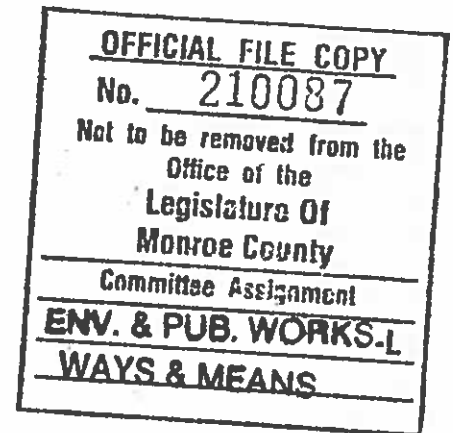




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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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

Subject: Authorize a Joint Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior for the Water Resources Investigations Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a joint funding agreement with the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$919,110 with Monroe County's contribution in an amount not to exceed \$753,500 and the United States Department of the Interior's contribution in an amount not to exceed \$165,610, for the Water Resources Investigations Project for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

This agreement allows work to continue on the Water Quality Monitoring Program and extends a joint working relationship that has existed for over forty years. This partnership combines the expertise of the U.S. Geological Survey, a Division of the Department of the Interior, in quality assurance, data interpretation, a long term trend analysis, and report publishing. The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services has historically collected and analyzed samples of surface and ground water and maintained monitoring sites and will begin administering this agreement in 2021.

Under the terms of the joint five-year funding agreement for water resources investigations, the United States Department of the Interior will fund 18% and the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services will fund 82% of total expenses (\$919,110). This is the sixth, five-year agreement between the Department of the Interior and the County.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a joint funding agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the United States Department of the Interior for the Water Resources Investigations Project in the amount of \$919,110, with Monroe County's contribution in an amount not to exceed \$753,500 and the United States Department of the Interior's contribution in an amount not to exceed \$165,610, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this agreement is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, pure waters fund 9007, funds center 8572020100, Pure Waters Industrial Waste; Stormwater Coalition trust fund 9626, funds center 8572020100, Pure Waters Industrial Waste; and pure waters fund 9307, funds center 8572020100, Pure Waters Industrial Waste, funding in the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Water Protection Alliance Grant, and will be requested in future year's budgets.

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

Sincerely,



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