

May 28, 2020

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 11E-20 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “ECSD No. 1 – Engineering Term Contract Agreement”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 11E-23 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “ECSD No. 6 – Engineering Term Contract Agreement”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 11D-5 (2020)
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING: “SEQR – Negative Declaration of Demolition of Existing Highway Garage & Construction of New Facility at EC DPW Clarence District Site”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 11M-2 (2020)
NYSDEC: “Public Notice – Brownfield Cleanup Program Application for 1200 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 11E-16 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has received a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to develop a food waste collection operation to further support the Erie County Correctional Facility (ECCF) Compost Site; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has adopted a Climate Action & Sustainability Plan which targets reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) generated by County government operations (COMM 3E-4); and

WHEREAS, a representative from Erie County Sheriff’s Office (ECSO) member on Erie County’s Green Team identified opportunities related to food waste and GHG reduction through composting; and

WHEREAS, food waste makes up approximately 40% of the average waste stream; and

WHEREAS, composting food waste reduces GHG emissions and create a beneficial resource that can be used as a soil amendment; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC awarded Erie County \$580,473 in a three-year grant DEC01-C01074 to design, and implement a food waste collection program for the Erie County Holding Center and other County run facilities, as well as train Erie County staff and inmates; and

WHEREAS, the addition of this initiative necessitates the execution of contracts with the NYSDEC; the adoption of a grant budget; the continued funding of an existing Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG-12) position and the part-time support of an existing Corrections Officer (JG-12) position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements to accept a grant of \$580,473 from the NYSDEC to design, and implement a food waste collection program for the Erie County Holding Center and other County run facilities, as well as train Erie County staff and inmates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget and project period for the Erie County Climate Smart Community Food Waste Collection in Municipal Buildings is hereby created in the Department of Environment and Planning, Business Area 162, Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Climate Smart Community Food Waste Collection in Municipal Buildings
SAP Grant #162ECCSCFWCMB2025

3/15/2020 through 3/14/2025

NYSDEC REVENUE

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$580,473

TOTAL REVENUE \$580,473

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$248,260
502000	Fringe	\$133,679
505600	Auto, Truck Supplies	\$6,834
506200	Maintenance & Repair	\$9,700
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$2,000
510200	Training and Education	\$1,000
530000	Other	\$1,500
561410	Lab & Tech	\$1,000
561430	Buildings, Grounds Equip	\$86,500

911500 ID Sheriff Div. \$90,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$580,473

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position, which is 100% grant funded will be transferred from the Climate Smart Communities Grant for Food Compost Facility at Erie County Correctional Facility (SAP Grant # 162ECFWCAEF1821) upon consumption of the budget for that project:

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG-12)
B-100 # 11913 Budgeted Annual Salary: \$75,723

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position, which will be reimbursed via ID billing, be partially funded in the Erie County Sheriff's Office Funds Center 11510 Fund 110 for the duration of the grant commitment:

Corrections Officer (JG-12)
B-100 # 9841 Budgeted Annual Salary: \$77,700

Fund 110 – 2020 Budget
Erie County Sheriff Office - Funds Center 11510

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$29,250
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$15,750
911500	ID Sheriff Div.	<u>\$(45,000)</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$0

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 Environment and Planning; Sheriff Timothy Howard; and Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning.

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3. **COMM. 11E-17 (2020)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in pollution prevention and sustainability issues throughout the region for decades; and

WHEREAS, DEP is committed to promoting pollution prevention, energy conservation, climate change mitigation, and resiliency to impacts from climate change within the County; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has established a program called Climate Smart Communities to recognize local governments that achieve specified sustainability criteria; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Erie County pledged to become a Climate Smart Community (COMM 12-E-5); and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Erie County was designated a certified Climate Smart Community, at the Bronze level; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has been awarded \$99,758 by NYSDEC to support efforts to implement projects as Erie County strives for Silver Level Climate Smart Community certification; and

WHEREAS, execution of the project work plan in accordance with the contractual requirements set forth by the granting agency necessitates the following grant funded staff position: Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG 12); and

WHEREAS, this necessitates the execution of a contract with NYSDEC, the adoption of a grant budget, and the transfer of an existing Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG-12) position within DEP, which will be 100 % grant funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements to accept a grant of \$99,758 from NYSDEC for the purpose of establishing a “Climate Smart Communities Certification - Continuing Activities” project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget and project period for the “Climate Smart Communities Certification - Continuing Activities” project is hereby created in the Department of Environment and Planning, Business Area 162, as follows:

Climate Smart Communities Certification - Continuing Activities
(March 15, 2020 to March 14, 2025)
SAP Grant #162ECCSCCA2025

REVENUE:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
409000	State Aid Revenue	(\$99,758)
TOTAL REVENUE		(\$99,758)

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
500000	Personnel Services	\$ 72,413
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$ 25,345
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$ 2,000
516020	Professional Services	\$ 0
530000	Other	\$ 0
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$99,758

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following position which is 100% grant funded will be transferred from the Erie County Climate Smart Community Certification Project (SAP Grant # 162ECCSCC1722) upon consumption of the budget for that project:

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG-12)
B-100 No. 11994
Budgeted Annual Salary: \$70,346

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 Environment and Planning; Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and Josh Wilson, Coordinator – Pollution Prevention Program.
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4. COMM. 11E-21 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the State of New York, through its Environmental Facilities Corporation provides grant assistance for green infrastructure feasibility studies; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation awarded Erie County \$27,000 to commence a Feasibility Study for Erie County Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park Green Infrastructure Project (Feasibility Study); and

WHEREAS, the 10% local match will be provided by Erie County DEP staff in in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the execution of an agreement between Erie County and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and adoption of a grant budget is required to complete the study; and

WHEREAS, Erie County solicited proposals from qualified firms to prepare a Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, Erie County conducted a review and selection process for the proposals that were received for the Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the review committee selected Barton and Loguidice to prepare the Feasibility Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to accept \$27,000 in grant funding for the Feasibility Study for Erie County Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park Green Infrastructure Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget and project period for the Feasibility Study Project is hereby created in the Department of Environment and Planning, Business Area 162, Fund 281 as follows:

Feasibility Study for Erie County Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park Green Infrastructure Project
(Grant Period: 3/1/2020-3/31/2021)
SAP Grant Account #162SBGIFS2021

REVENUE:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
409000 State Aid Revenue	(\$27,000)
TOTAL REVENUE	(\$27,000)

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>
516020 Professional Services	\$27,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$27,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Barton and Loguidice to complete the Feasibility Study, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 in grant resources; 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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TIMOTHY J. MEYERS
CHAIR