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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 4, 2013

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

**Re: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste
Reduction and Recycling Coordination 2013–2015 Grant**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing the County Executive to execute a three-year grant contract, accept \$290,820 in State funding, establish a budget, and create a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist (JG-12) position for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordinator/Education Grant.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Deputy Commissioner Thomas R. Hersey, Jr. at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

cc: Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner of Environment and Planning
Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Deputy Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination 2013–2015 Grant
Date: January 28, 2013

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) to authorize the County Executive to execute the necessary agreements to accept \$290,820 in State grant funding, establish a program budget, and create a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist (JG-12) position. The grant funding is available from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to provide technical and administrative support to the two County solid waste management boards, and public outreach and education to promote waste reduction and recycling.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no additional impact on County resources. The requested staff position and program expenses will be funded by the NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination Grant.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The anticipated benefits associated with the proposed resolution, implementing a region-wide recycling and waste diversion program, are as follows:

- Develop a recycling education program for Erie County;
- Implement region-wide recycling and waste diversion initiatives for specific waste streams such as household hazardous waste, batteries, electronics, paint, printed materials, and construction and demolition debris; and
- Provide county-wide planning and municipal program coordination to increase efficiencies and reduce costs for recycling.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Solid waste management in Erie County has traditionally resided at the municipal level. For solid waste management purposes, the forty-four municipalities in Erie County have aligned themselves into three planning boards: the Northwest Solid Waste Management Board, the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board, and the City of Buffalo. Erie County through the DEP has provided staff and administrative support to these groups to assist in their solid waste management efforts.

Grant funding is available from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to provide technical and administrative support to the two County solid waste management boards and public outreach and education to promote waste reduction and

recycling. DEP has worked with the Northwest and the Northeast-Southtowns Solid Waste Management Boards since 2000. While DEP continues to provide support to the two solid waste boards, funding for a dedicated recycling coordinator position within the DEP was eliminated in 2009.

The re-establishment of this program will allow DEP to create a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist (JG-12) position, utilizing \$290,820 in DEC grant funding.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The DEP will forfeit DEC funding and be unable to help facilities identify cost saving ways to reduce and recycle solid waste, promote a valuable regional waste reduction and recycling program, and educate the public on methods of solid waste reduction and recycling, thereby assisting municipal waste programs.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The necessary contracts will be executed, a budget will be established, a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist position (JG-12) will be created, and the Erie County DEP will provide residents and municipalities of the County with solid waste reduction and recycling support, outreach, education and management.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

RE: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination 2013 - 2015 Grant

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) provides support to the Northwest and the Northeast-Southtowns Solid Waste Management Boards for solid waste and recycling planning; and

WHEREAS, DEP is committed to coordinate, oversee, and support the development of local solid waste management plans for all Erie County planning units; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) provides grant assistance to municipalities to implement projects to reduce solid waste in New York; and

WHEREAS, DEP provides technical assistance to municipalities, businesses and residents to help address their waste management needs; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature authorized DEP to apply for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination grant in a resolution passed on February 16, 2012 (Comm. 2E-19 (2012)); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation awarded Erie County a recycling grant of \$290,820 to complete a three-year Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination Grant; and

WHEREAS, the addition of this solid waste recycling initiative necessitates the execution of a grant contract with the DEC, the adoption of a grant budget, and the creation of a Solid Waste Recycling Specialist (JG-12) position within the DEP which will be 100% grant funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements to accept a grant of \$290,820 from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the purpose of establishing a three-year Erie County Recycling Coordination program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget and project period for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination Grant is hereby created in the Department of Environment and Planning, Business Area 162, as follows:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Reduction and Recycling
Coordination Grant (Grant Period: 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2015)
SAP Grant Account #162WRRCG1215

REVENUE:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
409000	State Aid Revenue	<u>\$290,820</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		\$290,820

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
500000	Regular Full Time Wages	\$177,870
502000	Fringe Benefits	<u>112,950</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$ 290,820

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position, for which sufficient funding through New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant funding for personal services and fringe benefits exists, will be created in the above grant:

Solid Waste Recycling Specialist (JG-12)
B-100 No. 000 000 7142
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$59,266

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 State and local funding requirements and the Department of Personnel is authorized to take the necessary actions for the position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of Personnel; Maria Whyte, Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; Thomas Hersey, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Environmental Compliance; and Paul Kranz, P.E., Associate Engineer.