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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 10, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street,, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services: 2013 - 2017

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning supporting an Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services.

If your honorable body requires any further information, please contact Dale J. Morris at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

cc: Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Environment and Planning
Re:	Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services: 2013- 2017
Date:	June 26, 2012

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Legislature adopt the attached resolution. The resolution authorizes the County Executive to enter into an Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services. This extends an existing IMA for Shared GIS Services which covered the period 2008 - 2012, that will expire at the end of 2012.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Erie County will receive annual payments from Niagara County for GIS services for the term of the five-year agreement, starting in 2013. These amounts are: Year 1 - $25,620, Year 2 - $26,902, Year 3 - $28,247, Year 4 - $29,659, Year 5 - $31,142.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services will provide a legal framework for specifying items such as the scope of the shared services, the payments from Niagara County to Erie County, and the legal protections for each county.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed IMA is for a new five-year term for the period 2013 - 2017, and is based on an existing five-year IMA with Niagara County. The existing IMA, covering the term 2008 - 2012, expires at the end of 2012.

Erie County currently operates an enterprise level Geographic Information System (GIS). Niagara County is seeking to continue a partnership with Erie County to avoid duplicating GIS services which Erie County can provide. Sharing of these services benefits both counties through cost avoidance and cost sharing in the areas of Internet mapping, data and application development, and data security.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to enter into the Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services will mean that each county will continue to develop their own Geographic Information. This will result in a significant duplication of expenditures and difficulty in sharing GIS applications that could be of mutual benefit.

STEPS FOLLOWNG APPROVAL

The County Executive will be authorized to execute an "Erie County/ Niagara County Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Geographic Information System Services".

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Erie County / Niagara County
Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared
Geographic Information System
Services: 2013- 2017

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership "Who Does What" Commission's Niagara County Study conducted in 2003 recommended that Niagara County implement a county-wide GIS system and in addition recommended that Niagara County would be best served by entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Erie County for GIS services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has an existing enterprise-level GIS system, consisting of significant investments in computer hardware, software, communications, staff, and applications (such as an Internet Mapping System); and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Counties entered into a five-year Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared GIS Services in 2008, which will expire at the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Erie and Niagara Counties desire to continue the mutually beneficial IMA for Shared GIS Services for another five-year term covering the period 2013 - 2017; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has agreed to compensate Erie County for GIS services rendered in support of the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement; and

WHEREAS, sharing of GIS services between Erie and Niagara Counties will avoid duplication of GIS services in the future between the two counties and will promote cost savings in the provision of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Executive is authorized to enter an Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared GIS Services between Erie and Niagara for a five-year term covering the period 2013 - 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County will receive annual payments from Niagara County for GIS services for the five-year term in the amounts of: Year 1 - $25,620, Year 2 - $26,902, Year 3 - $28,247, Year 4 - $29,659, Year 5 - $31,142. These revenues, totaling $141,570, shall be recorded in commitment item 420270 (GIS Services-Other Governments); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the County Attorney; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Director of Data Processing; the County Comptroller; and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.