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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 5, 2011

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

**RE: Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project**

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution proposes to allocate funding to assist the St. John Community Development Corporation in its Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project.

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

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project  
**Date:** October 5, 2011

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### **SUMMARY**

Approval of the attached resolution will allocate funding for the construction of a market as part of the Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The attached resolution proposes the expenditure of \$150,000 of County funds that are to be matched by the St. John Community Development Corporation. Funds are available in the 2011 budget from unanticipated prior year revenues.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The St. John Community Development Corporation approached Erie County in hopes of receiving a contribution for the next phase of the Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project that includes the construction of a market on High Street between Maple and Mulberry Streets

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project, estimated to cost a total of \$500 million, seeks to re-build, beautify and strengthen the 42 block community adjacent to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus known as the Fruit Belt. As part of the next phase of the project, the St. John Community Development Corporation approached Erie County in hopes of receiving a contribution for the construction of a market on High Street between Maple and Mulberry Streets.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The next phase of the project will not begin as planned.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive will enter into an agreement with the noted party.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Fruit Belt/East Side  
Community Development Project

WHEREAS, the Fruit Belt/East Side Community Development Project, estimated to cost a total of \$500 million, seeks to re-build, beautify and strengthen the 42 block community adjacent to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus known as the Fruit Belt; and

WHEREAS, the St. John Community Development Corporation and the St. John Fruit Belt Community Development Corporation have extensive real estate holdings in the Fruit Belt and East Side neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the St. John Community Development Corporation approached Erie County in hopes of receiving a contribution for the next phase of the project that includes the construction of a market on High Street between Maple and Mulberry Streets; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to a one-time allocation of \$150,000 for the construction of the market, if the St. John Community Development Corporation is able to raise \$150,000 in additional donations; and

WHEREAS, unanticipated revenues are available in the Department of Social Services in Account 466180 Unanticipated Prior Year Revenue to fund this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the St. John Community Development Corporation and the St. John Fruit Belt Community Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in the aggregate, to be matched with a \$150,000 allocation in the aggregate from the St. John Community Development Corporation and the St. John Fruit Belt Community Development Corporation, for the construction of a market to aid efforts to re-build, beautify and strengthen the 42 block community adjacent to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus known as the Fruit Belt; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make the following budget adjustments:

Fund 110  
Fund Center 120, Social Services

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 466180 Unanticipated Prior Year Revenues	\$150,000

Fund 110  
Fund Center 16200, Environment & Planning

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 516020, Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$150,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, the County Attorney and the Department of Environment and Planning.