

DATE March 10, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Amendment to the Agreement Between the County of Westchester and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Implement Water Quality Improvement Project in Order to Change the Expiration Date

On September 7, 2006, your Honorable Board authorized a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Implement Water Quality Improvement Projects.

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the grant agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The grant is being used to implement the Westchester County Citizens' Volunteer Monitoring Program, which incorporates environmental education with the collection of baseline water quality data. The program, now in its final season, will continue and expand existing outreach, education and monitoring efforts of local residents. Schools will work with new and existing volunteer water quality monitors to track and post the physical, biological and chemical characteristics of Westchester County's water bodies. The amendment will change the expiration date from August 15, 2010 to December 31, 2010. All other terms and conditions will remain the same.

The Westchester County Department of Planning will need to extend the expiration date to provide additional time to complete volunteer data collection for the 2010 monitoring season and to complete a final data analysis report.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of protecting the environment and promoting fiscal responsibility.

The goal and objective of this amendment is to extend the contract period of the agreement in order to improve the health of Westchester residents and the environment by protecting our water resources. It will allow the County to continue supporting this program and encourage residents to volunteer to monitor Westchester County's water bodies. The project will be monitored by the Planning Department staff who will review and monitor all reports to ensure all contractual requirements are met.

Should this amendment not be authorized, the stream monitoring season will be truncated, compromising the multi-year data base of stream water conditions and the County will not be able to accept the full available grant funds needed to fully implement the Water Quality Improvement Projects that allow Westchester County residents to collect valuable water quality data and water resources in the County.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

EB/
Attachment

RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to amend the agreement between the County of Westchester and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Implement Water Quality Improvement Projects to change the expiration date from August 15, 2010 to December 31, 2010; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all the other terms and conditions of the agreement will 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 \$1,197,850.00
 This amendment \$ - 0 -

 Total Revised Amount \$1,197,850.00

 AGREEMENT NUMBER C-PL-05-191

Account to be Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept	Or Unit			
263	19	459I		T459	\$ - 0 -

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2006 Start Date August 16, 2005 End Date December 31, 2010
 (must match resolution) FY 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____

\$ - 0 - Federal Aid \$ - 0 -
 (must match resolution) Other _____