

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 26, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses -2014- Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvements and Ralph Wilson Stadium Roof Replacement**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment with DiDonato Associates for providing professional A/E services for drainage and irrigation improvements at Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses and for design and construction administration for the Ralph Wilson Stadium - 2014-West End Suites Roof Replacement project.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commission John C. Loffredo at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Mark Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses -2014- Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvements and Ralph Wilson Stadium Roof Replacement  
**Date:** January 26, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

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### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds for the projects are available from the approved, as adopted, 2012 and 2013 Capital Budgets, SAP Projects – A.12014- 2012 Golf Course Drainage (Bflo & Elma), A.13008-2013- Countywide Park Improvements & A.13001 – 2013- Rehabilitation of Ralph Wilson Stadium.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

A water management program is the cornerstone of long-term health, sustainability and playability on golf courses. Site irrigation and drainage improvements are needed at Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland golf courses to keep the golf courses competitive with other private and public courses within Erie County. The study requires a qualified design professional consultant which will identify and evaluate all economic, engineering and environmental concerns.

The roof over the west end zone suites at Ralph Wilson Stadium is over 20 years old and is cost ineffective to maintain by putting patch over patch over patch. A new roof system will eliminate the maintenance cost.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The western portion of the golf course at Grover Cleveland has very poor drainage at best and continually floods taking months to dry out. Until warm summer weather occurs, many of the golf course holes located west of hole number 4 (four), are closed. The drainage study will delineate what drainage improvements are necessary so golfers can play golf on all 18 holes.

The roof over the west end zone suites has been leaking for several years, and it is now more cost effective to replace the roof than keep patching it.

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## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If a new self-watering irrigation system is not installed at Elma Meadows golf course, the course watering will continue at night costing the County overtime expenses. If the drainage is not improved at Grover Cleveland golf course, several of the holes will continue to be closed due to poor drainage conditions. Not replacing the west end zone suited roof at Ralph Wilson Stadium will cause maintenance costs to continue to increase.

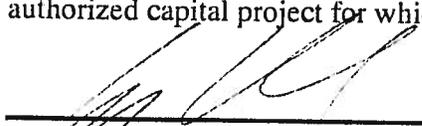
## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of DiDonato Associates for providing Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the above noted projects.

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## COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

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GREGORY GACH

Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

File: (BG.1.21.15 Elma.Grover Cleveland Golf Courses.RWS West End Sts)

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## A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses -2014- Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Projects and Ralph Wilson Stadium

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has requested a study that analyzes site irrigation and drainage improvements of the Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland golf courses. A qualified design professional consultant is required to properly design an irrigation system and water source at Elma Meadows golf course and to improve the golf course drainage at Grover Cleveland golf course; and

WHEREAS, the County is required, pursuant to the 2014 Lease Agreement between the Buffalo Bills, Erie County Stadium Corporation, dba Empire State Development (ESD) and Erie County to provide Capital Improvement Allowance projects to Ralph Wilson Stadium on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the existing roof system located at the west end suites of Ralph Wilson Stadium is past its useful life and actively leaking into the building interior space and systems; and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously approved a General Architectural/Engineering agreement with the engineering firm of DiDonato Associates for providing professional A/E services on County projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue Agreement Amendment to DiDonato Associates for providing professional A/E services for an irrigation and drainage study for the Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses – 2014 - Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvement project and for the design and construction of the Ralph Wilson Stadium-2014-West End Suites Roof Replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the A/E firm of DiDonato Associates for providing professional A/E services for an irrigation and drainage study of the Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses - 2014- Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvement projects for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, including a design contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the A/E firm of DiDonato Associates for providing professional A/E services for the design and construction administration of the Ralph Wilson Stadium-2014-West End Suites Roof Replacement project, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, including a design contingency; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project Accounts as follows:

A.12014 - 2012 - Golf Course Drainage (Bflo & Elma)	\$43,375.33
A.13008 - 2013 - Countywide Park Improvements	\$11,624.67
A.13001 - 2013 - Rehabilitation of Ralph Wilson Stadium	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
for a total amount not to exceed	\$80,000.00

;and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, Commissioner of Parks Recreation & Forestry, Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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TO: GREGORY GACH, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST

CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

<u>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5</u>
1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME	<u>DiDonato Associates</u>
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	<u>\$80,000.00</u> A.13001 \$25,000.00 A.13008 \$11,624.67
3. PROJECT NUMBER	<u>A.12014 \$43,375.33</u>
4. PROJECT TITLE	<u>Elma Meadows Golf Courses and Grover Cleveland Golf Courses – 2014- Site Irrigation and Drainage Improvements</u>
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	<u>Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack #8824 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301</u>

<u>COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7</u>
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	<u>A.13001 1,488,233.17 A.13008 \$ 53,596.75 A.12014 43,375.33</u>
7. PERFORMED BY	<u>Don Wilson</u>

Date sent to Comptroller's Office: January 21, 2015

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