September 28, 2017

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 17E-6 (2017)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, household hazardous waste is being generated by residents in Erie County; improper disposal of this waste has the potential to contaminate the air, land, and waters of Erie County and continued storage of hazardous household products in the home constitutes a danger to the occupants and the community; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has successfully conducted a model Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program since 1988, servicing over 58,000 residents within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's two Solid Waste Management Boards (SWMBs), the Northwest Solid Waste Management Board and the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board, have incurred HHW costs; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) provides reimbursements to municipalities of up to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of HHW Programs, which Erie County and both SWMBs are dependent on to help offset the HHW costs; and

WHEREAS, until this past year, the state assistance procedure was for Erie County and the two SWMBs to apply separately for the 50% NYSDEC reimbursement, but now mandates that Erie County file one application on behalf of the County and the two SWMBs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the filing of an application for state assistance for the HHW Program on behalf of the County and the two SWMBs, in the form required by the NYSDEC, in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County agrees that it will provide reimbursement using said state funding of up to 50% to each SWMB for their portion of costs of the HHW collection program after the NYSDEC funds are received by the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to deposit the County portion of the NYSDEC reimbursement into GL 409000 – State Aid, Funds Center 1620040, Fund 110, and the SWMBs portion into a liability account, GL 212100 – Due to Other Governments, Business Area 162, and make the necessary disbursements to the SWMBs out of this account; and be it further

RESOLVED, that five (5) certified copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to the NYSDEC together with a complete application; 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 Office of the Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey Jr., Commissioner of Environment and Planning; Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning; Paul Kranz, P.E., Associate Engineer; and the County Attorney. (6-0)

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