

November 12, 2020

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MEYERS.
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 20E-12 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the agricultural sector is a significant contributor to Erie County's economy, annually contributing nearly \$130 million to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2017, the number of farms in Erie County dropped at the alarming rate of nearly 22%; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan noted the need for communities to specifically plan for agriculture to address land use decisions which place development pressure on Erie County Farms; and

WHEREAS, many Erie County towns planning documents do not adequately address planning for agriculture and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to aid the Towns of Colden, Concord, Eden, North Collins and Sardinia in the updating of planning and zoning documents to address to preserve agriculture and the siting of renewable energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Erie County Budget allocated \$75,000 to be utilized for an Agricultural Planning Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Colden in the amount of \$14,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Concord in the amount of \$9,500, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Eden in the amount of \$17,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of North Collins in the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Sardinia in the amount of \$19,500, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be in Fund 110, Cost Center 16200, GL Account 516020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey Jr., Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; Mark P. Rountree, Principal Planner, Department of Environment and Planning and the County Attorney.
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2. COMM. 20E-16 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County has an existing engineering services contract with Barton & Loguidice to complete a Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study for the parking lot at the Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the scope of work to include an in-depth field survey that will provide more accurate site data for the Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, Erie County solicited quotes from all seven firms that bid on the original Feasibility Study for the field survey work; and

WHEREAS, Erie County received three bids for the field survey; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice was selected, as the lowest bidder, to conduct the field survey; and

WHEREAS, the amendment of the existing engineering services contract between Erie County and Barton & Loguidice is necessary for the additional work to be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to amend the previously approved engineering services contract with Barton & Loguidice for an additional \$3,500 to complete an in-depth field survey of the project area; 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 State and local funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Environmental Compliance Services.
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**JEANNE M. VINAL
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