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DATE: January 28, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Norma V. Drummond
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an amendment to the grant agreement between the County of Westchester and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a grasslands restoration project in Croton Point Park in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson in order to change the expiration from December 31, 2018 to August 31, 2021.

On July 28, 2016, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") 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 parties now desire to amend the grant agreement in order to change the expiration date from December 31, 2018 to August 31, 2021. The extension is necessary as more time is needed to complete the project. The project design is not complete and construction is not scheduled to be completed until late spring or early summer in 2021.

The goal and objective of this amendment remains 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 DEC and federal requirements for stormwater management. 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 recommend approval of this amendment.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend the 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 order to change the expiration date from December 31, 2018 to August 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all the other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same; and it is 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.

Original Agreement \$500,000
This Amendment \$ 0

TOTAL \$500,000

AGREEMENT NUMBER C-PL-16-427

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	\$0

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2016 Start Date: August 1, 2016 End Date: August 31, 2021
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
State Aid \$0
\$0 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____