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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COMPTROLLER

July 30, 2012

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

Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
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 six month period ended June 30, 2012 (i.e., "Second Quarter 2012"). The Report, which is enclosed for your review, consists of the following elements:

- Financial Statements
- Investment Report
- Cash Flow Statement
- Property Tax 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 County's 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.

The final adjusted sales tax revenue amount for the First Quarter of 2012 was $96,233,519 compared to $93,809,038 for the First Quarter of 2011, an increase of 2.6%.

During first six months of 2012, the County experienced an estimated 2.73% increase in sales tax revenue, compared to the first six months of 2011. The final revenue amounts at June 30, 2012 will be known to the County in mid-August.

Real Property Taxes

Through June 30, 2012, the County has received 90.4% of the $311,412,974 that was levied and is collectible for County purposes, the same percentage as of June 30, 2011. Taxes remaining to be collected are at $30,038,210, compared to $29,170,042 at June 30, 2011.

2012 Capital Borrowing

On March 29, 2012 the County Legislature approved the County Executive's 2012 Consolidated Bond

Resolution for capital projects amounting to approximately $36.7 million, of which approximately $21.2 million is approved to be bonded. Taking into account the 2011 authorization of $3 million for the new polar bear exhibit at the Buffalo Zoological Gardens, approximately $24.2 million was authorized to be bonded.

My office is working with our lead underwriter, Citigroup and co-underwriters M & T Securities, Inc. and Ramirez & Co., Inc. There are seven additional underwriters in the lending group. This will enable us to reach the most investors and obtain the best rate. The transaction is scheduled to close on August 14.

Short-term Borrowing in 2012

My office projects that the County will require up to an $80 million revenue anticipation note ("RAN") to be issued in October 2012. This represents an increase over our initial projections in the First Quarter Report, due in large measure to an increase in the Disproportionate Share ("DSH") and Upper Payment Limit ("UPL") payments associated with ECMCC that the County is required to make under federal law and as administered by the New York State Department of Health ("DOH"). The County had budgeted $16.2 million for 2012 however the payments could be as high as $51 million.

While DOH has not yet formally announced and directed the County to make the majority of these payment obligations, the County anticipates such notifications to be made and payments required between September and December 2012. Although ECMCC management has given the County assurances that the payments will be budget neutral through the use of credits, offsets and other mechanisms, no formal agreement can be reached until the payment(s) can be quantified.

Future Concerns

Budget Modernization Act ("BMA")

The BMA, passed by the Erie County Legislature on July 12, 2012 brings the Charter's fund balance language into compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 ("GASB #54"), *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. However, the BMA does not create a comprehensive fund balance policy as recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association ("GFOA"), the main professional resource for government finance best practices. I am calling on the County Executive and the Legislature to work with my office to craft a well-developed and transparent comprehensive fund balance policy that (1) governs the use of the County's fund balances, (2) contains specific plans for replenishing the level of unassigned fund balance if it should fall below the 5% established level, and (3) includes a more flexible provision for non-general funds.

Sheriff's Division of Jail Management

The New York State Commission of Correction, the State agency which regulates and oversees the County Sheriff's Division of Jail Management, has directed the County to create 72 new sworn officer positions for the County's Holding Center and Correctional Facility between summer 2012 and the end of 2014. With State approval, the County is phasing-in the new positions starting with 15 for September 2012 and 30 new positions in 2013. The County has calculated an annual cost for the funding of these 72 positions at approximately $6 million.

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 from ECMCC, the Erie Community College, the Erie County Tobacco Securitization 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.

Note that the 2011 information contained in this report (e.g. 2011 beginning fund balance) has been finalized – the County's annual independent audit has been completed and the 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been released.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at 716-858-8400.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Shenk
Erie County Comptroller

DJS/nr
Enclosure

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

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Erie County Comptroller's Office

DAVID J. SHENK

Erie County Comptroller

JULY 30, 2012

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Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 20,905	$ 60,562	$ 81,467
Investments	-	200	200
Receivables (net of allowances)			
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	81,133	573	81,706
Other	7,486	30,234	37,720
Due from other funds	34,778	27,287	62,065
Due from other governments	221,330	17,503	238,833
Prepaid items	156	-	156
Loan receivable	300	-	300
Restricted cash	178	77,653	77,831
Total assets	$ 366,266	$ 214,012	$ 580,278
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	$ 2,358	$ 1,549	$ 3,907
Accrued liabilities	55,255	8,243	63,498
Due to other funds	5,585	37,708	43,293
Due to component unit	3,080	-	3,080
Due to other governments	7,768	1	7,769
Retained percentages payable	9	1,341	1,350
Unearned revenue	14,184	29,184	43,368
Deferred revenue	59,558	-	59,558
Total liabilities	147,797	78,026	225,823
FUND BALANCES:			
Nonspendable:			
Loan receivable	300	-	300
Prepaid items	156	-	156
Restricted for:			
Handicapped parking	111	-	111
Law enforcement	67	-	67
E-911 system costs	-	1,492	1,492
Debt service	-	9,590	9,590
Assigned:			
Capital expenditures	-	73,374	73,374
Other purposes	71,747	51,530	123,277
Unassigned	146,088	-	146,088
Total fund balances	218,469	135,986	354,455
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 366,266	$ 214,012	$ 580,278

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

For the six months ended June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Real property taxes and tax items	$ 222,784	$ 37,502	$ 260,286
Sales and use taxes	339,822	2,066	341,888
Transfer taxes	-	3,725	3,725
Intergovernmental	167,385	18,137	185,522
Departmental	40,969	10,215	51,184
Interest	637	2,473	3,110
Miscellaneous	2,594	2,210	4,804
Total revenues	774,191	76,328	850,519
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government support	185,845	4,051	189,896
Public safety	59,167	6,105	65,272
Health	34,131	3,783	37,914
Transportation	10,653	11,635	22,288
Economic assistance and opportunity	272,910	7,277	280,187
Culture and recreation	8,395	-	8,395
Education	38,418	41	38,459
Home and community service	1,028	24,151	25,179
Capital outlay	-	19,079	19,079
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	26,353	26,353
Interest and fiscal charges	479	11,469	11,948
Total expenditures	611,026	113,944	724,970
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	163,165	(37,616)	125,549
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	3,150	3,150
Sale of property	130	-	130
Transfers in	-	47,577	47,577
Transfers out	(60,961)	(2,245)	(63,206)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(60,831)	48,482	(12,349)
Net change in fund balances	102,334	10,866	113,200
Fund balances at beginning of year	116,135	125,120	241,255
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 218,469	$ 135,986	$ 354,455

Statement of Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund Utilities Aggregation Fund
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash	$ 789
Due from other governments	1,207
Total current assets	1,996
Total assets	1,996
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	190
Accrued liabilities	4
Total current liabilities	194
Total liabilities	194
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted	1,802
Total net assets	$ 1,802

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

For the six months ended June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund Utilities Aggregation Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Interfund revenues	$ 2,799
Other operating revenue	5,829
Total operating revenue	8,628
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Employee wages	18
Employee benefits	11
Utilities and telephone	9,364
Total operating expenses	9,393
Change in net assets	(765)
Total net assets - beginning	2,567
Total net assets at end of six months	$ 1,802

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets

Fiduciary Fund

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Agency Fund
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 28,578
Receivables:	
Other receivables	521
Bonds and securities held in custody	17
Total assets	$ 29,116
LIABILITIES:	
Held in custody for others	$ 29,116
Total liabilities	$ 29,116

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. This fund is expected to be closed out during 2012.

- **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

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue			
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911
ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,973	$ 37,790	$ 93	$ 176
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net of allowances)				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	573	-
Other	-	-	-	584
Due from other funds	-	11,244	-	-
Due from other governments	817	75	-	33
Restricted cash	-	-	-	1,492
Total assets	$ 3,790	$ 49,109	$ 666	$ 2,285
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	$ 122	$ 180	$ -	$ 1
Accrued liabilities	1,682	1,211	658	306
Due to other funds	-	70	8	-
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-
Retained percentages payable	-	4	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,804	1,465	666	307
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs	-	-	-	1,492
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-
Other purposes	1,986	47,644	-	486
Total fund balances	1,986	47,644	-	1,978
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 3,790	$ 49,109	$ 666	$ 2,285

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue			
	Emergency Response	Grants	Community Development	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,197	$ -	$ -	$ 42,229
Investments	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net of allowances)				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	-	573
Other	-	989	28,661	30,234
Due from other funds	-	-	-	11,244
Due from other governments	217	11,806	193	13,141
Restricted cash	-	-	-	1,492
Total assets	$ 1,414	$ 12,795	$ 28,854	$ 98,913
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 544	$ 45	$ 892
Accrued liabilities	-	1,505	76	5,438
Due to other funds	-	10,383	72	10,513
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-
Retained percentages payable	-	-	-	4
Unearned revenue	-	383	28,661	29,044
Total liabilities	-	12,795	28,854	45,891
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs	-	-	-	1,492
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-
Other purposes	1,414	-	-	51,530
Total fund balances	1,414	-	-	53,022
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,414	$ 12,795	$ 28,854	$ 98,913

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 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
ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ -	$ 1,541	$ 8,232	$ 6,662	$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	200
Receivables (net of allowances)					
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	16,042	-	1	-	-
Due from other governments	658	346	3,341	17	-
Restricted cash	2,987	41,580	15,263	6,173	16
Total assets	$ 19,687	$ 43,467	$ 26,837	$ 12,852	$ 216
LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 209	$ 170	$ 39	$ -
Accrued liabilities	48	510	1,933	309	-
Due to other funds	10,049	899	9,330	5,659	-
Due to other governments	-	-	1	-	-
Retained percentages payable	-	269	-	672	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	140	-	-
Total liabilities	10,097	1,887	11,574	6,679	-
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for:					
E-911 system costs	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service	9,590	-	-	-	-
Assigned:					
Capital expenditures	-	41,580	15,263	6,173	216
Other purposes	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	9,590	41,580	15,263	6,173	216
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 19,687	$ 43,467	$ 26,837	$ 12,852	$ 216

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Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects			
	Special Capital Projects	ECMCC Capital Projects	Total	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,874	$ 24	$ 18,333	$ 60,562
Investments	-	-	200	200
Receivables (net of allowances)				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	-	573
Other	-	-	-	30,234
Due from other funds	-	-	1	27,287
Due from other governments	-	-	3,704	17,503
Restricted cash	6,909	3,233	73,174	77,653
Total assets	$ 8,783	$ 3,257	$ 95,412	$ 214,012
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	$ 239	$ -	$ 657	$ 1,549
Accrued liabilities	2	3	2,757	8,243
Due to other funds	1,256	2	17,146	37,708
Due to other governments	-	-	1	1
Retained percentages payable	377	19	1,337	1,341
Unearned revenue	-	-	140	29,184
Total liabilities	1,874	24	22,038	78,026
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
E-911 system costs	-	-	-	1,492
Debt service	-	-	-	9,590
Assigned:				
Capital expenditures	6,909	3,233	73,374	73,374
Other purposes	-	-	-	51,530
Total fund balances	6,909	3,233	73,374	135,986
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 8,783	$ 3,257	$ 95,412	$ 214,012

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the six months ended June 30, 2012
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue			
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911
REVENUES:				
Real property taxes and tax items	$ -	$ 38,253	$ 1,249	$ -
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	2,066
Transfer taxes	3,725	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	22
Departmental	66	8,001	-	-
Interest	-	55	-	-
Miscellaneous	5	685	-	-
Total revenues	3,796	44,994	1,249	2,088
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government support	-	-	1,249	-
Public safety	-	-	-	2,604
Health	-	-	-	532
Transportation	11,513	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	1	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-
Home and community service	-	21,863	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	11,514	21,863	1,249	3,136
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(7,718)	23,131	-	(1,048)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	7,718	-	-	1,026
Transfers out	-	(2,245)	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	7,718	(2,245)	-	1,026
Net change in fund balances	-	20,886	-	(22)
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,986	26,758	-	2,000
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 1,986	$ 47,644	$ -	$ 1,978

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the six months ended June 30, 2012
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Special Revenue			
	Emergency Response	Grants	Community Development	Total
REVENUES:				
Real property taxes and tax items	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 37,502
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	2,066
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	3,725
Intergovernmental	-	14,246	1,240	15,508
Departmental	-	1,052	902	10,021
Interest	-	-	-	55
Miscellaneous	-	529	-	1,219
Total revenues	-	15,827	2,142	70,096
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government support	-	2,802	-	4,051
Public safety	-	3,501	-	6,105
Health	-	3,251	-	3,783
Transportation	-	122	-	11,635
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	7,192	84	7,277
Education	-	41	-	41
Home and community service	-	230	2,058	24,151
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	17,139	2,142	57,043
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	-	(1,312)	-	13,053
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	1,312	-	10,056
Transfers out	-	-	-	(2,245)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	1,312	-	7,811
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	20,864
Fund balances at beginning of year	1,414	-	-	32,158
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 1,414	$ -	$ -	$ 53,022

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the six months ended June 30, 2012
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Debt Service	Capital Projects: General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Capital Projects: Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Capital Projects: Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements	Capital Projects: Tobacco Proceeds
REVENUES:					
Real property taxes and tax items	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	878	342	1,409	-	-
Departmental	-	147	47	-	-
Interest	2,389	14	-	15	-
Miscellaneous	991	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	4,258	503	1,456	15	-
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government support	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-
Health	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	-
Home and community service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	3,792	8,934	3,162	-
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	26,353	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	11,469	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	37,822	3,792	8,934	3,162	-
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(33,564)	(3,289)	(7,478)	(3,147)	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	3,150	-
Transfers in	37,521	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	37,521	-	-	3,150	-
Net change in fund balances	3,957	(3,289)	(7,478)	3	-
Fund balances at beginning of year	5,633	44,869	22,741	6,170	216
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 9,590	$ 41,580	$ 15,263	$ 6,173	$ 216

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the six months ended June 30, 2012
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects			
	Special Capital Projects	ECMCC Capital Projects	Total	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Real property taxes and tax items	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 37,502
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	2,066
Transfer taxes	-	-	-	3,725
Intergovernmental	-	-	1,751	18,137
Departmental	-	-	194	10,215
Interest	-	-	29	2,473
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	2,210
Total revenues	-	-	1,974	76,328
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
General government support	-	-	-	4,051
Public safety	-	-	-	6,105
Health	-	-	-	3,783
Transportation	-	-	-	11,635
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	7,277
Education	-	-	-	41
Home and community service	-	-	-	24,151
Capital outlay	3,191	-	19,079	19,079
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	26,353
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	11,469
Total expenditures	3,191	-	19,079	113,944
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	(3,191)	-	(17,105)	(37,616)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	3,150	3,150
Transfers in	-	-	-	47,577
Transfers out	-	-	-	(2,245)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	3,150	48,482
Net change in fund balances	(3,191)	-	(13,955)	10,866
Fund balances at beginning of year	10,100	3,233	87,329	125,120
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 6,909	$ 3,233	$ 73,374	$ 135,986

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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

June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Library
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 16,047
Receivables (net of allowances)	
Other	44
Due from primary government	1,917
Due from other governments	975
Total assets	$ 18,983
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	$ 90
Accrued liabilities	1,314
Unearned revenue	966
Total liabilities	2,370
FUND BALANCES:	
Committed	4,119
Assigned	567
Unassigned	11,927
Total fund balances	16,613
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 18,983

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Library Component Unit

For the six months ended June 30, 2012

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Library
REVENUES:	
Real property taxes and tax items	$ 19,872
Intergovernmental	659
Departmental	218
Interest	1
Miscellaneous	1,043
Total revenues	21,793
EXPENDITURES:	
Current:	
Culture and recreation	12,709
Total expenditures	12,709
Net change in fund balances	9,084
Fund balance at beginning of year	7,529
Fund balances at end of six months	$ 16,613

INVESTMENT REPORT

Investment Report

January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

In accordance with the Comptroller's Investment Guidelines, the Investment Report for the first six 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 714 investments were made during the first six months, resulting in $508,130 in total interest earnings for all funds. The weighted average yield for the first six months was .35%. For comparison, during the first six months of 2011, 793 investments were effectuated which generated $689,108 in total interest earnings for all funds at an average weighted yield of .51%.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS PURCHASED

	Number of Investments Jan - June		Average Investment (in millions) Jan – June		Average Length of Investment (days) Jan – June	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
JP Morgan Chase, N.A.	697	769	43.0	31.6	5	4
Citizens Bank	N/A	5	N/A	.2	N/A	31
Bank of America	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	9	13	1.7	20.6	12	18
Key Bank, N.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manufacturers & Traders	8	6	23.6	9.4	30	30
Totals	714	793				

Investment Report

January 1, 2012 through June 30, 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
2nd Quarter	$138,435	$20,296	$71,212	$36,917	$267,360
Year to date	$255,451	$38,279	$159,935	$54,465	$508,130

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 June 30, 2012 is $255,451. For comparison, as of June 30, 2011, the General Fund interest earnings were $304,558.

SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (ALL FUNDS)

Month	Weighted Average Yield	
	2012	2011
January	.41%	.55%
February	.39%	.54%
March	.38%	.55%
April	.33%	.53%
May	.29%	.44%
June	.27%	.44%
Weighted Average Jan. – Jun.	.35%	.51%

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.

Cash Flow Statement

January-June Actual, July To December Projected
2012

Description	Actual January	Actual February	Actual March	Actual April	Actual May
Opening Balance	$ 46,643,771				
RECEIPTS:					
DSS	$ 17,353,532	$ 7,988,254	$ 41,877,343	$ 1,892,339	$ 1,576,016
Sales Tax	53,135,241	57,002,694	48,542,752	61,053,182	52,676,105
Real Property Tax	4,385,875	43,730,394	206,427,594	26,759,322	6,988,335
Other	36,239,734	18,314,049	36,165,420	(15,285,740)	3,375,728
RAN Proceeds	-	-	-	-	
EFSCA Set Aside Release	1,010,093	-	1,074,082	661,200	13,370,257
Total Receipts	158,768,246	127,035,391	334,087,191	75,080,303	77,986,441
DISBURSEMENTS:					
DSS	34,200,759	29,988,328	31,258,989	30,452,459	34,857,385
Payroll	30,037,283	24,181,661	34,049,486	21,557,231	24,523,351
Vendor	34,136,910	56,989,542	101,669,051	54,829,646	30,779,079
Debt Service	2,956,710	25,977	5,160,263	6,230,130	955,919
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	2,314,243
ECFSA Debt Service	1,010,093	-	1,074,081	661,200	13,370,256
Total Disbursements	104,693,308	132,037,061	190,363,415	141,782,111	122,800,213
Monthly Cash Flow	$ 54,074,938	$ (5,001,670)	$ 143,723,776	$ (66,701,808)	$ (44,813,772)
Cumulative Cash Flow	$ 54,074,938	$ 49,073,268	$ 192,797,044	$ 126,095,236	$ 81,281,464

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Cash Flow Statement

January-June Actual, July To December Projected
2012

Description	Actual June	Projected July	Projected August	Projected September	Projected October
Opening Balance					
RECEIPTS:					
DSS	$ 26,785,782	$ 3,407,280	$ 42,308,603	$ 37,137,821	$ 23,732,045
Sales Tax	70,229,380	48,326,989	54,923,095	53,973,469	69,124,880
Real Property Tax	4,405,492	4,609,355	3,728,427	3,293,945	2,585,033
Other	24,753,952	27,089,231	19,843,897	20,184,930	16,818,592
RAN Proceeds	-	-	-	-	80,000,000
EFSCA Set Aside Release	588,459	4,985,322	-	946,582	656,160
Total Receipts	126,763,065	88,418,177	120,804,023	115,536,747	192,716,690
DISBURSEMENTS:					
DSS	35,408,688	30,892,270	41,453,074	40,054,293	89,592,894
Payroll	25,078,688	28,299,093	38,101,751	25,985,845	25,533,600
Vendor	80,258,394	32,479,569	29,786,726	61,289,730	40,646,434
Debt Service	5,795,495	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
Total Disbursements	162,704,061	99,840,311	113,158,362	135,862,255	159,718,350
Monthly Cash Flow	$ (35,940,996)	$ (11,422,134)	$ 7,645,661	$ (20,325,508)	$ 32,998,340
Cumulative Cash Flow	$ 45,340,468	$ 33,918,334	$ 41,563,995	$ 21,238,487	$ 54,236,826

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Cash Flow Statement

January-June Actual, July To December Projected 2012

Description	Projected November	Projected December	TOTAL
Opening Balance			
RECEIPTS:			
DSS	$ 14,123,335	$ 42,805,987	$ 260,988,316
Sales Tax	51,800,460	74,278,702	695,066,930
Real Property Tax	1,116,783	3,882,356	311,912,912
Other	21,445,643	35,988,199	244,733,635
RAN Proceeds	-	-	80,000,000
EFSCA Set Aside Release	3,229,657	1,290,250	27,812,062
Total Receipts	91,715,878	158,245,474	1,620,513,854
DISBURSEMENTS:			
DSS	38,438,923	35,585,975	472,184,016
Payroll	28,084,611	31,482,022	336,914,622
Vendor	21,617,774	94,563,308	639,046,163
Debt Service	2,084,965	11,504,563	42,292,611
RAN Set Asides Oct '11	-	-	88,000,000
ECFSA Bond Set Asides	2,592,858	2,592,858	29,777,740
ECFSA Debt Service	3,229,657	1,290,250	27,812,060
Total Disbursements	96,048,788	177,018,976	1,636,027,212
Monthly Cash Flow	$ (4,332,911)	$ (18,773,503)	$ (15,513,358)
Cumulative Cash Flow	$ 49,903,916	$ 31,130,413	

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PROPERTY AND SALES TAX SUMMARY

Property Tax Collections

Six Months Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
Gross Levy	$ 655,894,171	$ 648,241,682
Less: Amount Retained by Towns	(344,481,197)	(343,478,506)
Net Collectible by County	311,412,974	304,763,176
Less: January - June Collections	(281,374,664)	(275,593,134)
Net Outstanding at June 30	$ 30,038,310	$ 29,170,042
Percentage Collected through June 30	90.4%	90.4%

Source: Erie County Govern Tax Collection System.

Sales Tax Revenue

Six Months Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012 Adopted Budget (1)	June 2012 Y-T-D Revenue (2)	% of Budget Realized	2011 Adopted Budget (2)	June 2011 Y-T-D Revenue	% of Budget Realized
Sales And Use Tax	$ 155,253,226	$ 74,770,594	48.2%	$ 146,057,048	$ 72,858,384	49.9%
1% Sales Tax - Erie County Purposes	146,556,918	70,593,251	48.2%	138,543,491	68,781,070	49.6%
0.25% Sales Tax	36,412,330	17,597,376	48.3%	34,053,618	17,082,068	50.2%
0.50% Sales Tax	72,824,659	35,194,753	48.3%	68,106,288	34,164,135	50.2%
Totals	$ 411,047,133	$ 198,155,974	48.2%	$ 386,760,445	$ 192,885,657	49.9%

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office.

Notes:

(1) Through June 30, 2012 year to date, $137,010,325 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 August 2012.

DEBT SCHEDULES

Annual Debt Service Requirements for Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness of the County (1)

As of June 30, 2012

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service
2012	$ 22,094,429.00	$ 10,696,375.75	$ 32,790,804.75 (1)
2013	44,179,123.50	19,758,932.94	63,938,056.44
2014	44,909,506.01	17,789,355.04	62,698,861.05
2015	45,803,125.01	15,868,552.84	61,671,677.85
2016	44,646,938.01	13,873,591.64	58,520,529.65
2017	45,959,180.01	11,889,911.52	57,849,091.53
2018	40,616,423.01	9,733,317.14	50,349,740.15
2019	34,652,566.01	7,981,273.97	42,633,839.98
2020	35,164,809.01	6,388,964.27	41,553,773.28
2021	21,892,052.01	4,868,085.15	26,760,137.16
2022	22,834,295.01	3,803,890.70	26,638,185.71
2023	23,871,538.01	2,672,516.22	26,544,054.23
2024	5,853,780.92	1,914,897.31	7,768,678.23
2025	5,606,024.00	1,647,042.70	7,253,066.70
2026	3,273,267.00	1,426,338.28	4,699,605.28
2027	3,340,510.00	1,286,871.98	4,627,381.98
2028	3,422,752.00	1,142,729.14	4,565,481.14
2029	3,509,995.00	994,182.42	4,504,177.42
2030	2,642,238.00	865,961.98	3,508,199.98
2031	2,724,481.00	759,124.60	3,483,605.60
2032	2,389,336.00	650,978.21	3,040,314.21
2033	2,332,839.00	547,058.89	2,879,897.89
2034	2,227,839.00	443,638.97	2,671,477.97
2035	2,142,839.00	346,712.35	2,489,551.35
2036	1,387,839.00	248,898.35	1,636,737.35
2037	927,839.00	185,794.07	1,113,633.07
2038	947,839.00	143,373.26	1,091,212.26
2039	977,839.00	99,848.07	1,077,687.07
2040	707,839.00	55,981.31	763,820.31
2041	710,000.00	23,510.58	733,510.58
2042	165,000.00	3,521.93	168,521.93
Totals	**$ 471,914,080.52**	**$ 138,111,231.58**	**$ 610,025,312.10**

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Notes:
(1) Amount is net of debt service payments of $37,822,147.17 made from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

Direct General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding

As of June 30, 2012

	Amount		Totals	
Bonds:				
Buildings and other Improvements	$ 126,200,734.00			
Highway Improvements	105,075,857.80			
Court House Facilities	57,292,696.16			
Sewer District Facilities	80,478,809.82			
Hospital	4,228,864.94			
First Niagara Center	15,510,000.00	(1)		
Computer System	15,416,520.56			
Ralph Wilson Stadium	20,360,659.65			
Community College	26,057,109.17			
Convention Center	9,122,431.22			
Prison Facilities	12,104,262.14			
Nursing Home	66,135.06	(1)		
Total Long-Term Debt			$ 471,914,080.52	(2)
Exclusions :				
Sewer District Debt	80,478,809.82			
Budgeted Appropriations	19,775,314.52			
Total Deductions			100,254,124.34	
Net Direct Debt			$ 371,659,956.18	

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 June 30, 2012

For Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Equalized Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property
2007	$ 40,477,680,885.00
2008	42,445,603,001.00
2009	44,382,615,337.00
2010	46,120,909,981.00
2011	46,759,758,193.00
Total five year full valuation	**$ 220,186,567,397.00**
5 Year Average full valuation	**$ 44,037,313,479.40**
Debt limit - 7% of average full valuation	**$ 3,082,611,943.56**

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

Calculation of Total Net Indebtedness

As of June 30, 2012

Five year average full valuation (2007-2011)		**$ 44,037,313,479.00**
Debt Limit - 7% of average full valuation		**$ 3,082,611,943.53**
Outstanding Indebtedness:		
Bonds - General	$ 391,435,270.70	
Bonds - Sewer	80,478,809.82	
Bond Guaranty - ECMCC (1)	94,900,000.00	
Total Indebtedness	**566,814,080.52**	
Less Exclusions:		
Sewer Exclusion	80,478,809.82	
Budgeted Appropriations	19,775,314.52	
Total Exclusions	**100,254,124.34**	
Total Net Indebtedness		**466,559,956.18**
Net Debt Contracting Margin		**$ 2,616,051,987.35**
Percentage of Debt Contracting Power Exhausted		**15.14%**

Sources:
Property Value - NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit.
Indebtedness and exclusions - Erie County Comptroller's Office.

Note:
(1) Erie County Medical Center Corporation

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL DATA

Property Tax Collection History

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	County Property Taxes Levied (1)	All Other Property Taxes Levied (2)	Total Property Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy	
				Amount	Percentage of Levy
2002	$ 152,529,551	$ 278,036,112	$ 430,565,663	$ 416,506,625	96.73%
2003	152,529,551	294,505,821	447,035,372	446,461,743	99.87%
2004	152,529,551	311,903,684	464,433,235	463,669,059	99.84%
2005	157,641,299	335,876,407	493,517,706	492,180,009	99.73%
2006	188,094,445	352,486,078	540,580,523	528,350,674	97.74%
2007	200,031,205	369,188,266	569,219,471	555,858,355	97.65%
2008	211,837,793	378,978,530	590,816,323	575,132,283	97.35%
2009	223,306,326	388,893,461	612,199,787	595,839,865	97.33%
2010	232,413,974	405,958,043	638,372,017	622,129,950	97.46%
2011	235,182,208	413,059,474	648,241,682	628,996,639	97.03%

Sources:
Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services
Erie County Govern Tax Collection System

Notes:
(1) Totals shown exclude amounts levied in accordance with State law to recover election expenditures from the municipalities that were incurred by the County.

(2) Totals shown are primarily comprised of taxes levied for the benefit of County towns, re-levy of uncollected school and village taxes, and sewer district taxes and user charges.

Short-Term Borrowing History (1)

1995 - 2012

Year	Amount	Type	Issue Date	Maturity Date
1995	$ 80,000,000	RAN (2)	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 (3)	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

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

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.

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.

The County is in the process of seeking authorization to issue a RAN of up to $80 million in the fall of 2012.

(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 (1)

Last Ten Fiscal Years
As of December 31

Fiscal Year	Amount (2)	
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	(3)
2011	416,691,804	(3)

Source:
Erie County Basic Financial Statements – 2002-2011 (Audited)

Notes:
(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.

(3) Excludes ECFSA Bonds and includes Erie County Mirror Bonds.

Valuations, Tax Levies and Rates
Last Five Fiscal Years

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Assessed Valuation	$ 35,707,718,703	$ 35,467,308,165	$ 34,851,607,714	$ 33,402,435,778	$ 32,121,849,671
Equalized Full Valuation	47,235,307,049	46,738,119,997	46,120,909,987	44,382,615,356	42,821,245,989
Levied for County Purposes (1)	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

Source:
Division of Real Property Tax Annual Reports

Note:
(1) Includes County and Library property taxes.

Computation of Constitutional Taxing Power for 2012

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%) (1)	680,772,925
Total Exclusions	68,553,845
Total Taxing Power	749,326,770
Total Levy for 2012 (2)	249,748,640
Tax Margin (2)	$ 499,578,130

Source: Data excerpted from the County's Constitutional Tax Limit Report, which is filed with the New York State Comptroller.

Notes:

(1) 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 $522,402,461 leaving a tax margin of $272,653,821.

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