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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements;" and Authorize Financing for the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") in the amount of \$621,000 for Seneca Park upgrades and recreational access improvement; amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000; and authorize financing for the project.

This capital project is being funded through the Natural Resource Damages Fund process at the NYSDEC. The program steers penalties paid by responsible parties for spills or contamination of natural resources to projects that enhance, improve or create better access to those natural resources. This project will fund the construction of a fully ADA-accessible canoe and kayak launch on the Genesee River in Seneca Park, as well as trail and parking lot improvements associated with the use of the launch.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$621,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Seneca Park upgrades and recreational access improvement.
2. Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000.

3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "Seneca Park Recreational Access Improvements" in the amount of \$621,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
5. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving the actions requested in this referral.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
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