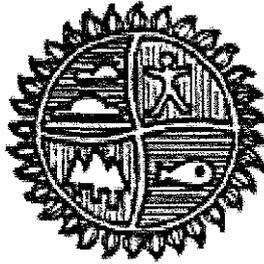


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RE: 2010 Erie County State of the Environment Report

As required by Section 23-A-03 of the Erie County Charter, attached please find the 2010 State of the Environment Report and Executive Summary prepared and approved by the Erie County Environmental Management Council (EC EMC) on September 21 and October 19, 2010, respectively. Members of the EC EMC recently transmitted and presented this report and summary to Erie County Executive Chris Collins. I request a few minutes of your time to discuss the 2010 State of the Environment report and the five top priorities listed below and further discussed in the report's Executive Summary:

1. Stormwater and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements
2. Energy Efficiency Improvements in County Government and the Community
3. Public-Private Partnerships for Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling
4. Remediation and Redevelopment of Brownfields
5. Reinvest in Existing Infrastructure

The State of the Environment report is a comprehensive look at the health of the County's natural environment. It was prepared by the volunteer members of the EC EMC who work to improve the County's environmental, ecological, human and economic health. The report benefited from the skills, knowledge and experience of the staff in the Department of Environment & Planning.

In September 2011 and annually thereafter we will prepare and transmit to you an update on the State of the Environment in Erie County, the outcomes achieved according to

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these top priorities and new or amended priorities based on the results of the latest State of the Environment report. We look forward to meeting with you shortly and establishing a working relationship that respects taxpayer dollars, improves the quality of the County's natural resources and, in doing so the quality of life in Erie County.

Sincerely,



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