

October 17, 2019

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 20M-1 (2019)
NYSDEC: “Invitation for Public Comment – Brownfield Cleanup Program at 65 Lake Avenue LLC, Lancaster”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 20E-15 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, Lake Erie and its watershed provide a fresh water resource to New York State residents and visitors for drinking water, energy production, agriculture, industry, recreation and other uses that greatly affect the New York State economy and health of users; and

WHEREAS, this resource is threatened by point and non-point source pollutants within the Lake Erie watershed and along the shoreline within New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in water quality issues throughout the region for decades and continues to administer many initiatives that protect and preserve our natural water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance (LEWPA) formed as an alliance of municipal officials and concerned stakeholders in Erie, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties wishing to alleviate the impacts of these point and non-point source pollutants in recognition of the fact that the watershed crosses multiple municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, these participants recognize the regional benefits of working collaboratively to save time, money, and energy in order to achieve the common goal of improved water quality and flood control; and

WHEREAS, Erie County entered into an agreement with Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties titled the “Intermunicipal Agreement for the Establishment of the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance” (the Agreement), as authorized in 2014 by COMM. 26E-1; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement ends December 31, 2019, necessitating an extension of the agreement between the member counties that will allow the continuance of an enduring organization for collaboration on common watershed goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized amend the Agreement with Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties to extend the end date to December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the County Attorney; Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner of Environment and Planning; Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning.
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TIMOTHY MEYERS
CHAIR