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DATE: July 20, 2016

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a grasslands restoration project in Croton Point Park in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to implement a grasslands restoration project at Croton Point Park in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. The project will restore approximately 125 acres of degraded meadow atop the former landfill at Croton Point Park in order to improve wildlife habitat and biological diversity as well as to improve water quality by providing a more effective natural filtration practice. The project will also involve eradication of invasive and/or non-native plants and preparation of soil for seeding and sowing of various specialty native seed mixes. The amount of the grant is \$500,000 and the term of this agreement is August 1, 2016, to December 31, 2018.

The goal and objective of this agreement is to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff, thereby protecting the health and safety of the Hudson River, and to protect and restore biological diversity at this critically important bird habitat along the Atlantic migratory flyway. This project will also meet the requirements of New York State and federal stormwater management regulations. Croton Point Park has been designated a critical environmental area by the County. Department of Planning staff will monitor this project by working with staffs of the departments of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Public Works and Transportation, and Environmental Facilities to conduct periodic inspections, interact with any contractor(s) and hire a consultant to perform more frequent inspections who will report back to Department of Planning staff.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I recommend approval of this grant agreement.

EB/cp/rd/dk
Attachment

R E S O L U T I O N

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to implement a grasslands restoration project at Croton Point Park in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson in the total amount of \$500,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, for a period beginning August 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/Rev Source	Trust	
Fund	Dept	Or Unit	Sub Object	Account	Dollars
263	19	794R	9634	T794	\$500,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2016

Start Date: August 1, 2016 End Date: December 31, 2018

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$500,000

\$500,000
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other _____