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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 Agriculture and Markets
for an Update to Monroe County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets in the amount of \$50,000 for an update to Monroe County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan for the period of January 4, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

Monroe County's last Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was adopted over 20 years ago. An updated Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will be a blueprint that guides decision-making for the County, municipalities, landowners, farmers, farm support agencies and organizations, and business owners to ensure that farming continues as a way of life for Monroe County residents and that county residents can enjoy the benefits that come from having valuable, highly productive farmland within Monroe County. The Plan will focus on updating the County's 1999 Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan as well as developing a soil-to-table system approach to agriculture and farmland protection.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$50,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for an update to Monroe County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan for the period of January 4, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development by appropriating the sum of \$50,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 1401010000, Planning Services.
3. 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.
4. Should funding for 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.

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 (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant requires a \$10,000 cash match in addition to in-kind services from existing County staff. Funding is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Planning and Development, general funds 9001 and 9300, funds center 1401010000, Planning Services.

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

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive