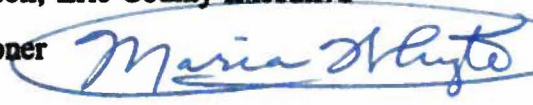


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**COUNTY OF ERIE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

**TO:** Lynn M. Marinelli, Erie County Legislator  
**CC:** Brian Bray, Legislative Liaison, Erie County Executive  
**FROM:** Maria R. Whyte, Commissioner   
**DATE:** September 17, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** 2011 Erie County Funding for Cultural Organization Capital Projects

Per Legislative Resolution COMM. 18E-21 (2011), dated September 15, 2011, Erie County designated \$300,000 to fund cultural organization capital projects. The organizations that received funding were:

ORGANIZATION	FUNDING AMOUNT
Studio Arena Theatre (Shea's Performing Arts Center)	\$ 50,000
African American Cultural Center	\$ 50,000
Graycliff Conservancy	\$ 40,000
Western New York Book Arts Collaborative	\$ 30,000
Springville Center for the Arts	\$ 25,000
Lancaster Opera House	\$ 20,000
Iron Island Museum	\$ 20,000
Penn Dixie Paleontological Center	\$ 20,000
Irish Classical Theatre Company	\$ 18,000
Shakespeare in Delaware Park	\$ 10,000
Theatre of Youth	\$ 6,000
Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes	\$ 6,000
Explore & More Children's Museum	\$ 5,000

A search of our 2011 departmental records found that only Explore & More Children's Museum and Hamburg Natural Society/Penn Dixie responded to the resolution. Their response is attached for your review. I have also attached a copy of the letter DEP sent to the other organizations requesting the required data.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me or my assistant Joan Braciak at (716) 858-6716 or by email at [Joan.Braciak@erie.gov](mailto:Joan.Braciak@erie.gov).



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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 17, 2012

[Redacted], Executive Director  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

As you know, in 2011, your organization received \$50,000 from Erie County for capital projects as stated in Exhibit A of the organization's contract. Pursuant to Legislative Resolution COMM. 18E-21 (2011) dated September 15, 2011 (enclosed), each organization that received funding must submit a written report to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature with supporting documents indicating:

- How the grant received pursuant to the resolution was spent;
- Total cost of the project or purchase;
- Timeframe within which the grant funds received were expended;
- Whether there is a remaining balance of grant funds.

These reports were to be submitted by December 31, 2011. Our records indicate that your organization has not yet submitted these documents. Please submit them by October 12, 2012 to the following:

Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Joan Braciak  
Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning  
95 Franklin Street – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

If you have any questions, contact Joan Braciak at (716) 858-6716 or [Joan.Braciak@erie.gov](mailto:Joan.Braciak@erie.gov).

Very truly yours,

Maria R. Whyte  
Commissioner

MRW:jmb  
Enc.

cc: Brian Bray, Legislative Liaison, Erie County Executive  
Betty Jean Grant, Chairperson, Erie County Legislature  
Robert M. Graber, Clerk of Erie County Legislature

**EXPLORE & MORE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM  
FINAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY OF ERIE**

**2011 CAPITAL FUNDING OF \$5,000  
RESTRICTED TO PURCHASE OF IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND**

Per an October 2011 contract, Explore & More Children's Museum received \$5,000 from the County of Erie in capital funding restricted to the purchase of Imagination Playground, an interactive exhibit designed for use both at the museum and throughout the Western New York community.

Launched as a pilot program in 2009, Imagination Playground is an indoor/outdoor learning experience for children ages two and up. It has garnered attention in New York City (Seaport), the National Mall and other prominent locations throughout the country, but not in our region (the nearest one is in Pittsburgh). These components are flexible and can be used both on-site and off-site to enhance children's learning experiences.

Each Imagination Playground set is a custom made, interactive, transformable environment that prompts children to manipulate their environment to create a play space of their own. Imagination Playground addresses a broad spectrum of play needs through opportunities for fantasy play and socio-cooperative play, in addition to more traditional running, jumping and climbing. Kids need to be active on many levels, and they need to exercise their minds as well as their muscles.



As noted in the enclosed invoices, Explore & More has ordered and paid for the full set in a cart (enabling the museum to travel with it). The set should be completed by January 20 and delivered immediately. Explore & More will be paying for shipping, storage and staffing to implement the use of Imagination Playground. The museum is extremely excited by the opportunity to create new learning environments for the children of our region, and is grateful for these funds that allow us to do so.

Explore & More will begin using the Imagination Playground immediately this Winter with its Let's Get Physical program at the museum. During July and August, Imagination Playground is expected to be at the Buffalo Waterfront/Canalside during the museum's programming there.

where fun & learning play together

Imagination Playground LLC  
c/o Rockwell Group  
5 Union Square West  
New York, NY 10003

12/21/2011

SALE Total \$1,852.50

Visa xxxxxxxxxxxx7384  
Exp. Date: xx / xx  
Name: Barbara Park Leggett

Auth. Code: 073140 QuickBooks Trans No:  
Trans. ID: ME0090459514 Merchant No.: 5247710002678290

Thank you for your business

CUSTOMER COPY

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ground llc  
Planning and Design PC

12/21/2011

Invoice No. 26777

NEW YORK 14052  
tel 212-463-0334  
fax 212-463-0335



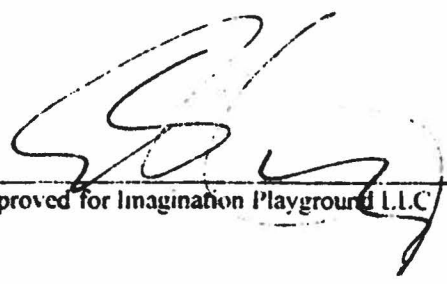
Explore and More Children's Museum  
Claudia Newton  
300 Gleed Avenue  
East Aurora, NY 14052

Ship To  
Explore and More Children's Museum  
Claudia Newton  
300 Gleed Avenue  
East Aurora, NY 14052

**Project**

Qty	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	IPCART	Imagination Playground in a Cart: \$5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
1	order deposit	IP in a Cart 50% deposit	-3,147.50	-3,147.50
		50% deposit required to initiate order Please allow 8-10 weeks for completion of your order Out-of-state sale, exempt from sales tax	0.00%	0.00

Terms	P.O. Number	Total	USD 1,852.50
		Payments Credits	USD -1,852.50
		Balance Due	USD 0.00
			12/21/2011 Date

  
Approved for Imagination Playground LLC



# Penn Dixie

Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center

Darren Kempner  
Erie County Department of Environment & Planning  
Edward A. Rath County Office Building  
95 Franklin St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202-3973

December 20, 2011

RE: Cultural Capital Project

Dear Mr. Kempner:

The Hamburg Natural History Society, Inc. (HNHDS) has completed the \$20,000 capital project at the Penn Dixie Site with the installation of a 10 x 20 ft. shelter and 500 ft. of paved trails providing handicap access to the southern perimeter of the wetlands. A weed whacker was purchased to help maintain the trail perimeter and area around the shelter.

This report includes:

- 1. The contractor invoice - Zoladz Construction Co, Inc.
  - 2. The sales receipt for the weed whacker, Husquarna 224 L, partially purchased with HNHS funds.
  - 3. Photographs of the trails, the shelter and weed whacker.
- Handwritten notes:  
19857.00  
299.95  
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20,156.95

The HNHDS/Penn Dixie thanks the Erie County Executive and Legislature for making these funds available to continue the Society's goal of making the site entirely handicap accessible.

If you should require additional information, please contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jerold C. Bastedo  
Executive Director  
Enclosures



P.O. Box 772 • Hamburg, NY 14075  
716-627-4560 • FAX: 716-627-4571 • [www.penndixie.org](http://www.penndixie.org)

Owned & Operated by the Hamburg Natural History Society, Inc.



# *Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.*

## **PROPOSAL**

**Date:** October 24, 2011

**To:** Jerold C. Bastedo  
Executive Director  
Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center  
P.O. Box 772  
Hamburg, New York 14075

**From:** Gary D Hall  
PM/Estimator  
Zoladz Construction

**Re:** New Shelter and Walking Trail at Outdoor Education center

**We will perform the following scope of work:**

- Build a 10' x 20' shelter
- Strip area of new walks (approx 500 lf by 8' wide)
- Install 4" subbase material and compact
- Install 2" Type 3 Binder
- Dress edges with stripped topsoil

**Cost.....\$19,857.00**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Gary D Hall**

**13600 Railroad Street • P.O. Box 157 • Alden, NY 14004-0157  
Telephone: 716-937-6575 • Fax: 716-937-6369**

**Zoladz Construction Co., Inc.**  
**13600 Railroad St.**  
**P.O. Box 157**  
**Alden, NY 14004**  
**Phone (716)-937-6575**  
**Fax (716)-937-6369**



**INVOICE NO**  
**1111052**

**SOLD TO Penn Dixie Palentology**  
**P.O. Box 772**  
**Hamburg, NY 14075**

**SHIP TO Penn Dixie Path & Shelter**  
**Penn Dixie Site**  
**Hamburg, NY 14075**

ACCOUNT NO	PO NUMBER	SHIP VIA	DATE SHIPPED	TERMS	INVOICE DATE	PAGE
PENDIX				Net 30	11/15/2011	1

ITEM NO	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED
	1	New shelter and Walking Trail at Outdoor Education Center	19,857.00	19,857.00*

Please call us with any disputes on this invoice within 21 days of the invoice date Thank You

**TOTAL AMOUNT 19,857.00**

\* means item is non-taxable

Pc



*True Value.*

**DIBBLE TRUE VALUE-HAMBURG**

8-5726 South Park Ave.  
 Hamburg, New York 14075  
 Phone: (716) 649-4141  
 Fax: (716) 649-2800

EQM. RT. 116  
 PO BOX 772

CUST # 45  
 TERMS: NET EOM

INV # 011332  
 DATE: 12/19/11

14401.RG NY 14075  
 (716) 627 4568

CLERK: SA  
 TERM # 552

TIME: 1:42

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 \* INVOICE \*  
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QUANTITY	UNIT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SUG. PRICE	PRICE PER	EXTENSION
			Husqvarna 24L weedwhacker	299.95		
			** PAYMENT RECEIVED **	299.95	TAXABLE	9.99
			** PAID IN FULL **		NON-TAXABLE	299.95
			REWARD PAYMENT 3WCRC#5717.	299.95	SUB-TOTAL	299.95
					TAX AMOUNT	9.99
					TOTAL INVOICE	299.95

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Paved trail extending north to the new shelter overlooking the Penn Dixie wetlands.

Paved trail extension to north to the  
northern trail entrance adjacent to the  
wetlands.