

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Substantial Amendment to the 2016 Action Plan Components to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan as prepared for the Erie County/Town of West Seneca Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium and Erie County/Town of Hamburg/Town of West Seneca HOME Consortium.

A. SUMMARY:

Erie County and the Towns of Hamburg and West Seneca have prepared a 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (CP) for the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs for the following participating municipalities: Cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda; Towns of Alden, Aurora, Boston, Brant, Clarence, Colden, Collins, Concord, Eden, Elma, Evans, Grand Island, Hamburg, Holland, Lancaster, Marilla, Newstead, North Collins, Orchard Park, Sardinia, Wales, and West Seneca; Villages of Akron, Angola, Blasdell, Depew, East Aurora, Farnham, Gowanda, Hamburg, Lancaster, North Collins, Orchard Park, and Springville.

The Erie County Community Development Consortium has received \$2,667,590 in CDBG funds from a Regional Development Corporation loan fund that was partially funded with CDBG funds. The following describes a proposed amendment which adds projects in the Action Plan Component for the 2016 year:

1. **2016 Substantial Amendment**

1) **New Projects- All CDBG Funds**

1) **Community Projects-**

Town of West Seneca- Boncroft/Bellwood, Thorndale/Tindle Road Reconstruction	\$123,759
Village of Depew- Terrace/St. Mary's Sidewalk Replacement	\$104,000
Village of Springville- Franklin/Church Waterline Replacement	\$141,055
Village of Angola- Lorain Street Waterline Replacement	\$133,200
City of Tonawanda- Dodge/Moyle/Wheeler- Sanitary Sewer Re-lining	\$150,000
Town of Collins- L.K. Painter Community Center- Roof Replacement	\$150,000
Town of Wales- Town Park Improvements	\$103,000

2) **Planning/Administration- Municipal Comprehensive Master Plans-** \$470,000
The project will fund municipal master plans for consortium communities along with solid waste and solar ordinance studies.

3) **Smart Growth Funding-** \$325,000
Funding for a smart growth project in the Town of Evans- Kennedy Road Sidewalk Installation

4) **City of Lackawanna Infrastructure Improvements-** \$500,000
Project will fund the demolition of deteriorated buildings on the former Bethlehem Steel site along with road infrastructure improvements in the first ward neighborhood of the City.

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| 5) Housing Rehabilitation- Funding for Lead Remediation Program- | \$400,000 |
| Assist low income homeowners with housing repairs who have children 6 and under who have tested to have high levels of lead. | |
| 6) Buffalo Erie and Niagara Land Improvement Corp. (BENLIC)- | \$67,576 |
| Funding for a pilot demolition project for deteriorated properties in tax foreclosure. | |

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Public comment period on this amendment will be held from: December 19, 2016 to January 19, 2017. Copies of the amendment are available at the following locations: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1053, Buffalo; Public Libraries in the Cities of Buffalo (Main Branch), Lackawanna and Tonawanda; Villages of Akron, Angola, and Hamburg; and the Towns of Concord and Lancaster. The amendment can also be viewed at the Erie County web site www.erie.gov.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing is scheduled for January 3, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 1004, Edward A. Rath County Office Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. Persons with special needs should contact Paul J. D’Orlando at the Department of Environment and Planning at (716) 858-2194.
- C. CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Paul J. D’Orlando at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1014, Buffalo, New York 14202, at (716) 858-2194, and Paul.D’Orlando@erie.gov.

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