



THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**ENERGY &  
ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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Meeting No. 10 – June 3, 2021 – 9:30 AM

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4/9/2021 10:00

# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 9, 2021

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

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 1  
Rowley Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project  
Bid Opening – Contract No. 42**

Honorable Members:

The Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management will be opening bids for a construction project titled Erie County Sewer District No. 1 Contract No. 42 Rowley Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

In order to award said contract in the required forty-five (45) day time period, we respectfully request this item be placed on the agenda of the Energy and Environment Committee. After receipt of bids, the Department will provide the necessary bid tabulations, engineer's recommendation to award, and a suggested resolution.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP: nw

cc: J. Fiegl – Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 9, 2021

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

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 4  
Borden Road Forcemain Test Pit and Spot Repair Project  
Bid Opening – Contract No. 56**

Honorable Members:

The Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management will be opening bids for a construction project titled Erie County Sewer District No. 4 Contract No. 56 Borden Road Forcemain Test Pit and Spot Repair Project.

In order to award said contract in the required forty-five (45) day time period, we respectfully request this item be placed on the agenda of the Energy and Environment Committee. After receipt of bids, the Department will provide the necessary bid tabulations, engineer's recommendation to award, and a suggested resolution.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP:nw

cc: J. Fiegl – Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management

LOCAL LAW 2021-001

LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE  
COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. 1-1 - 2021  
LOCAL LAW – NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021

**A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of a licensed adult**

**SECTION 1. Legislative Intent**

Historically, twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old residents in New York have only been able to hunt deer, with a bow or small game with appropriate firearms. This rule has left New York as the only state to prohibit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters from using firearms to hunt deer.

The 2021 New York State Budget includes legislation that would allow residents aged twelve (12) and thirteen (13) to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of an experienced adult hunter, provided the county in which they are hunting has opted into the program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935.

Environmental Conservation Law (ENV) 11-0935 provides a pilot program for counties to allow young residents, aged twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years old, the opportunity to safely learn to hunt deer with firearms under adult supervision. It is the intent of this law to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old residents to hunt deer with firearms and crossbows, by opting into New York's new pilot program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935.

Erie County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

**SECTION 2. Pilot Program Authorization**

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Erie County elects to participate in the temporary program allowing young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2023.

### **SECTION 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized**

Per New York State requirements twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where, and during the hunting season in which, such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters with a firearm or crossbow.

### **SECTION 4. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

### **SECTION 5. Severability**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Sponsors** Legislator Todaro, Legislator Greene, Legislator Lorigo, Legislator Mills

LEGISLATOR MILLS

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR MILLS**

**Re: Support for Amendments to NYS Conservation Law Halting the Construction of New Wind Turbines on or in Freshwater Bodies of Water**

**WHEREAS**, protecting Erie County's fresh water supply has been, and must continue to be, a top priority of this honorable body. The lakes and rivers in and around Erie County not only provide fresh drinking water to our region but they are a source of natural beauty and recreation for both residents and non-residents alike; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, there has been a concerted effort to construct wind turbines in and on major bodies of water across the state by bypassing input of local municipal officials and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbine reliance on ever-shifting and uncontrollable sources of wind to provide electricity have not proved to be the most sustainable and efficient method of generating renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbine farms are expansive construction projects that ruin sightlines, often along the shore of bodies of water, and impact fishing areas when located in bodies of water; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake Erie provides drinking water to over 11 million people. Dredging up the lake bed could release contaminants that have been buried there for decades, which would negatively impact the quality of the water we have worked so hard to protect; and

**WHEREAS**, significant portions of wind turbine blades and expired motors cannot be recycled at the end of their lifespan due to the method and materials they are constructed from. This is leading to massive numbers of expired wind turbines being shipped off to landfills to be permanently buried; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbines negatively impact the quality of life for residents immediately adjacent to their location, have been found to kill wildlife, and studies have suggested a negative impact on aquatic life; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator George Borrello of Jamestown has introduced legislation to the New York State Senate to place a moratorium on the construction of new wind turbines in bodies of freshwater in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat to native wildlife, be it migratory birds or mammals or aquatic life, is significant and needs to be taken into account. The marring of otherwise pristine landscapes and the resultant depreciation of property values adjacent to wind farm projects is a significant issue for residents who live in the area and the tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that this honorable body support a moratorium on the construction of new wind turbines in Lake Erie and other bodies of fresh water in Erie County and that local communities are given appropriate input on any projects being considered.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby supports Senate Bill 6314 (2021), which seeks to impose a moratorium on the construction of new wind turbines on freshwater bodies of water in New York State; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Western New York delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution





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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 21, 2021

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

**Re: Chestnut Ridge Conservancy Memorandum of Understanding**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests your approval to authorize the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry to enter into an agreement with the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy to collaborate on capital projects that will revitalize and enhance Chestnut Ridge Park.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, please contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/jt  
Enclosure

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

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry  
**Re:** Chestnut Ridge Conservancy MOU  
**Date:** May 21, 2021

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry's Memorandum of Understanding has expired with the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy (CRC). We wish to continue our long-standing partnership with the CRC.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Any dollars raised and contributed by the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy (CRC) will ease the burden on taxpayers.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

It is essential to collaborate with partners to fund various projects needed in the Park System rather than relying solely on taxpayer-funded borrowing. The CRC is willing to help the Department identify and fund projects at Chestnut Ridge Park.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Erie County business leaders believe Chestnut Ridge Park to be a very valuable asset for the County and an important tourist attraction. They understand the economic realities of relying solely on taxpayer funds to finance projects in the Park. They have formed a 501 c3 corporation named the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy. Their efforts will benefit all the residents of Erie County.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

More tax money will be needed to provide the capital funds necessary to maintain Chestnut Ridge Park.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive and the Commissioner of Parks will execute the agreement with the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy.

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

Re: Chestnut Ridge Conservancy MOU

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is responsible for identifying and funding necessary capital projects at Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy (CRC), a 501 c 3 corporation, wishes to contribute to the success of Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and the CRC have agreed on a scope for the involvement of the CRC at Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Erie County will have a direct benefit of any help that the CRC can supply to Chestnut Ridge Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement (attached) with the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, The Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and the Erie County Division of Law.



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 21, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 2  
Engineering Term Contract Agreement  
CHA Consulting, Inc.  
Work Order: CHA-3**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management, for the issuance of a work order as authorized by the resolution passed by the Erie County Legislature on November 21, 2019, related to 3-year Term Agreements.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP:mas

Enclosure

cc: J. Fiegl – Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Erie County Sewer District No. 2  
Engineer Term Contract Agreement  
CHA Consulting, Inc.  
Work Order: CHA-3  
**Date:** May 21, 2021

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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Legislature is requested to receive and file this communication pertaining to the Department of Environment and Planning's issuance of a work order with CHA Consulting, Inc. for Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No.2 in an amount not to exceed \$71,140.00.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The cost of the engineering work related to this communication will be paid from the ECSD No. 2 Capital Bond Account No. C.17201.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Sewerage Management has issued work order CHA-3 to CHA Consulting, Inc. to provide Engineering Services associated with ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system improvements of ECSD No. 2 Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility's (WRRF).

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On November 21, 2019, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution authorizing a 3-year Term Agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. for Engineering Services for small and/or time critical projects. At the time of the contract award, the Division of Sewerage Management committed to notifying the Honorable Legislature of each work order issued.

The Term Agreement was approved to provide the Division of Sewerage Management with engineering services required to complete various initiatives throughout the ECSDs. CHA will provide a technical memorandum that will serve as the basis of design then develop engineering drawings and specifications for upgrades to the UV disinfection system at the ECSD No. 2 Big Sister Creek WRRF.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**


This is a receive and file item.

### **STEPS TO FOLLOW APPROVAL**

This is a receive and file item.

**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

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

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5/12/2021  
Title Gregory Gach  
Deputy Comptroller

*John Golecki*  
Director of Accounting Services & Cash Management

Eric County Sewer District No. 2  
Work Order: CHA-3  
Bond Account C.17201

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2  
WORK ORDER NO. CHA-3

ENGINEER: CHA Consulting, Inc.

CONTRACT DATE: November 21, 2019

1. **Title of Proposal:**

Provide an engineering report, drawings and specifications for the ECSD No. 2 Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility's UV disinfection system.

2. **Company/Address/Principal In-Charge:**

Mark D. Jarmuz, P.E.  
CHA Consulting, Inc.  
2200 Main Place Tower  
Buffalo, NY 14202-3722

3. **Effective Dates of Proposal:**

May 10, 2021

4. **Brief Description of Work for Which Proposal is Submitted:**

The engineer will provide an engineering report for the ECSD No. 2 Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility's UV disinfection improvements, along with design plans and specifications as detailed in CHA's letter, dated May 10, 2021.

5. **Engineering Cost:**

\$71,140.00

6. **Source of Funds:**

ECSD No. 2 Capital Bond Account No. C.17201.

7. **Project No:** CHA-3

8. **Attachments:** CHA letter dated 5/10/2021 (6 pages)

9. **File:** 0.3.2. CHA (20-22) Eng.

DATE: May 10, 2021  
Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt A. Salah, P.E.

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph L. Fiegl, P.E.  
Deputy Commissioner



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 21, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 3  
Engineering Term Contract Agreement  
Arcadis of New York, Inc.  
Work Order: ARC-3**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management, for the issuance of a work order as authorized by the resolution passed by the Erie County Legislature on November 21, 2019, related to 3-year Term Agreements.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP:bp

Enclosure

cc: J. Fiegl – Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management



## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Erie County Sewer District No. 3  
Engineer Term Contract Agreement  
Arcadis of New York, Inc.  
Work Order: ARC-3  
**Date:** May 21, 2021

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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Legislature is requested to receive and file this communication pertaining to the Department of Environment and Planning's issuance of a work order with Arcadis of New York, Inc. for Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$28,510.76.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The cost of the engineering work related to this communication will be paid from the Sewer Fund Operating Budget; Sewer Professional Services Account 516020 of ECSD No. 3.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Sewerage Management has issued work order ARC-3 to Arcadis of New York, Inc. to provide Engineering Services associated with the ECSD No. 3 Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF) Mixing Zone Demonstration Report.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On November 21, 2019, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution authorizing a 3-year Term Agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc. for Engineering Services for small and/or time critical projects. At the time of the contract award, the Division of Sewerage Management committed to notifying the Honorable Legislature of each work order issued.

The Term Agreement was approved to provide the Division of Sewerage Management with engineering services required to complete various initiatives throughout the Erie County Sewer Districts. Arcadis will provide a mixing zone demonstration report summarizing various modeling and other engineering services related to the Southtowns AWTF outfall. This report will ultimately be used to determine which dilution factors are appropriate for calculating limitations in the Southtowns AWTF State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

This is a receive and file item.

### **STEPS TO FOLLOW APPROVAL**

This is a receive and file item.

**ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3  
WORK ORDER NO. ARC-3**

**ENGINEER:**            Arcadis of New York, Inc.

**CONTRACT DATE:**    November 21, 2019

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**1. Title of Proposal:**

Provide Engineering Services associated with the ECSD No. 3; Southtowns Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Mixing Zone Demonstration Report Finalization.

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**2. Company/Address/Principal In-Charge:**

Angela Hintz, P.E.  
Arcadis of New York, Inc.  
50 Fountain Plaza  
Suite 600  
Buffalo, NY 14202

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**3. Effective Dates of Proposal:**

May 5, 2021

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**4. Brief Description of Work for Which Proposal is Submitted:**

The engineer will provide Mixing Zone Demonstration Report as detailed in Arcadis letter, dated April 28, 2021.

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**5. Engineering Cost:**

\$28,510.76

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**6. Source of Funds:** Sewer Professional Services Account 516020 of ECSD No. 3.

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**7. Project No:**        ARC-3

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**8. Attachments:**    Arcadis letter dated 4/28/2021 (6 pages)

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**9. File:**                0.3.2. ARC (20-22) Eng

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DATE:            May 5, 2021

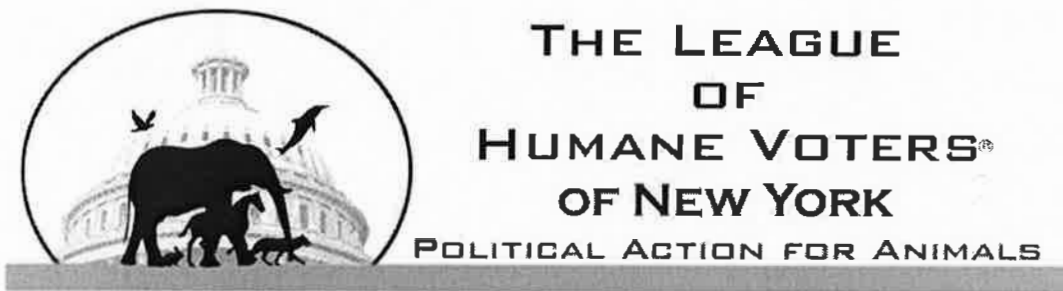
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Prepared By:    \_\_\_\_\_

Matt A. Salah, P.E.

Authorized By:    \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph L. Fiegl, P.E.  
Deputy Commissioner



**THE LEAGUE  
OF  
HUMANE VOTERS®  
OF NEW YORK**

**POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

May 18, 2021

**Dear Erie County Legislators:**

As you know, the NYS Executive Budget (Bill S2505C/A3005C) has recently passed with a hotly contested law that allows 12 and 13 year-olds to hunt deer, as well as allowing their use of crossbows. The original law has been cut back so that counties (with the exception of the boroughs of NYC, Westchester, Suffolk, and Nassau, which were made ineligible to participate) will have to opt-in to a pilot program for 2 years and 7 months.

Please be aware that other deadly weapons, such as modified AK-47 and AR-15 rifles are already legal for 12 year-olds to use on small game, though they are primarily used for large animals such as deer! That someone 21 or older needs to accompany youngsters doesn't mitigate the accident concerns or the wounding concerns as crossbows shoot like guns, and archery is considered to be far crueler for its lack of accuracy and higher wounding rates.

It is little known that federal excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and bows and arrows are distributed to a states' wildlife management divisions whose purpose is to sell hunting permits, thus increasing the use of firearms, ammunition, and bows and arrows or bolts. The amount of the federal excise tax received depends in part on the number of hunting permits the state sells, which in turn adds to the profit of the firearms industry. It's a circular economy and not a penny goes to the general fund of the state.

As several downstate counties are ineligible to participate in the pilot program, and other counties vote not to opt-in, youngsters and the older hunters accompanying them will pour into counties that choose to opt-in. This skewed population of hunters could have consequences for local wildlife. Additionally, there will be even more lead pumped into the environment, and the increased congestion will likely lead to a greater chance of hunting accidents and deer-car collisions.

While it works for the firearms industry and the wildlife bureau, it is clearly not working for society, the environment, ecology, human safety, or wild animals. We urge Erie County not to opt-in to this disturbing pilot program.

**Please see the page below.**

Sincerely,  
Jeffery Termini  
[jefferytermini@lohvny.org](mailto:jefferytermini@lohvny.org)  
(716) 380-7667  
*The League of Humane Voters@of NY*

*The Mission of the League of Humane Voters® (LOHV®) is to create, unite, and strengthen local political action committees, which work to enact animal-friendly legislation and elect candidates for public office who will use their votes and influence for animal protection.*

*The following signatories are Erie County residents...and they vote!*

***Maureen Scheener***

***Anna Lukaszewicz***

***Christine Collins***

***Randy Atlas***

***Jeff Termini***

**From:** maureen s. <mscheener@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:50 PM  
**To:** Callan, Timothy <Timothy.Callan@erie.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Zoom meeting tomorrow 9:30am

Statement in opposition to the proposed allowance for 12 & 13 year-old young people to hunt deer with crossbow and firearms in Erie County.

I oppose this proposal for several reasons.

1. As stated by Lewis County Sheriff Mike Carpinelli, a gun rights advocate: "Allowing preteens that responsibility may be irresponsible. I don't think they're ready emotionally and I don't think they're ready physically. Some of them aren't strong enough to hold that firearm".

2. It's disturbing these preteens will be allowed to use crossbows and firearms to kill deer. Do we really want to encourage preteens to become accustomed to killing large animals with firearms? When the bill was introduced in 2018, the representative for New Yorkers Against Gun Violence was concerned about more gun accidents occurring with young people. The Humane Society of the United States lobbied against it at the time citing that kids will learn to be more insensitive to animals, perhaps even humans.

3. Permitting preteens to hunt with crossbows and firearms will naturally increase the probability of hunting accidents. It will increase the amount of lead pollution in the environment. More hunters means more deer-car collisions.

This proposal is misguided and a blatant giveaway to hunting interests, who comprise less than 5% of New York State's population. There is no valid reason to allow preteens more hunting privileges. Erie County can be a good example of wise wildlife stewardship by voting no to this proposal.

Thank you.  
Maureen Schiener  
Amherst, NY

**Graber, Robert**

**From:** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
<nysdec@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Graber, Robert  
**Subject:** Remediation to Revitalization: Navigating the path at CCLR's Redevelopment Summit: Register now!

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## Sixth Annual New York State Redevelopment Summit - Intentional Reinvention

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation is pleased to support the Center for Creative Land Recycling's (CCLR) virtual NYS Redevelopment Summit, June 16-18, 2021. Now in its sixth year, CCLR's Redevelopment Summit is the largest convening of community, municipal, and redevelopment professionals focused on the beneficial reuse of blighted properties.

This year's program, complete with facilitated networking and a virtual exhibitor area, will be delivered on a spectacular new platform that will simulate the best features of in-person events: interactive panels, small group discussions, and engagement with experts. Check out the full program online at <https://pheedloop.com/NYSRedevSummit2021/site/home/>.

**Join NYS DEC in the Summit's virtual Office Hours.** You'll have the opportunity to view resources, leave your contact information, and discuss your unique redevelopment questions, roadblocks, and challenges with NYS DEC staff. Over the years, these one-on-one conversations have helped catalyze stagnated redevelopment efforts and played a pivotal role in helping practitioners gain and maintain momentum on projects spanning the full spectrum of land reuse.

Other Summit highlights will include:

- **Keynotes from members of the U.S. EPA, NYSERDA, and the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.**
- **Renewable energy development** as a means of addressing both reuse and sustainability challenges.
- **Public and private land reuse funding sources** and how to access them.
- **Workforce development** to prepare local people for local jobs.
- How **New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)** will

affect land reuse.

- **Updates on State and Federal programs** from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of State, NYSEDA, Empire State Development, U.S. EPA, and more

**AICP members can earn Certification Maintenance credits at this event.**

Your investment of time in the Summit will yield significant returns: new connections, greater capacity, and access to funding and tax incentives. [Register now](#) to navigate your path from remediation to revitalization. For more information contact Claire Weston at [claire.weston@cclr.org](mailto:claire.weston@cclr.org).

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## Callan, Timothy

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**From:** Polla Milligan <whitewhiskerssds@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2021 9:38 AM  
**To:** Callan, Timothy  
**Subject:** Legislation for children to be allowed to hunt deer

[Caution: this email is **not** from an Erie County employee: attachments or links **may not be safe.**]

As the Founder of the WNY Lost & Found Pets fb page - over 42,000 members - and the Founder of White Whiskers Senior Dog Sanctuary, I must tell you the thought of putting guns and bows and arrows into the hands of children so that they can go out into the woods and slaughter helpless wildlife is very distressing.

I am 100% opposed to this alarming piece of legislation, and cannot for a minute understand why you would think it is anything Erie County should support!

Please say no! Every society is judged by how it treats its animals.

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**From:** laurenwe@buffalo.edu  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 23, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Callan, Timothy  
**Subject:** Keeping Children and Animals Safe

[Caution: this email is not from an Erie County employee: attachments or links may not be safe.]

Dear Chief of Staff Tim Callan,

I am writing in regards to the NYS Executive Budget (Bill S2505C/A3005C), which recently passed with a hotly contested law where counties can opt-in to a program that allows 12 and 13 year-olds to hunt deer, as well as allowing their use of crossbows. For the safety of our county's children and to prevent cruelty to animals, I am asking for your support in keeping Erie County from opting-in to this program. Children are at risk of wounding or killing themselves and/or others when allowed to use deadly weapons that they are not mature enough to handle. Additionally, crossbows are a far crueler for the animals being hunted because of its lack of accuracy and therefore higher wounding rates. Further, studies have shown that when children are cruel to animals, they are more likely to extend that violence to others as well. Thank you for your time, and thank you in advance for looking out for the safety of children and animals.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Wesp