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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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March 26, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
State Aid for Snowmobile Development, 2011-2012**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authority to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to receive and disburse State funds for snowmobile trail development in an amount not to exceed \$180,950.00. The resolution also requests permission to enter into contractual agreements with the individual Snowmobile Clubs in Erie County for development and maintenance of snowmobile trails.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: State Aid for Snowmobile Development, 2011-2012
Date: March 26, 2012

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the County Executive be authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to receive and disburse State funds in an amount not to exceed \$180,950.00 for snowmobile trail maintenance for the 2011-2012 snowmobile season and to contract with the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County for the purpose of providing maintenance on club trails during the 2011-2012 snowmobile season in the amount of \$175,630.00.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

We are a channel for the funds from the State and will realize \$5,320.00 in revenue for Erie County.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County is a channel for funding from the State for development of snowmobile trails by the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, and will enter into contracts with the individual Snowmobile Clubs for the distribution of the funds. The agreement with the State also pertains to maintenance performed by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry within County parks and forest lots.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation have set up this procedure for funding and development of snowmobile trails.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Trails will not be maintained; the Snowmobile Clubs will not receive funding; Erie County will not receive revenue.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Enter into contracts between Erie County and the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County; authorize and notarize a contract between the State and Erie County; prepare paperwork for the distribution of funds to the Federation; accept payment from the State.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

RE: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
State Aid for Snowmobile Development, 2011-2012

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry desires to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for Snowmobile Trail Development during the 2011-2012 snowmobile season in the amount not to exceed \$180,950.00; and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$5,000.00 is budgeted as a state revenue for snowmobile development in the 2012 Budget of the Division of Parks; and

WHEREAS, this agreement with the State shall pertain to such maintenance as performed by the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry within the County parks and forest lots, as well as similar work performed by the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County on club trails located outside County-owned lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for an amount not to exceed \$180,950.00 as pertains to snowmobile trail maintenance performed during the 2011-2012 snowmobile season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County for a total amount not to exceed \$175,630.00 for the purpose of snowmobile trail maintenance on club trails during the 2011-2012 snowmobile season, provided that the clubs meet all insurance and other requirements deemed necessary by the County, in amounts as follows:

Colden Trail Riders Inc.	\$19,250.00
Eden Trail Blazers Inc.	\$11,370.00
Grand Island Snowmobile Club Inc.	\$ 5,600.00
Hamburg Snowmobile Club Inc.	\$18,990.00
Holland Sno-Rascals Inc.	\$20,680.00
Marilla Sno-Mob Inc.	\$15,830.00
Northern Erie Snowseekers Inc.	\$23,670.00
Pioneer Sno-Surfers Inc.	\$ 9,640.00
Southern Tier Snowdrifters Inc.	\$21,310.00
WNY Snowmobile Club of Boston Inc.	<u>\$29,290.00</u>
	\$175,630.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the appropriation of anticipated state aid revenue in the Division of Parks, fund 110, cost center 1641010, account 409010, in the amount of \$175,630.00, an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$175,630.00, in the Division of Parks, fund 110, cost center 1641010, account 516020 contractual, in order that funds may be available to make payment to the individual clubs of the Erie County Federation of snowmobile Clubs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Erie County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Erie County Comptroller and Assistant County Attorney, Kristen Walder, of the Law Department.