

Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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Committee Assignment

INTRGOV REL

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Subject:

Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Webster to Pursue Temporary Incidents of Ownership Under Environmental Conservation Law § 56-0508

Honorable Legislators:

To The Honorable

Monroe County Legislature 407 County Office Building

Rochester, New York 14614

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Webster for Monroe County to pursue temporary incidents of ownership under Environmental Conservation Law § 56-0508 for 600 Ridge Road, Webster, New York 14580 to conduct environmental site assessments, the cost of which will be reimbursed to the County by the Town of Webster.

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 56-0508, a taxing district may move for an order in a tax foreclosure proceeding to grant such taxing district temporary incidents of ownership of a parcel for the sole purpose of entering the parcel and conducting an environmental restoration investigation project upon such parcel. 600 Ridge Road, formerly the site of Webster Furniture Strippers, has sat vacant for several years and has been offered at Monroe County tax sales since 2016 with no bids. The Town of Webster has approached Monroe County, as the taxing district, to pursue an order to conduct environmental site assessments to better quantify potential contamination at the parcel.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of Webster to pursue temporary incidents of ownership under Environmental Conservation Law § 56-0508 for 600 Ridge Road, Webster, New York 14580 to conduct environmental site assessments, the cost of which will be reimbursed to the County by the Town of Webster.

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.

This agreement will have no net impact on the revenues or expenditures of the Monroe County budget.

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

Monroe County Executive