

JULY 19, 2007

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 13E-40 (2007)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, for the past four years, the Counties of Erie and Niagara have been engaged in the creation and implementation of a regional planning initiative known as the Framework for Regional Growth (the "Framework"); and

WHEREAS, in order to insure smooth and efficient implementation of the policies and strategies set forth in the Framework, it is essential that geographic information systems (GIS) mapping data be developed and provided to municipalities involved in land use determinations throughout the bi-county region covered by the Framework; and

WHEREAS, in order to further insure prompt and effective implementation of the broad policies set forth in the Framework, it is essential that a specific policy manual be established for use by County officials involved in land use determinations throughout the bi-county region; and

WHEREAS, Erie County submitted a joint application with Niagara County to the New York State Department of State, under the Quality Communities Grant Program for the purpose of further refining Framework policies and improving GIS mapping elements; and

WHEREAS, New York State approved the application on December 29, 2006 and requires execution of New York State/Erie County grant agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is authorized to sign any and all agreements with the New York State Department of State for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 of which \$13,000 will be provided as In Kind Services under the provisions of the Quality Communities Grant Program Intermunicipal Growth Program in order to implement the policies and strategies set forth in the Framework for Regional Growth; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish a grant for the period of 10/1/07 to 09/30/08 as follows:

<u>Revenue</u>		
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$52,000
	Total Revenue	\$52,000

<u>Appropriations</u>		
516020	Professional Services – Contractual: Fees	<u>52,000</u>
	Total Appropriations	\$52,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with Federal and State approved funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; and the County Attorney.  
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2. COMM. 13E-45 (2007) **AS AMENDED**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (the "State") has started to acquire property for reconstruction and improvements to Southwestern Boulevard from South Park to Union Road in the Towns of Hamburg and Orchard Park; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this task, the state must acquire land owned by the County of Erie in the vicinity of Erie Community College, said land being nine feet (9') wide along the south side of Southwestern Boulevard and being 32,029 ± square feet, and also an additional parcel of land to be used as a catch basin for storm water management constituting 141.275.76 ± square feet, together known as parcels 339, 340, 341, 342 and 396; and

WHEREAS, the State has made the County an offer of \$34,900.00 in full and complete settlement for such taking, said sum being the amount of the State's highest approved appraisal; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Maciejewski, Deputy Commissioner of Real Property Tax, has made a determination that the offer made by the State is fair market value for the subject properties; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on March 30, 2007, the Erie County Advisory Review Committee (ARC) approved the appropriation of said real property by the State for the total compensation as stated above; and

WHEREAS, the total proceeds of such compensation shall be deposited in the General Fund of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all agreements relating to the appropriation by the State of County real property known as parcels 339, 340, 341, 342 and 396 located in the Towns of Orchard Park and Hamburg for consideration in the amount of \$34,900.00 to be paid by the State to the County of Erie for deposit in the County's Department of Parks and Recreation operational fund, to be released upon legislative approval of the department's spending plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Real Property Tax, the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Erie County Comptroller, Erie Community College, the Advisory Review Committee and Assistant County Attorney Gregory Dudek.  
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**MARIA R. WHYTE  
CHAIRPERSON**