

# SUSPENSION



## COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 11, 2012

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

**Re: HAVA Funds for Sprague Brook Parking Lot**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authority to receive HAVA funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 from New York State for work done by the County at Sprague Brook Park. The resolution also requests permission to reimburse our capital projects for the funds spent on the Sprague Brook parking lot.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Tobe".

By: Richard M. Tobe  
Deputy County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry  
Re: HAVA Funds for Sprague Brook Parking Lot  
Date: July 9, 2012

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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry used capital project funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 to repair the Sprague Brook Park Casino parking lot. The Casino at Sprague Brook is an Erie County voting site and the repair of the parking lot created a more accessible location for voters with disabilities. This repair qualifies for HAVA reimbursement.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Receipt of \$60,000.00 in HAVA funds will free up the capital dollars used and allow for additional renovations in the Parks Department.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has very limited general and capital funding and has a large number of renovations which it would like to accomplish.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under the Help American Vote Act, funds used to repair official voting sites for providing handicap accessibility can qualify for New York State HAVA reimbursement.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Parks Department will not be reimbursed for \$60,000.00 and additional renovations will not be done.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The HAVA funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 will be reimbursed to the Parks Department's capital projects and utilized for new renovations.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY**

**RE: HAVA Funds for Sprague Brook Parking Lot**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry spent \$60,000.00 from two capital projects to repair the parking lot at the Sprague Brook Casino; and**

**WHEREAS, the Sprague Brook Casino is an official Erie County voting site; and**

**WHEREAS, this repair to provide handicap accessibility qualifies for New York State HAVA funding.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept \$60,000.00 in HAVA funding from New York; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the following capital projects in order to utilize the HAVA reimbursement, in the amounts indicated, for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry:**

**Fund 410**

<b>Project A.21012 – Roads, Pathways and Parking Lot Repairs</b>	<b>\$36,785.76</b>
<b>Project A.21010 – Countywide Parks Improvements</b>	<b>\$23,214.24</b>

**and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Erie County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Erie County Comptroller.**