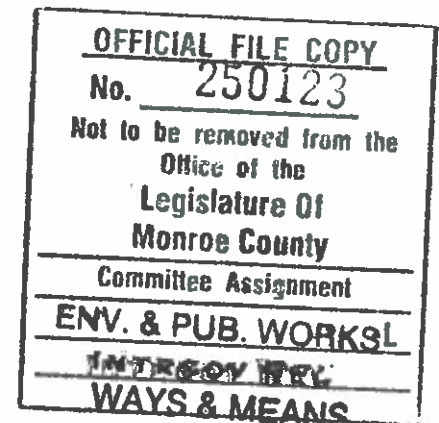




Office of the County Executive
Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

April 4, 2025



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Water Quality Program and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$137,200 for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 for the Water Quality Program and authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District in an amount not to exceed \$87,600 for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 for the completion of water quality projects.

The purpose of this grant is to assist counties that are members of the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance ("FL-LOWPA") in funding programs to improve water quality. Oswego County Soil & Water Conservation District is the sponsor organization for FL-LOWPA, responsible for the administration of this grant. In Monroe County, program components will include planning, education, and implementation of individual projects to improve water quality. The grant will be used to undertake water quality programs including the United States Geological Survey Cooperative Agreement for stream monitoring, public education of invasive species, and stream bank erosion repair projects. The County has received this program specific grant for nearly three decades. This year's funding represents an increase of \$30,000 from last year.

The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide stormwater management consulting and project management services to identify and implement water quality improvement projects, such as stream bank erosion and shoreline stabilization, in Monroe County and serve as the program manager for the New York State Watercraft Steward Program to control invasive species in Monroe County.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$137,200 grant from, and to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Water Quality Program for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services by appropriating the sum of \$137,200 into pure waters fund 9307, funds center 8572020100, Office of Environmental Quality.

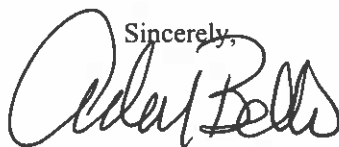
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District, 145 Paul Road, Building 5, Rochester, New York 14624, for the completion of water quality projects, in an amount not to exceed \$87,600 for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
4. 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, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
5. 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.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(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 is 100% funded by the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District is a not-for-profit agency, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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