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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 4, 2018

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

Re: Big Sister Feasibility Study and Design Project No-Cost Extension

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a resolution requesting legislative authorization to execute a no-cost extension to the above referenced project agreement with Stony Brook University, to extend the completion date from May 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, please contact Deputy Commissioner Bonnie Lawrence at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

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

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
Re: Big Sister Feasibility Study and Design Project No-Cost Extension
Date: April 4, 2018

SUMMARY

Legislative authorization is requested for a no-cost extension to the Big Sister Feasibility and Design Project agreement with Stony Brook University from May 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No County or other governmental funding is necessary to support this request.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In 2017, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) received a \$25,000 grant from New York Sea Grant which is administered by Stony Brook University (SBU). The grant will fund a sub-contractor to conduct a feasibility study and conceptual design for green infrastructure on County-owned land to address water quality issues at Big Sister Creek and Bennett Beach. The project was authorized by this Honorable Body in 2017 by Comm. 2E-21. The agreement with SBU allows for a no-cost extension through 12/31/2018. DEP has determined that by extending the grant the work will be conducted during the summer, which is more conducive to a successful work product. The additional time will also allow for more time for review and comment on the project reports.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

DEP will be unable to conduct the project, and design reports to support water quality at Big Sister Creek and Bennett Beach will be indefinitely delayed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

DEP will work with the Department of Law to execute a no cost extension with SBU.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Re: Big Sister Feasibility Study and Design Project No Cost Extension

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to improve water quality at Big Sister Creek and Bennett Beach;

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) was awarded a \$25,000 grant from Stony Brook University (SBU) to conduct the Big Sister Feasibility Study and Design Project (SAP Grant Account 162-BSFSADP1718); and

WHEREAS, the County executed a contract with SBU in 2017 for the project with a term of March 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 as authorized by 2017 by Comm. 2E-21; and

WHEREAS, DEP has determined that project outcomes will be best achieved by executing a no-cost extension to the contract through December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this project is only for professional services and has no impact on County staffing or staff costs; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to extend this project; and

WHEREAS, legislative approval is required to execute a no-cost extension for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to execute the necessary agreements to extend the "Big Sister Feasibility and Design Project" for seven months (May 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be furnished to the Office of the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and Peter J. Wilson, Coordinator – Pollution Prevention Program.