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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 28, 2011

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

**RE: New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation – Erie County
Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Project**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a suggested resolution and accompanying memorandum authorizing the execution of all necessary agreements between New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation and Erie County for the development of the Erie County Affordable Homeownership Opportunities 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: New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation –
Erie County Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Project
Date: October 28, 2011

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes the County Executive to enter into an agreement with New Opportunities Community Housing Development Organization for an amount not to exceed \$225,467 for the development of the Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Project. The Project is described as follows:

New Opportunities will acquire, rehabilitate, and sell single family housing units in the Community Development Block Grant Consortium Communities (see Attachment A to this Memorandum). The rehabilitated housing units will be affordable to low-income households. The funds will be in the form of a grant with the proceeds from the sale of the housing units used to acquire and rehabilitate additional housing units.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no County funds involved, thus there is no fiscal impact to Erie County.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that at least 15% of all HOME grant funds allocated to the Erie County/Town of Hamburg HOME Consortium be utilized by CHDOs. These are non-profit agencies organized under state or local law, where their governing board and organizational structure reflect their accountability to low income residents. New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation qualifies as a CHDO and intends to utilize the monies as noted above.

The selection of New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation was subject to the consultant selection process as required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Results of the process are attached to the resolution. (See Attachment A to the Resolution)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This activity responds to a need for affordable housing for low income families as identified in the Erie County/Town of Hamburg HOME Consortium's 2010-14 Five Year Plan.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County would have to find other eligible projects within a very limited time frame or risk losing access to the federal funds.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute agreements with New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corporation.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: New Opportunities Community
Housing Development Corporation
– Erie County Affordable
Homeownership Opportunities
Project

WHEREAS, Erie County formed a Consortium (Erie County HOME Consortium) with the Town of West Seneca and Town of Hamburg for funding under the HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME); and

WHEREAS, the Erie County HOME Consortium has been awarded a HOME grant of \$1,195,159 for fiscal year 2011 and \$1,052,135 for fiscal year 2011 by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of fifteen percent of said funds made available pursuant to the HOME Investment Partnership Act are to be provided to eligible Community Housing Development Organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into all necessary agreements with New Opportunities to develop and sell affordable housing for low income households in the Erie County HOME Consortium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement shall provide for the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$225,467 to New Opportunities; and be it further

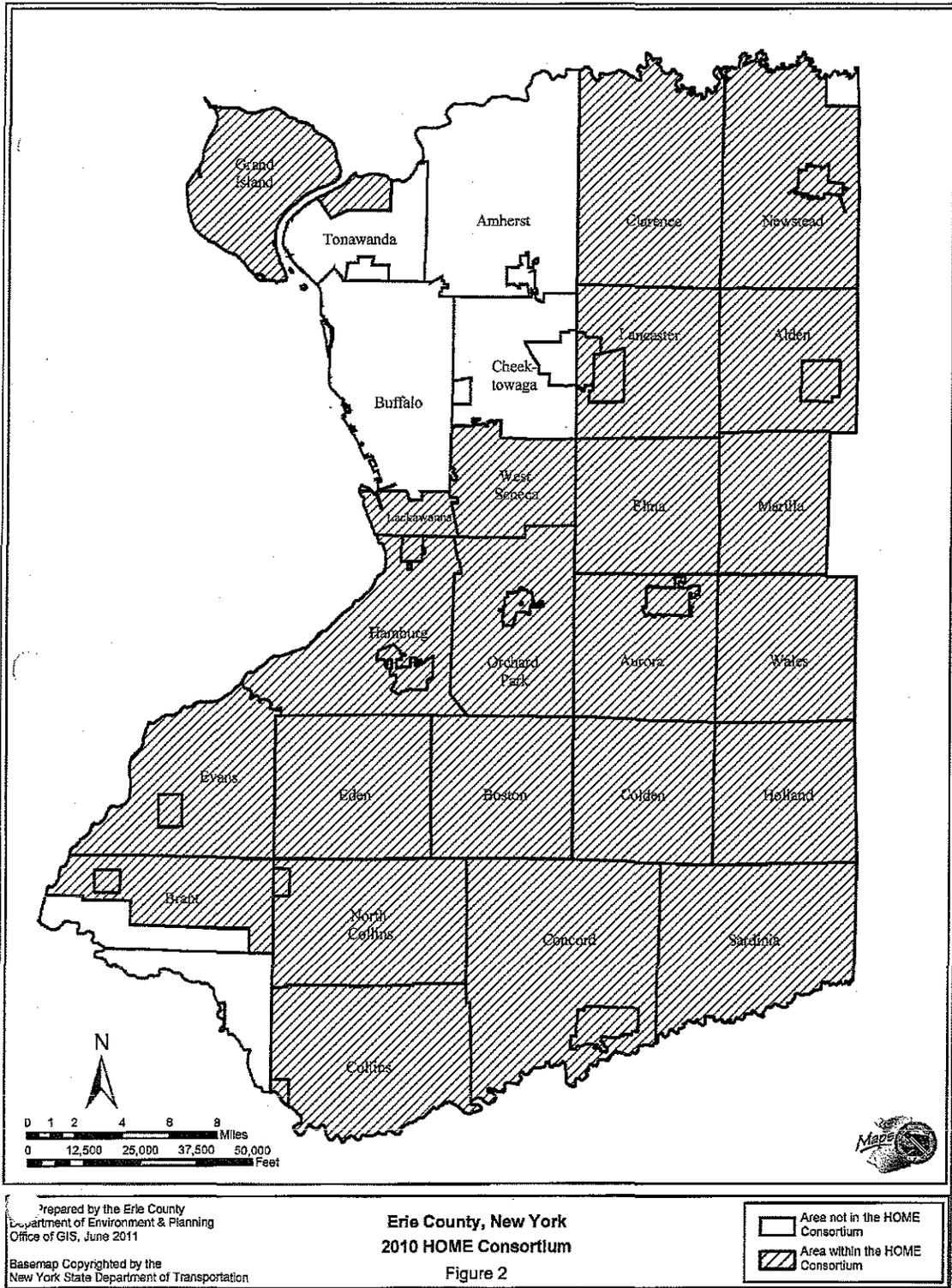
RESOLVED, that disbursement of said funds shall be conditioned on the following:

1. Completion of all state and federal environmental review requirements relative to the housing projects.
2. Completion of all necessary subsidy layering analyses as required by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Community Housing Development Organizations within the HOME consortium were informed regarding the availability of HOME funds and a summary of the selection process is included as Attachment A to this resolution; and be it further

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

ATTACHMENT A



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NAME OF PROJECT: HOME/Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)
Funding for Programs 2010 and 2011

SKILL REQUIRED: Funds available only to qualified CHDO

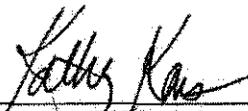
Committee Member	New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corp.	People Community Housing Development Corp.
Chris Hull, Director of Community Development Town of Hamburg	90	95
Jennifer Wood, Department of Senior Services	97	95
Diane A. Cadle, Senior Housing Specialist, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	87	82
Total	274	272

In my opinion, it is recommended: New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corp. to develop affordable housing for low income households in the Erie County HOME Consortium communities, the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Sheets and other scoring material related to this matter are available for review at the Department of Environment and Planning offices during regular business hours.



JEFF HART
Deputy County Executive



KATHY KONST, Commissioner
Department of Environment and
Planning

ATTACHMENT B

**QUALIFICATIONS REVIEW RATING SHEET
Summary of Total Organization Score by Criteria
DIVISION OF PLANNING**

Community Housing Development Organization Funding for Program Years 2010 2011

COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CHDO)	1. APPROACH	2. OUTCOME - NEED FOR PROPOSED HOUSING	3. BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION	4. ORGANIZATION CAPACITY/ EXPERIENCE	TOTAL SCORE
MOST POSSIBLE POINTS	40	20	20	20	100
New Opportunities Community Housing Development Corp.	34.6	18.3	18.3	20	91.2
People Community Housing Development Corp.	35.5	18.8	19.3	17	90.6

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