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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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May 10, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution that would authorize a budget adjustment and state financial assistance to support two household hazardous waste collection events open to all residents of Erie County.

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,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: Household Hazardous Waste Collections
Date: May 10, 2011

SUMMARY

To authorize a 2011 budget adjustment and state financial assistance to support two household hazardous waste collections.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Available funds in the 2011 Budget in the amount of \$16,000 will be used to support two household hazardous waste collections. Erie County may realize up to fifty percent reimbursement from New York State for expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of this resolution will provide \$16,000 for two household hazardous waste collections. One event will be held in the Northtowns and one will be held in the Southtowns. The County would provide \$8,000 and the Town of Amherst would pay the remaining expenses for the event held in the Northtowns. The County would provide \$8,000 and the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board (NEST) would pay the remaining expenses for the event held in the Southtowns. Both events will be open to all County residents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Household hazardous materials could pose an unnecessary health and safety risk. Unwanted materials should be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. In order to provide residents with the opportunity to dispose of unused household hazardous materials, Erie County desires to partner with other municipalities to hold two collection events open to all residents of Erie County.

Additionally, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) offers partial reimbursement for expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste. As specified by NYS DEC, Erie County must submit a resolution that authorizes the filing of an application and execution of an associated state assistance contract as part of the application package to apply for reimbursement of expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without the requested authorization, Erie County will be unable to support two household hazardous waste collections in 2011 and would forfeit State Aid available to offset expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution, the Department of Environment and Planning will collaborate with the Town of Amherst, the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board and the County's contracted waste hauler to hold two events and apply for and, if awarded, execute a contract for partial State reimbursement of expenses.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Re: Household Hazardous Waste Collections

WHEREAS, household hazardous waste is being generated by the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of household hazardous waste has the potential to contaminate the air, land and waters of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, continued storage of hazardous waste in the home constitutes a danger to the occupants and the community; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to partner with the Town of Amherst and the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board (NEST) to hold two separate events in 2011, with both events open to all residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for household hazardous waste collections; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Erie County to submit a resolution authorizing the filing of an application and execution of an associated state assistance contract as part of the application package to apply for reimbursement of expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of Budget and Management to make the following adjustments to the 2011 Budget in order to support two household hazardous waste collection events in Erie County in 2011:

2011 Budget - Fund 110	
Fund Center 1331010 – Economic Development	
	Increase/(Decrease)
Appropriations	
Account 518092 Erie Niagara Regional Partnership	(\$16,000)

2011 Budget - Fund 110	
Department of Environment and Planning	
Fund Center 16200 – Division of Environment & Planning	
	Increase/(Decrease)
Appropriations	
Account 517629 Hazardous Waste Days	\$16,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the filing of an application for State assistance for the expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is directed and authorized to enter into agreement and sign the resulting contract for partial reimbursement for expenses associated with the collection and disposal of household hazardous waste, if said application is approved by the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any revenues received from the State as reimbursement of expenses associated with household hazardous waste events will be recorded in Fund Center 162000, Account 409000, State Aid Revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, Director of Budget and Management, Commissioner of Environment and Planning, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.