6,740	12,235
Economic assistance and opportunity .....	133,384	2,978	136,362
Culture and recreation .....	4,259	-	4,259
Education .....	19,425	20	19,445
Home and community service .....	447	7,807	8,254
Capital outlay .....	-	4,543	4,543
Debt service:			
Principal retirement .....	-	7,521	7,521
Interest and fiscal charges .....	-	2,814	2,814
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>304,723</b>	<b>39,962</b>	<b>344,685</b>
<b>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures .....</b>	<b>197,536</b>	<b>17,519</b>	<b>215,055</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Sale of property .....	46	-	46
Transfers in .....	-	18,272	18,272
Transfers out .....	(17,862)	(410)	(18,272)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses) .....</b>	<b>(17,816)</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances .....</b>	<b>179,720</b>	<b>35,381</b>	<b>215,101</b>
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year .....</b>	<b>116,258</b>	<b>122,296</b>	<b>238,554</b>
<b>Fund balances at end of three months .....</b>	<b>\$ 295,978</b>	<b>\$ 157,677</b>	<b>\$ 453,655</b>

## Statement of Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund Utilities Aggregation Fund
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
<b>Current Assets:</b>	
Cash .....	\$       797
Due from other governments .....	2,583
<b>Total current assets</b> .....	<b>3,380</b>
<b>Total assets</b> .....	<b>3,380</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable .....	68
Unearned revenue .....	48
<b>Total current liabilities</b> .....	<b>116</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b> .....	<b>116</b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>	
Unrestricted .....	3,264
<b>Total net assets</b> .....	<b>\$       3,264</b>

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund Utilities Aggregation Fund
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	
Interfund revenues .....	\$ 1,858
Other operating revenue .....	3,610
Total operating revenue .....	5,468
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Employee wages .....	5
Employee benefits .....	2
Utilities and telephone .....	4,764
Total operating expenses .....	4,771
Operating loss .....	697
Change in net assets .....	697
Total net assets - beginning .....	2,567
Total net assets at end of three months .....	\$ 3,264

## Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets

Fiduciary Fund

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Agency Fund
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 34,849
Receivables:	
Other receivables .....	565
Bonds and securities held in custody .....	17
<b>Total assets</b> .....	<b>\$ 35,431</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Held in custody for others .....	\$ 35,431
<b>Total liabilities</b> .....	<b>\$ 35,431</b>

**COMBINING & INDIVIDUAL  
FUND STATEMENTS & SCHEDULES**

## NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, E-911, Emergency Response, Grants and Community Development Funds.

- **Road Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to the maintenance of County roads and bridges, snow removal, construction and reconstruction of County roads not required to be recorded in a Capital Projects Fund.
- **Sewer Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for the activities of the various sewer districts currently in operation within the County.
- **Downtown Mall Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for revenues raised through a special district charge levy and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the operation and maintenance of a downtown pedestrian/transit mall.
- **E-911 Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for revenues raised through a telephone access line surcharge and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the establishment and maintenance of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.
- **Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for revenues received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and expenditures associated with the on-going clean up of major winter storm damage that occurred in October 2006.
- **Grants Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to account for federal and state operating grants (except the Community Development Block Grant) earmarked for specific programs, so that grantor accounting and reporting requirements can be satisfied.
- **Community Development Special Revenue Fund**  
Used to assist participating municipalities in the development of locally approved community or economic development activities that are eligible under federal program regulations.

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, and for financial resources that have been accumulated to make future principal and interest payments on general long term indebtedness.

## NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

- **General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund**  
Used to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works involving the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of major or permanent facilities having a relatively long useful life and equipment purchased from the proceeds of long-term debt.
- **Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund**  
Utilized to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works for the construction or reconstruction of County roads and bridges and the acquisition of equipment not accounted for in the Road Fund.
- **Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund**  
Used to account for capital projects relating to the construction and acquisition of sewer facilities and equipment by the operating sewer districts.
- **Tobacco Proceeds Fund**  
Used to account for the net proceeds from the County's securitization of its share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry that will be used to fund capital projects that otherwise would have been supported by operating funds or the issuance of bonds
- **Special Capital Projects Fund**  
Utilized to account for capital projects administered by departments other than Public Works that are primarily for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment.
- **Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMCC) Capital Projects Fund**  
Utilized to account for capital projects that are for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment for the Erie County Medical Center Corporation

## Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

### Special Revenue

	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 2,313	\$ 14,410	\$ 484	\$ 1,006
Investments . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net of allowances)				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens . . . . .	-	-	794	-
Other . . . . .	-	-	-	584
Due from other funds . . . . .	-	46,451	-	-
Due from other governments . . . . .	571	1,446	-	499
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 2,884</b>	<b>\$ 62,307</b>	<b>\$ 1,278</b>	<b>\$ 2,089</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 46	\$ 329	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued liabilities . . . . .	2,328	422	1,278	138
Due to other funds . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Due to component unit . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Due to other governments . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Retained percentages payable . . . . .	-	4	-	-
Unearned revenue . . . . .	-	-	-	-
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs . . . . .	-	-	-	1,755
Debt service . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Other purposes . . . . .	510	61,552	-	196
<b>Total fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>61,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,951</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 2,884</b>	<b>\$ 62,307</b>	<b>\$ 1,278</b>	<b>\$ 2,089</b>

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## Combining Balance Sheet

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

### Special Revenue

	Emergency Response	Grants	Community Development	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 1,197	\$ -	\$ 193	\$ 19,603
Investments . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net of allowances) Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens . . . . .	-	-	-	794
Other . . . . .	-	1,258	28,780	30,622
Due from other funds . . . . .	-	-	-	46,451
Due from other governments . . . . .	217	10,098	154	12,985
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 1,414</b>	<b>\$ 11,356</b>	<b>\$ 29,127</b>	<b>\$ 110,455</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ -	\$ 633	\$ 240	\$ 1,248
Accrued liabilities . . . . .	-	1,696	111	5,973
Due to other funds . . . . .	-	7,881	-	7,881
Due to component unit . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Due to other governments . . . . .	-	10	1	11
Retained percentages payable . . . . .	-	-	-	4
Unearned revenue . . . . .	-	1,136	28,775	29,911
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,356</b>	<b>29,127</b>	<b>45,028</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs . . . . .	-	-	-	1,755
Debt service . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Other purposes . . . . .	1,414	-	-	63,672
<b>Total fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,427</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 1,414</b>	<b>\$ 11,356</b>	<b>\$ 29,127</b>	<b>\$ 110,455</b>

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## Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	<b>Capital Projects</b>				
	Debt Service	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ -	\$ 45,357	\$ 25,076	\$ 11,477	\$ 15
Investments . . . . .	-	-	-	-	200
Receivables (net of allowances) Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-
Other . . . . .	2	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds . . . . .	22,159	-	-	-	-
Due from other governments . . . . .	878	332	3,962	17	-
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 23,039</b>	<b>\$ 45,689</b>	<b>\$ 29,038</b>	<b>\$ 11,494</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>					
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 4	\$ 186	\$ 94	\$ 499	\$ -
Accrued liabilities . . . . .	48	-	399	260	-
Due to other funds . . . . .	11,183	975	6,251	5,052	-
Due to component unit . . . . .	2,909	-	-	-	-
Due to other governments . . . . .	-	-	1	-	-
Retained percentages payable . . . . .	-	472	-	640	-
Unearned revenue . . . . .	-	-	140	-	-
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>14,144</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>6,451</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>					
Restricted for:					
E-911 system costs . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service . . . . .	8,895	-	-	-	-
Assigned:					
Capital expenditures . . . . .	-	44,056	22,153	5,043	215
Other purposes . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>8,895</b>	<b>44,056</b>	<b>22,153</b>	<b>5,043</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 23,039</b>	<b>\$ 45,689</b>	<b>\$ 29,038</b>	<b>\$ 11,494</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>

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## Combining Balance Sheet

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

#### Capital Projects

	Special Capital Projects	ECMCC Capital Projects	Total	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	\$ 10,452	\$ 3,257	\$ 95,634	\$ 115,237
Investments . . . . .	-	-	200	200
Receivables (net of allowances)				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens . . . . .	-	-	-	794
Other . . . . .	-	-	-	30,624
Due from other funds . . . . .	-	-	-	68,610
Due from other governments . . . . .	-	-	4,311	18,174
<b>Total assets . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 10,452</b>	<b>\$ 3,257</b>	<b>\$ 100,145</b>	<b>\$ 233,639</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Accounts payable . . . . .	\$ 651	\$ -	\$ 1,430	\$ 2,682
Accrued liabilities . . . . .	-	3	662	6,683
Due to other funds . . . . .	855	2	13,135	32,199
Due to component unit . . . . .	-	-	-	2,909
Due to other governments . . . . .	-	-	1	12
Retained percentages payable . . . . .	291	19	1,422	1,426
Unearned revenue . . . . .	-	-	140	30,051
<b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16,790</b>	<b>75,962</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs . . . . .	-	-	-	1,755
Debt service . . . . .	-	-	-	8,895
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures . . . . .	8,655	3,233	83,355	83,355
Other purposes . . . . .	-	-	-	63,672
<b>Total fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>8,655</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>83,355</b>	<b>157,677</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 10,452</b>	<b>\$ 3,257</b>	<b>\$ 100,145</b>	<b>\$ 233,639</b>

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## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

Special Revenue				
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ 36,253	\$ 1,249	\$ -
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	1,159
Transfer taxes	1,598	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	11
Departmental	26	6,490	-	-
Interest	-	17	-	-
Miscellaneous	1	684	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>43,444</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,170</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
General government support	-	-	1,249	-
Public safety	-	-	-	1,322
Health	-	-	-	256
Transportation	6,629	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-
Home and community service	-	6,750	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>6,629</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,578</b>
<b>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(5,004)</b>	<b>36,694</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(408)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers in	3,528	-	-	360
Transfers out	-	(410)	-	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>(410)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>(1,476)</b>	<b>36,284</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(48)</b>
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,986	25,268	-	1,999
<b>Fund balances at end of three months</b>	<b>\$ 510</b>	<b>\$ 61,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,951</b>

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## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

#### Special Revenue

	Emergency Response	Grants	Community Development	Total
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,502
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	1,159
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	1,598
Intergovernmental	-	6,905	646	7,562
Departmental	-	421	320	7,257
Interest	-	-	-	17
Miscellaneous	-	85	-	770
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,411</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>55,865</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
General government support	-	1,416	-	2,665
Public safety	-	1,554	-	2,876
Health	-	1,742	-	1,998
Transportation	-	111	-	6,740
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	2,937	41	2,978
Education	-	20	-	20
Home and community service	-	132	925	7,807
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>25,084</b>
<b>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(501)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,781</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :</b>				
Transfers in	-	501	-	4,389
Transfers out	-	-	-	(410)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,979</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,760</b>
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,414	-	-	30,667
<b>Fund balances at end of three months</b>	<b>\$ 1,414</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 65,427</b>

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## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects				
	Debt Service	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	878	338	166	-	-
Departmental	-	-	46	-	-
Interest	167	14	-	7	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
General government support	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-
Health	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Home and community service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	1,164	801	1,133	-
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	7,521	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	2,814	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(9,290)</b>	<b>(812)</b>	<b>(589)</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) :</b>					
Transfers in	13,883	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>13,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>(812)</b>	<b>(589)</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>44,868</b>	<b>22,742</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Fund balances at end of three months</b>	<b>\$ 8,895</b>	<b>\$ 44,056</b>	<b>\$ 22,153</b>	<b>\$ 5,043</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>

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## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects			Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Special Capital Projects	ECMCC Capital Projects	Total	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,502
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	1,159
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	1,598
Intergovernmental	-	-	504	8,944
Departmental	-	-	46	7,303
Interest	-	-	21	205
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	770
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>57,481</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
General government support	-	-	-	2,665
Public safety	-	-	-	2,876
Health	-	-	-	1,998
Transportation	-	-	-	6,740
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	2,978
Education	-	-	-	20
Home and community service	-	-	-	7,807
Capital outlay	1,445	-	4,543	4,543
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	7,521
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	2,814
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>39,962</b>
<b>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,972)</b>	<b>17,519</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	-	18,272
Transfers out	-	-	-	(410)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,862</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,972)</b>	<b>35,381</b>
Fund balances at beginning of year	10,100	3,233	87,327	122,296
<b>Fund balances at end of three months</b>	<b>\$ 8,655</b>	<b>\$ 3,233</b>	<b>\$ 83,355</b>	<b>\$ 157,677</b>

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## **LIBRARY COMPONENT UNIT**

The financial data shown for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is derived from records maintained on its behalf by the County. The Library does not issue separate financial statements. The inclusion of the Library as a component unit in the County's financial statements reflects the County's financial accountability for this legally separate entity.

## Balance Sheet

Library Component Unit

March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Library
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 17,683
Receivables (net of allowances)	
Other .....	55
Due from primary government .....	3,849
Due from other governments .....	812
Prepaid items .....	-
<b>Total assets .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,399</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Accounts payable .....	\$ 218
Accrued liabilities .....	424
Unearned revenue .....	553
<b>Total liabilities .....</b>	<b>1,195</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>	
Nonspendable .....	-
Committed .....	4,119
Assigned .....	649
Unassigned .....	16,436
<b>Total fund balances .....</b>	<b>21,204</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,399</b>

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

### Library Component Unit

For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	<u>Library</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
Real property taxes and tax items .....	\$ 19,872
Intergovernmental .....	321
Departmental .....	138
Interest .....	1
Miscellaneous .....	15
<b>Total revenues .....</b>	<b>20,347</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
Current:	
Culture and recreation .....	6,672
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>6,672</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures .....</b>	<b>13,675</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances .....</b>	<b>13,675</b>
<b>Fund balance at beginning of year .....</b>	<b>7,529</b>
<b>Fund balances at end of three months .....</b>	<b>\$ 21,204</b>

# **INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Investment Report**

January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012

In accordance with the Comptroller's Investment Guidelines, the Investment Report for the first three months of 2012 is hereby submitted. The primary objectives of the investment program, as set out in established guidelines, are as follows in order of importance:

- compliance with legal requirements
- safeguarding of principal
- ensuring sufficient liquidity
- obtaining a reasonable rate of return

Our cash management program offers the County a good return on its investments without assuming unnecessary risks. A total of 354 investments were made during the first three months, resulting in \$240,770 in total interest earnings for all funds. The weighted average yield for the first three months was .39%. For comparison, during the first three months of 2011, 376 investments were effectuated which generated \$326,522 in total interest earnings for all funds at an average weighted yield of .55%.

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS PURCHASED**

	Number of Investments Jan. - March		Average Investment (in millions) Jan. - March		Average Length of Investment (days) Jan. - March	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
JP Morgan Chase, N.A.	346	368	\$35.6	\$21.5	4	4
Citizens Bank	N/A	3	N/A	.2	N/A	29
Bank of America	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	6	5	10.0	43.7	24	5
Key Bank, N.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manufacturers & Traders	2	N/A	9.2	N/A	30	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>376</b>				

**Investment Report**

January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012

**SUMMARY OF INTEREST EARNINGS BY FUND**

	General Fund	Trust Fund	Capital Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
1st Quarter	\$117,016	\$17,983	\$88,223	\$17,548	\$240,770
Year to date	\$117,016	\$17,983	\$88,223	\$17,548	\$240,770

Please note the 2012 Adopted Budget General Fund interest earnings is \$700,000. The actual year to date earnings for the General Fund as of March 31, 2012 is \$117,016. For comparison, as of March 31, 2011, the General Fund interest earnings were \$136,550.

**SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (ALL FUNDS)**

Month	Weighted Average Yield	
	2012	2011
January	.41%	.55%
February	.39%	.54%
March	.38%	.55%
Weighted Average Jan. - March	.39%	.55%

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

As a matter of procedure, the Erie County Comptroller's Office does not report public projections regarding future cash flows or other results. However, the Comptroller's Office has prepared projected cash flow information, set forth in the following schedule, to present the projected cumulative cash flow of Erie County for the year ending December 31, 2012.

The projected financial information is subject to change based on various intervening factors, and was not produced to comply with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information. Rather, it was prepared by the Comptroller's Office based on data provided by the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and other sources to reflect the best and currently available estimates and judgments, and presents, to the best of the Comptroller's Office's knowledge, the expected future cash flow of the County.

This information is not static or audited, and should not be relied upon as indicative of future results.

**NEITHER THE COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS NOR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS HAVE COMPILED, EXAMINED OR PERFORMED ANY PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROSPECTIVE CASH FLOW INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON SUCH INFORMATION OR ITS ACHIEVABILITY, AND ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND DISCLAIM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH, THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.**

**COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

**Cash Flow Statement**

January-March Actual, April To December Projected  
2012

Description	Actual January	Actual February	Actual March	Projected April	Projected May
Opening Balance .....	\$ 46,643,771				
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
DSS .....	\$ 17,353,532	\$ 7,988,254	\$ 41,877,343	\$ 3,468,570	\$ 2,078,083
Sales Tax .....	53,135,241	57,002,694	48,542,752	63,405,268	52,844,011
Real Property Tax .....	4,385,875	43,730,394	206,427,594	24,720,900	7,030,608
Other .....	36,239,734	18,314,049	36,165,420	(3,177,209)	7,908,778
RAN Proceeds .....	-	-	-	-	-
EFSCA Set Aside Release .....	1,010,093	-	1,074,082	661,200	13,370,257
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>158,768,246</b>	<b>127,035,391</b>	<b>334,087,191</b>	<b>89,078,729</b>	<b>83,231,737</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
DSS .....	34,200,759	29,988,328	31,258,989	34,321,152	30,968,429
Payroll .....	30,037,283	24,181,661	34,049,486	25,674,604	24,732,711
Vendor .....	34,136,910	56,989,542	101,669,051	56,929,998	29,475,827
Debt Service .....	2,956,710	25,977	5,160,263	6,230,130	955,921
RAN Set Asides Oct '11 .....	-	18,500,000	14,800,000	25,700,000	16,000,000
ECFSA Bond Set Asides .....	2,351,553	2,351,553	2,351,545	2,351,445	2,314,244
ECFSA Debt Service .....	1,010,093	-	1,074,081	661,200	13,370,257
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>104,693,308</b>	<b>132,037,061</b>	<b>190,363,415</b>	<b>151,868,529</b>	<b>117,817,389</b>
<b>Monthly Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ 54,074,938</b>	<b>\$ (5,001,670)</b>	<b>\$ 143,723,776</b>	<b>\$ (62,789,800)</b>	<b>\$ (34,585,652)</b>
<b>Cumulative Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ 54,074,938</b>	<b>\$ 49,073,268</b>	<b>\$ 192,797,044</b>	<b>\$ 130,007,244</b>	<b>\$ 95,421,592</b>

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**COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

**Cash Flow Statement**

January-March Actual, April To December Projected  
2012

Description	Projected June	Projected July	Projected August	Projected September	Projected October
Opening Balance .....					
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
DSS .....	\$ 3,635,185	\$ 3,407,280	\$ 42,308,603	\$ 42,137,821	\$ 23,732,045
Sales Tax .....	71,451,563	48,326,989	54,923,095	53,973,469	70,124,860
Real Property Tax .....	5,267,451	4,609,355	3,728,427	3,293,945	2,585,033
Other .....	14,460,384	27,089,231	19,843,897	20,184,930	22,618,593
RAN Proceeds .....	-	-	-	-	40,000,000
EFSCA Set Aside Release .....	588,459	4,985,322	-	946,582	656,160
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>95,403,042</b>	<b>88,418,177</b>	<b>120,804,022</b>	<b>120,536,747</b>	<b>159,716,691</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
DSS .....	37,547,848	35,892,270	41,453,074	35,054,293	71,982,394
Payroll .....	25,440,712	28,299,093	38,101,751	25,985,845	24,533,600
Vendor .....	67,475,018	32,479,569	29,786,726	61,289,730	40,646,434
Debt Service .....	5,791,017	609,719	1,242,475	5,011,469	714,926
RAN Set Asides Oct '11 .....	13,000,000	-	-	-	-
ECFSA Bond Set Asides .....	2,574,337	2,574,337	2,574,337	2,574,337	2,574,337
ECFSA Debt Service .....	588,459	4,985,322	-	946,582	656,160
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>152,417,391</b>	<b>104,840,310</b>	<b>113,158,363</b>	<b>130,862,256</b>	<b>141,107,851</b>
<b>Monthly Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ (57,014,349)</b>	<b>\$ (16,422,133)</b>	<b>\$ 7,645,659</b>	<b>\$ (10,325,509)</b>	<b>\$ 18,608,840</b>
<b>Cumulative Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ 38,407,243</b>	<b>\$ 21,985,110</b>	<b>\$ 29,630,769</b>	<b>\$ 19,305,260</b>	<b>\$ 37,914,100</b>

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## Cash Flow Statement

January-March Actual, April To December Projected  
2012

Description	Projected November	Projected December	TOTAL
Opening Balance .....			
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
DSS .....	\$ 14,123,335	\$ 47,805,967	\$ 249,916,018
Sales Tax .....	52,800,460	74,278,702	700,809,104
Real Property Tax .....	4,116,783	3,882,356	313,778,721
Other .....	21,445,643	35,988,199	257,081,649
RAN Proceeds .....	-	-	40,000,000
EFSCA Set Aside Release .....	3,229,657	1,290,250	27,812,062
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>95,715,878</b>	<b>163,245,474</b>	<b>1,589,397,554</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
DSS .....	38,438,923	35,585,975	456,692,434
Payroll .....	25,084,611	29,482,022	335,603,379
Vendor .....	21,617,774	94,563,308	627,059,887
Debt Service .....	2,084,965	11,504,563	42,288,135
RAN Set Asides Oct '11 .....	-	-	88,000,000
ECFSA Bond Set Asides .....	2,592,858	2,592,858	29,777,741
ECFSA Debt Service .....	3,229,657	1,290,250	27,812,061
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>93,048,788</b>	<b>175,018,976</b>	<b>1,607,233,637</b>
<b>Monthly Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,667,090</b>	<b>\$ (11,773,502)</b>	<b>\$ (17,836,083)</b>
<b>Cumulative Cash Flow .....</b>	<b>\$ 40,581,190</b>	<b>\$ 28,807,688</b>	

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# **PROPERTY AND SALES TAX SUMMARY**

## Property Tax Collections

Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Gross Levy . . . . .	\$ 655,894,171	\$ 648,241,682
Less: Amount Retained by Towns . . . . .	(344,481,197)	(343,478,506)
Net Collectible by County . . . . .	<u>311,412,974</u>	<u>304,763,176</u>
Less: January - March Collections . . . . .	(251,089,789)	(245,869,639)
Net Outstanding at March 31 . . . . .	<u>\$ 60,323,185</u>	<u>\$ 58,893,537</u>
Percentage Collected through March 31 . . . . .	<u>80.6%</u>	<u>80.7%</u>

## Sales Tax Revenue

Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 and 2011

	2012 Adopted Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	March 2012 Y-T-D Revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	% of Budget Realized	2011 Adopted Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	March 2011 Y-T-D Revenue	% of Budget Realized
Sales And Use Tax . . . . .	\$ 155,253,226	\$ 36,270,216	23.4%	\$ 146,057,048	\$ 35,003,297	24.0%
1% Sales Tax - Erie County Purposes . . .	146,556,918	34,244,100	23.4%	138,543,491	33,044,494	23.9%
0.25% Sales Tax . . . . .	36,412,230	8,552,067	23.5%	34,053,618	8,231,252	24.2%
0.50% Sales Tax . . . . .	72,824,659	17,104,134	23.5%	68,106,288	16,462,503	24.2%
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 411,047,033</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 96,170,517</u></b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b><u>\$ 386,760,445</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 92,741,546</u></b>	<b>24.0%</b>

**Notes:**

(1) Through March 31, 2012 year to date, \$66,463,115 was recorded as both a revenue and an expenditure in the County's General Fund for sales tax shared with local municipalities. This revenue amount is excluded from the table above.

(2) Includes accrual estimate for portion to be received in May 2012.

## **DEBT SCHEDULES**

## Annual Debt Service Requirements for Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness of the County <sup>(1)</sup>

As of March 31, 2012

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service
2012 .....	\$ 40,927,268.01	\$ 19,312,258.84	\$ 60,239,526.85 <sup>(1)</sup>
2013 .....	44,094,123.50	19,660,618.89	63,754,742.39
2014 .....	44,824,506.01	17,691,344.86	62,515,850.87
2015 .....	45,728,125.01	15,770,962.41	61,499,087.42
2016 .....	44,571,938.01	13,776,522.46	58,348,460.47
2017 .....	45,884,180.01	11,793,513.59	57,677,693.60
2018 .....	40,536,423.01	9,637,801.84	50,174,224.85
2019 .....	34,572,566.01	7,886,850.67	42,459,416.68
2020 .....	35,084,809.01	6,295,828.97	41,380,637.98
2021 .....	21,812,052.01	4,776,429.85	26,588,481.86
2022 .....	22,754,295.01	3,713,905.80	26,468,200.81
2023 .....	23,786,538.01	2,584,501.77	26,371,039.78
2024 .....	5,768,780.92	1,829,160.86	7,597,941.78
2025 .....	5,516,024.00	1,563,861.65	7,079,885.65
2026 .....	3,183,267.00	1,345,953.98	4,529,220.98
2027 .....	3,245,510.00	1,209,511.00	4,455,021.00
2028 .....	3,327,752.00	1,068,601.48	4,396,353.48
2029 .....	3,409,995.00	923,244.56	4,333,239.56
2030 .....	2,537,238.00	798,238.75	3,335,476.75
2031 .....	2,614,481.00	694,880.25	3,309,361.25
2032 .....	2,279,336.00	590,402.36	2,869,738.36
2033 .....	2,217,839.00	490,741.96	2,708,580.96
2034 .....	2,107,839.00	392,220.61	2,500,059.61
2035 .....	2,017,839.00	300,401.02	2,318,240.02
2036 .....	1,257,839.00	207,902.50	1,465,741.50
2037 .....	792,839.00	150,322.14	943,161.14
2038 .....	807,839.00	113,703.70	921,542.70
2039 .....	832,839.00	76,261.84	909,100.84
2040 .....	552,839.00	38,798.58	591,637.58
2041 .....	550,000.00	13,051.52	563,051.52
	<b>\$ 487,596,919.53</b>	<b>\$ 144,707,798.71</b>	<b>\$ 632,304,718.24</b>

SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Notes:

(1) Amount is net of debt service payments of \$10,334,053.52 made from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

**Direct General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding**

As of March 31, 2012

<b>Bonds:</b>		
Buildings and other Improvements . . . . .	\$ 131,642,301.53	
Highway Improvements . . . . .	110,804,566.45	
Court House Facilities . . . . .	58,881,714.88	
Sewer District Facilities . . . . .	78,310,648.83	
Hospital . . . . .	4,228,864.94 <sup>(1)</sup>	
First Niagara Center . . . . .	16,365,000.00	
Computer System . . . . .	16,395,135.52	
Ralph Wilson Stadium . . . . .	21,287,650.13	
Community College . . . . .	27,199,859.28	
Convention Center . . . . .	9,587,248.18	
Prison Facilities . . . . .	12,827,794.73	
Nursing Home . . . . .	66,135.06 <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Total Long-Term Debt . . . . .</b>		<b><u>487,596,919.53</u> <sup>(2)</sup></b>
Revenue Anticipation Notes . . . . .	<u>88,000,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Short-Term Debt . . . . .</b>		<b><u>88,000,000.00</u></b>
<b>Gross Direct Debt . . . . .</b>		<b>575,596,919.53</b>
<b>Exclusions :</b>		
Sewer District Debt . . . . .	78,310,648.83	
Budgeted Appropriations . . . . .	37,626,314.52	
Revenue Anticipation Notes . . . . .	<u>88,000,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Deductions . . . . .</b>		<b><u>203,936,963.35</u></b>
<b>Net Direct Debt . . . . .</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 371,659,956.18</u></u></b>

*SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office*

**Notes:**

(1) Pursuant to the agreement governing the sale of the County hospital and nursing home to Erie County Medical Center Corporation, the County continues to be directly responsible for the payment of certain bonded debt for these facilities. Bonded debt, in the amount of \$94,900,000 of Erie County Medical Center Corporation for which the County has indirect responsibility as guarantor, is not included above.

(2) This schedule reflects remaining principal for bonds issued from 1993 to 2012 by the County.

## Calculation of Constitutional Debt Limit

As of March 31, 2012

For Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Equalized Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property
2007 .....	\$40,477,680,885
2008 .....	42,445,603,001
2009 .....	44,382,615,337
2010 .....	46,120,909,981
2011 .....	46,738,119,900
Total five year full valuation .....	<u>\$ 220,164,929,104.00</u>
5 Year Average full valuation .....	<u>\$ 44,032,985,820.80</u>
Debt limit - 7% of average full valuation .....	<u>\$ 3,082,309,007.46</u>

Source: NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit

## Calculation of Total Net Indebtedness

As of March 31, 2012

Five year average full valuation ( 2007-2011) .....		<u>\$ 44,032,985,820.80</u>
Debt Limit - 7% of average full valuation .....		\$ 3,082,309,007.46
Outstanding Indebtedness:		
Bonds - General .....	409,286,270.70	
Bonds - Sewer .....	78,310,648.83	
Bond Guaranty - ECMCC <sup>(1)</sup> .....	94,900,000.00	
Revenue Anticipation Note .....	<u>88,000,000.00</u>	
Total Indebtedness .....	<u>670,496,919.53</u>	
Less Exclusions:		
Sewer Exclusion .....	78,310,648.83	
Revenue Anticipation Note .....	88,000,000.00	
Budgeted Appropriations .....	<u>37,626,314.52</u>	
Total Exclusions .....	<u>203,936,963.35</u>	
Total Net Indebtedness .....		<u>\$ 466,559,956.18</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin .....		<u>\$ 2,615,749,051.28</u>
Percentage of Debt Contracting Power Exhausted .....		<u>15.14%</u>

Note:

(1) Erie County Medical Center Corporation

## **MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL DATA**

## Property Tax Collection History

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31	Total General Property Tax Levy All Purposes <sup>(1)</sup>	Towns Levy <sup>(2)</sup>	Returned School Tax <sup>(3)</sup>	Collected in Year of Levy	Percentage Collected
2002 .....	\$ 430,565,663	\$ 235,033,457	\$ 13,899,502	\$ 416,506,625	96.73%
2003 .....	447,035,372	250,233,121	14,124,489	446,461,743	99.87%
2004 .....	464,433,235	265,812,020	14,152,464	463,669,059	99.84%
2005 .....	493,517,706	289,697,275	13,788,438	492,180,009	99.73%
2006 .....	540,580,523	303,202,950	14,103,478	528,350,674	97.74%
2007 .....	569,219,471	314,868,342	16,162,844	555,858,355	97.65%
2008 .....	590,816,323	317,148,178	17,053,523	575,132,293	97.35%
2009 .....	612,199,787	329,189,492	15,362,283	595,839,865	97.33%
2010 .....	638,372,017	335,712,346	16,958,457	622,129,949	97.46%
2011 .....	648,241,682	343,478,506	17,029,051	628,996,639	97.03%

**Sources:**

Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services.  
Erie County Govern Tax Collection System.

**Notes:**

(1) Includes Countywide property tax, all town taxes, and relieved village and school taxes. Does not include initial school district levies.

(2) Includes amount levied by the County for general town, special district, fire district and highway purposes. Also includes levy for Grand Island School District, the taxes for which are not separately levied in accordance with the procedure described above. All of such amounts are collected by the respective tax collectors in each town.

(3) Represents amount of school taxes returned to the County as uncollected as of December 1st in the year in which they are levied, which taxes are extended on the County rolls for subsequent collection together with other County taxes.

## Short-Term Borrowing History <sup>(1)</sup>

1995 - 2012

Year	Amount	Type	Issue Date	Maturity Date
1995	\$ 80,000,000	RAN <sup>(2)</sup>	09/21/95	09/20/96
1996	40,000,000	RAN	04/18/96	04/17/97
1996	40,000,000	RAN	11/20/96	11/19/97
1997	40,000,000	RAN	06/26/97	06/25/98
1997	40,000,000	RAN	10/30/97	10/29/98
1998	60,000,000	RAN	10/14/98	10/13/99
1999	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	43,000,000	RAN	09/18/02	09/17/03
2003	90,000,000	RAN	06/24/03	06/23/04
2004	82,500,000	RAN	07/14/04	07/13/05
2005	80,000,000	RAN	03/11/05	03/10/06
2005	80,000,000	RAN	07/14/05	07/13/06
2006	110,000,000	RAN	06/13/06	06/13/07
2007	75,000,000	RAN	06/27/07	06/27/08
2008	75,000,000	RAN	09/30/08	06/30/09
2009	103,534,867	BAN <sup>(3)</sup>	05/20/09	05/18/10
2009	65,000,000	RAN	10/27/09	06/30/10
2010	45,000,000	RAN	08/12/10	06/30/11
2010	20,000,000	RAN	12/14/10	04/14/11
2011	88,000,000	RAN	10/06/11	06/29/12

**Notes:**

(1) Excludes all Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") issued by the Environmental Facilities Corporation.

(2) Revenue Anticipation Notes ("RANs") may be issued in any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection or receipt of taxes (other than real property taxes) and certain other types of revenue which are due and payable in such fiscal year and moneys to be received from the State or Federal government which are due in such fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, such notes must mature within one year after the date of issuance, and may be renewed from time to time for periods of up to one year; however, the maturity of such notes, including renewals, may not extend beyond the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such notes were originally issued.

On October 6, 2011, the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority ("ECFSA") issued a BAN totaling \$87,395,000 with an interest rate of 0.44%. On the same date, the ECFSA paid the County \$88,000,000 for the County's RAN. The RAN matures on June 29, 2012 with an interest rate of 0.65%.

The issuance of RANs has been necessitated, in part, by the State's practice of requiring local governments to pay 100% of the expenditures for various programs in advance, and then providing subsequent, often delayed reimbursement for the non-local share.

(3) BANs may be issued in anticipation of bond proceeds to be received at a later date. On May 17, 2010, the BANs were paid by the issuance of long-term general obligation bonds by the ECFSA pursuant to an agreement entered into by the parties.

**Outstanding Long-Term Direct Indebtedness <sup>(1)</sup>**

Last Ten Fiscal Years

As of December 31

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount (2)</u>
2002 .....	256,295,578
2003 .....	327,032,146
2004 .....	384,124,771
2005 .....	446,656,115
2006 .....	460,910,906
2007 .....	423,582,245
2008 .....	379,245,466
2009 .....	336,954,031
2010 .....	448,722,294
2011 .....	416,691,804

*Sources:*

*Erie County Basic Financial Statements – 2002-2010 (Audited)*

*Erie County Basic Financial Statements – 2011 (Unaudited)*

*Note:*

*(1) Excludes all sewer debt payable from special assessments.*

*(2) Excludes ECMCC bond guaranty of \$101,375,000 for 2004-2008, \$99,305,000 for 2009, \$97,150,000 for 2010 and \$94,900,000 for 2011.*

## Valuations, Tax Levies and Rates

Last Five Fiscal Years

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Assessed Valuation . . . . .	\$ 35,707,718,703	\$ 35,467,308,165	\$ 34,922,263,145	\$ 33,446,388,926	\$ 32,158,167,722
Equalized Full Valuation . . . .	47,235,307,048	46,738,119,997	46,194,212,750	44,434,521,055	42,866,825,529
Levied for County Purposes <sup>(1)</sup> . . . . .	237,692,831	235,182,208	232,413,974	223,306,326	211,837,793
Rates for \$1,000 of Equalized Full Valuation . . . . .	\$5.03	\$5.03	\$5.03	\$5.03	\$4.94

**Sources:**

*2008: Annual Adopted Budget Messages & Summaries*

*2009-2012 Assessed and Equalized Full Valuations: 2009-2012 Budget Messages & Summaries*

*2009-2012 Levied for County Purposes: 2009-2012 Adopted Budgets*

**Note:**

*(1) Includes County and Library property taxes, but excludes taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.*

## Computation of Constitutional Taxing Power for 2012 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Tax Year	Full Valuation
2008 .....	42,445,603,001
2009 .....	44,382,615,337
2010 .....	46,120,909,981
2011 .....	46,738,119,900
2012 .....	47,237,059,981
Total .....	\$ 226,924,308,200
Five-Year Average Full Valuation .....	\$ 45,384,861,640
Tax Limit (1.5%) <sup>(2)</sup> .....	680,772,925
Total Exclusions .....	68,553,846
Total Taxing Power .....	749,326,771
Total Levy for 2012 <sup>(3)</sup> .....	249,748,640
Tax Margin <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$ 499,578,131

**Notes:**

*(1) Data excerpted from the County's Constitutional Tax Limit Report, which is filed with the State Comptroller.*

*(2) New York State Constitutional Tax Limit equals 1.5% of Five-Year Average Full Valuation. By Amendment to the County Charter, the County has limited its annual property tax levy to one per centum (1.0%) of the five year average of full valuation. The County's 2012 total taxing power under this local law is \$522,402,462 leaving a tax margin of \$272,653,822.*

*(3) Includes County and Library property taxes, taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.*