

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



SHEILA M. MEEGAN
TOWN SUPERVISOR

To: Fellow Town Board Members

From: Sheila M. Meegan, Town Supervisor

Date: August 11, 2014

Re: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Resolution

Kindly move to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Resolution Authorizing Collaborative Grant with Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District for EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant

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Resolution Authorizing Collaborative Grant with Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District for EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Creek is deteriorating from the presence of invasive plant species, such as Japanese Knotweed and Phragmites in an area adjacent to the Town of West Seneca's Burchfield Nature & Art Center;

WHEREAS, the EPA has issued a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application for Invasive Species Control with a deadline of August 27, 2014;

WHEREAS, the EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant guidelines indicate a preference for collaborative applications and will award ten (10) points for such applications;

WHEREAS, the EPA does not require any cash matching funds for this grant application;

WHEREAS, the Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District is applying for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant under the Invasive Species Control category and will include the Town of West Seneca's Buffalo Creek Corridor along the Burchfield Nature and Art Center as one of four targeted sites for invasive species control;

WHEREAS, The Town of West Seneca will partner with the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance and Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District in an application to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the control and eradication of non-native invasive plant species on municipal-owned land. In particular, the focus will be on land adjacent to the Buffalo Creek Stream Corridor along the Burchfield Nature & Art Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Town of West Seneca:

1. That Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District is the organization authorized to act on behalf of the Town of West Seneca for this Grant Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant;
2. That the Town of West Seneca will not be required to provide any cash contribution toward this project;
3. That the project's field work, to be overseen by the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance and Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District, will be completed by December 30, 2016;
4. That the Town of West Seneca agrees to follow all requirements and regulations associated with the federal guidelines of the Grant Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant, if awarded.
5. That Connie D. Miner and Co., the Town of West Seneca's grants consultant, be authorized to work with Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District for the purpose of securing this grant,
6. That this Resolution take effect immediately.