



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Authorize a Contract with Cambridge Seven Associates Architects, P.C. for Professional Design Services for the "Seneca Park Zoo Tropical Exhibit and Main Entry Plaza" Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Cambridge Seven Associates Architects, P.C. ("Cambridge Seven") in the amount of \$6,740,890 for professional design services for the "Seneca Park Zoo Tropical Exhibit and Main Entry Plaza" Project.

By Resolution 180 of 2015, Your Honorable Body adopted the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program that included the Tropical Exhibit and Main Entry Plaza Project. In addition, by Resolutions 273 and 274 of 2022, Your Honorable Body authorized financing for the project that includes available funds from existing capital fund 1774, and the newly created new capital fund 2049. By Resolution 146 of 2022, Your Honorable Body authorized the use of a Project Labor Agreement for this project. At the south end of the Seneca Park Zoo, in the area previously occupied by the rhinoceros exhibit and the main building, will be an immersive Tropics complex, featuring animals from the ecosystems of Borneo and Madagascar. This will include a naturalistic orangutan habitat enabling climbing and more "treetop-like" movement. The new Tropics complex will also feature lemurs and an aquarium. Other animals from these ecosystems will be incorporated as well. The new Main Entry Plaza will include patron/member entry, a new Zoo Shop (retail space), education, meeting and support spaces, and administrative offices.

The new zoo facilities will provide a world-class experience to Monroe County residents and will be of a quality that the Seneca Park Zoo is expected to be a destination trip for regional visitors. The indoor tropical environment is expected to be an attractive draw during the winter months and is expected to increase overall seasonal attendance.

Several consultants were considered with Cambridge Seven Associates Architects, P.C. rated the most qualified.

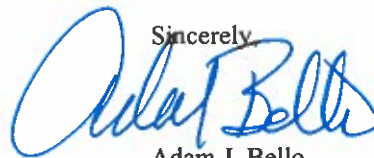
The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Cambridge Seven Associates Architects, P.C., 20 University Road, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 for professional design services for the Seneca Park Zoo Tropical Exhibit and Main Entry Plaza in the amount of \$6,740,890, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.

This action is an Unlisted Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Pursuant to Resolution 145 of 2022 the Monroe County Legislature issued a Negative Declaration for this action. No further action under SEQRA is required.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, is included in capital funds 1774 and 2049, and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Cambridge Seven Associates Architects, P.C., nor its principal officer, Gary C. Johnson, President, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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

Sincerely,


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