



COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 21, 2011

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

RE: Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards Assistance

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning to authorize the County Executive to execute Memorandums of Understanding and accept funds from two Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards. Erie County will provide administrative, management and technical services for the Boards as it has done for the last two years under a similar agreement.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Collins", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards
Assistance
Date: January 21, 2011

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (ECDEP) to authorize the County Executive to execute two-year Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and accept funds from two Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards (Boards). The Boards represent 43 Erie County municipalities.

Erie County will provide administrative, management and technical services for the Boards as it has done for the last two years under a similar agreement. Services will be delivered by the current JG-7 regular part-time solid waste management program staff.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Each Solid Waste Management Board will provide \$10,125 annually for two years to Erie County. Funds received under the MOUs will support the salary and fringe of the current JG-7 regular part-time Solid Waste Management Program staff.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To assist North East Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board (NEST), the North West Solid Waste Management Board, (NWSWMB), and the communities they represent to reach the goals and objectives of their respective Solid Waste Management Plans, comply with New York State solid waste regulations, and provide other administrative, management and technical support to the Boards as necessary. These requirements must be met to allow each member municipality to manage residential solid waste. The mutual benefit for both parties lies in that the ECDEP will be able to assist communities within the County of Erie with solid waste management.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The ECDEP has provided support services to NEST since 2000 and has assisted the NWSWMB for several years. Contracted services have been provided to both Boards through two-year MOUs since 2007. The existing two year MOU with both Boards expired on December 31, 2010.

The two Solid Waste Management Boards in Erie County require execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to outline the support to be provided by ECDEP to implement their New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approved Solid Waste Management Plans. The MOUs outline the services to be provided by the ECDEP and set forth the compensation to be provided to Erie County to offset expenses associated with the ECDEPs services.

The ECDEP currently provides assistance for solid waste management, disposal and recycling services to municipalities, businesses, school districts and residents. Those programs primarily target problematic and priority waste streams such as household hazardous waste, waste electronics and pharmaceutical waste.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without the requested authorization, Erie County will be unable to assist 43 Erie County municipalities with the requirements of New York State Solid Waste Management Policy and the objectives set forth in the Boards' Solid Waste Management Plans.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute MOUs with each Solid Waste Management Board. Funds will be accepted, and services will be provided to the two Boards in 2011 and 2012 as specified in the MOUs.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Memorandums of Understanding with
Erie County Solid Waste Management Boards

WHEREAS, New York State Solid Waste Management Policy requires each municipality that manages residential solid waste to participate in a Solid Waste Management Planning Unit, establish a Solid Waste Management Plan and submit annual and biennial compliance reports to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (ECDEP) has provided administrative, management and technical services to the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board (NEST) and the Northwest Solid Waste Management Board (NWSWMB) through two-year Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) since 2007; and

WHEREAS, both NEST and NWSWMB and the communities they represent have requested that Erie County continue to provide services necessary to reach the goals and objectives of their Solid Waste Management Plans, comply with New York State solid waste regulations, and provide other administrative, management and technical support to the Boards as necessary; and

WHEREAS, both NEST and NWSWB will each provide \$10,125 annually for two years to Erie County; and

WHEREAS, funds received under the MOUs will support the existing JG-7 Erie County Junior Environmental Education Specialist over the next two years, who also delivers the Erie County Indoor Air Quality Program services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute two-year MOUs and accept funds from NEST and NWSWMB; and be it further

RESOLVED, that revenue from NEST and NWSWMB is hereby appropriated in the 2011 Department of Environment and Planning budget (Business Area 162, Fund 110) as follows:

REVENUES

Account	Description	Budget
420499	Other Local Source Revenue	<u>\$20,250</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		\$20,250

APPROPRIATIONS

Account	Description	Budget
559000	County Share – Grants	<u>\$20,250</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$20,250

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget amendments as required to comply with federal, state and other local source approved funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Commissioner of Personnel; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; and the County Attorney.