



# Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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*County Executive*

November 9, 2017

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

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| Committee Assignment                                                           |
| <b>INTRGOV REL -L</b>                                                          |
| <b>ENV. &amp; PUB. WORKS</b>                                                   |

**Subject:** Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with Genesee and Orleans Counties to Work Cooperatively on Water Quality and Drainage Issues in the Black Creek Watershed

**Honorable Legislators:**

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with Genesee and Orleans Counties to work cooperatively on watershed level planning for water quality preservation and improvement and flood prevention in the Black Creek watershed, for the period of November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2022, with an option to renew for two (2) additional five-year extensions.

Per Resolutions 276 of 2002 and 83 of 2008, Your Honorable Body previously approved entering into an Intermunicipal agreement to support and assist the work of the Black Creek Watershed Coalition (Coalition). Through grant funding, the Coalition members and consultants prepared the Black Creek Watershed State of the Basin; published two newsletters; created five educational display boards; implemented a fundraising campaign; completed a phosphorus loading study; and prepared four studies that resulted in a streambank stabilization project along Black Creek.

The Black Creek watershed is approximately 129,422 acres, with approximately 56,520 acres in Monroe County. The Black Creek watershed includes the Village of Churchville and all or part of the Towns of Riga, Ogden, Wheatland, Sweden and Chili in Monroe County. The Black Creek Watershed Coalition includes municipal officials and staff, environmental groups, farmers, businesses, those with sports and recreation interests, homeowners and interested citizens to represent the broad range of interests in the watershed. The goals of the agreement are:

- Ensure the publication and distribution of a Watershed Management Plan for the Black Creek watershed.
- Assist the Coalition in gathering data and information necessary for Watershed Management Plan implementation.
- Encourage participation by all Black Creek watershed municipalities within the Counties, as well as participation by environmental organizations, economic interests, and citizens.
- Educate the public within the Black Creek watershed about the Watershed Management Plan and water quality management and flood prevention principles and programs.
- Work cooperatively to manage stormwater to protect water quality and prevent flooding in the Black Creek watershed and to meet federal, state, and local regulations pertaining to water quality.

For purposes of this agreement, the relationship among the Counties is cooperative and advisory.

**The specific legislative action required** is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Genesee and Orleans Counties to work cooperatively on watershed level planning for water quality preservation and improvement and flood prevention in the Black Creek watershed, for the period of November 1, 2017, through December 31, 2022, with an option to renew for two (2) additional five-year extensions.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

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

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

Sincerely,



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Monroe County Executive

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