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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 5, 2012

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

Re: Proposed Agreement with Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA)

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry requesting authorization to enter into an agreement for the maintenance aspects of mountain biking trails at Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park (AKA Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Memorial Park).

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Proposed Agreement with Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA)
Date: October 18, 2012

SUMMARY

Erie County Parks Department wishes to enter into an agreement for the maintenance of mountain biking trails at Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park (AKA Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Park) with the Western New York Mountain Biking Association (WNYMBA).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County Parks Department has designated mountain biking trails at Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park (AKA Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Park) that the WNYMBA currently assists with maintaining, while expressing an interest to continue to do so moving forward.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Numerous races and WNYMBA sponsored events take place on trails within Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park (AKA Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Park).

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Parks Department labor needed for other maintenance tasks throughout the parks may need to be allocated towards mountain biking trail maintenance.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Agreements will be signed between WNYMBA and the County of Erie. WNYMBA will be responsible for maintenance of these mountain biking trails.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY**

**RE: Proposed Agreement with Western New
York Mountain Bicycling
Association (WNYMBA)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry currently permits mountain biking on designated trails at Sprague Brook Park and Hunters Creek Park (AKA Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Memorial Park); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain biking trails due to the lack of staffing; and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA) is willing to enter into agreements with the County to take over the maintenance aspect of these designated trails, including, but not limited to, repairs, signage, mapping and trail volunteer days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the WNYMBA for the purpose of permitting the maintenance of these designated trails located within the Erie County Park System; 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 & Forestry and Assistant County Attorney, Kristen Walder, of the Law Department.