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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 17, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Ontario Street Boat Launch/Black Rock Canal Park – New York State Power Authority Funding (Greenway)

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a suggested resolution and accompanying memorandum authorizing acceptance of $325,000 in grant funds from the New York State Power Authority through the Niagara Relicensing Settlement Agreement. The monies will be used to further improvements at the County's Ontario Street Boat Launch aka Black Rock Canal Park.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Thomas J. Dearing in the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
CC: Maria R. Whyte
Thomas J. Dearing

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Environment and Planning
Re:	Ontario Street Boat Launch/Black Rock Canal Park – New York State Power Authority Funding (Greenway)
Date:	July 16, 2012

SUMMARY

The resolution authorizes the County Executive to receive $325,000 in New York State Power Authority (Greenway) monies for improvements to the County's Ontario Street Boat Launch /Black Rock Canal Park in the City of Buffalo. The park is located along the Niagara River at the intersection of Niagara and Ontario Streets.

FISCAL IMPACT

County matching funds are not required to receive the New York State Power Authority monies.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In order to properly account for the New York State Power Authority funds, adjustments are necessary to SAP Project # A.21016 within the Erie County Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The grant funds allow for the continuation of Black Rock Canal Park improvements as proposed by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning in conjunction with the Black Rock Canal Park Advisory Committee. The improvements will primarily focus on improved entry/egress, road enhancement, and landscaping work.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County would forego an opportunity to obtain $325,000 for needed park improvements.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

A revenue increase in the amount of $325,000 will be made to the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning SAP Project # A.21016 within the Erie County Budget. It will be noted as "Other Local Source Revenue".

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Ontario Street Boat Launch/ Black Rock Canal Park – New York State Power Authority Funding (Greenway)

WHEREAS, a Project for Ontario Street Boat Launch/Black Rock Canal Park improvements was awarded $325,000 in New York State Power Authority (Greenway) monies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept $325,000 in New York State Power Authority funding (Greenway) for improvements to the Ontario Street Boat Launch/Black Rock Canal Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to complete the following budget adjustment to SAP Project #A.21016 within the Erie County Budget

- Increase Revenue: Appropriations totaling $325,000 as follows:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Commitment Item #409010 (Other Local Source Revenue)	($325,000)
<u>Appropriation</u>	
Commitment Item #516020 (Professional Services – Contractual Fees)	$325,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with Federal, State, and New York State Power Authority funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office; the Comptroller's Office; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; and the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, Rath Building, 10th Floor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.