December 19, 2012

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 for the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plan Program Implementation Project at Ontario Beach Park

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in the amount of $400,000, for the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plan Program Implementation Project at Ontario Beach Park, for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2033.

The scope of the project will fund equipment to conduct algae removal events by operation of equipment to gather algae from the Ontario Beach Park, as recommended by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plan Program Report issued in December 2011.

The project will assist in removing algae which accumulates on the beach at the east end in the vicinity of the Federal West Pier. Project benefits include additional open swimming days, and the aesthetic improvement of the park through the removal objectionable decomposing algae. Upon project completion, Monroe County will handle all operations of the system. This is the first year the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a $400,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, for the Great Lakes Remedial Action Plan Program Implementation Project at Ontario Beach Park, for the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2033.
2. Amend the 2013 operating grant budget of the Department of Parks by appropriating the sum of $400,000 into fund 9300, funds center 8807010000, Parks Grants.

3. Authorize the County Executive 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.

4. 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.

An environmental review will be completed for the project prior to implementation.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. 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,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive