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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 22, 2017

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

**Re: Black Rock Canal Park – Security Camera Transfer**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution seeking authorization for the transfer of the Black Rock Canal Park security cameras to the City of Buffalo.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Christopher Pawenski, Coordinator Industrial Assistance Program at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw  
Enclosure

cc: Thomas R. Hersey Jr., Commissioner

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Black Rock Canal Park – Security Camera Transfer  
**Date:** June 22, 2017

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Environment and Planning is seeking authorization for the County Executive to transfer ownership of the two security cameras located at the Black Rock Canal Park to the City of Buffalo.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications to Erie County. The security cameras were paid for as part of the \$700,000 grant to Erie County in New York State Power Authority proceeds from the Relicensing Agreement as passed through the Erie County Standing Committee Greenway process.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The security cameras are now connected to the Buffalo Police Department security camera system and are monitored by the Buffalo Police Department. In order for the Buffalo Police Department to continue monitoring and maintaining the security cameras at no cost to Erie County, the City of Buffalo requires ownership of the security cameras.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Black Rock Canal Park, formerly known as the Ontario Street Boat Launch, is located along the Niagara River and was in need of much repair and updating. Phase 3 of the project focused on boat basin and public safety improvements. Two security cameras were installed to deter, monitor and, if necessary, provide possible evidence of any criminal activity on the site. The security cameras were installed to meet the specifications of the Buffalo Police Department.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Buffalo Police Department will no longer be able to monitor and maintain the security cameras on the behalf of Erie County.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive will authorize the transfer of ownership of the two security cameras to the City of Buffalo. The Buffalo Police Department will in turn provide monitoring and maintenance of the security cameras.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Black Rock Canal Park – Security Camera Transfer

WHEREAS, the County park known as Black Rock Canal Park is within the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Erie County was recently awarded a \$700,000 reimbursable grant through the Niagara River Greenway funding process for Phase 3 improvements to Black Rock Canal Park; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is completing the Phase 3 improvements, which include enhancements to the boat basin area to improve the utilization of the public boat launch and public safety improvements, including security cameras; and

WHEREAS, the security cameras are now connected to the Buffalo Police Department security camera system and are monitored by the Buffalo Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to continue working with the City of Buffalo and Buffalo Police Department in providing public safety in the Black Rock Canal Park; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Buffalo Police Department to continue monitoring and maintaining the security cameras at no cost to Erie County, the City of Buffalo requires ownership of the security cameras.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the City of Buffalo to transfer the ownership of the security cameras at Black Rock Canal Park to the City of Buffalo for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Buffalo Police Department will continue to monitor and maintain said security cameras at no cost to Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office; the Comptroller's Office; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; and the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, Rath Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor.