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DATE June 16, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Somers to provide a grant from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds (EOH) to finance a conceptual design report to examine the wastewater needs and feasible solutions for the Lake Shenorock Watershed

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Somers to provide a grant from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds (EOH) to finance a conceptual design report (the Study) to examine the wastewater needs and feasible solutions for the Lake Shenorock Watershed. The not to exceed amount of the grant is \$100,000.00 and the term of the agreement will commence upon the signing of the IMA and terminate two (2) years thereafter.

The Town of Somers will prepare a report that will focus on the Lake Shenorock watershed which is an area that is not sewered or served by wastewater treatment plants and includes densely developed areas and some parcels that are experiencing septic system failures. The study will include, but not be limited to, recommendations for wastewater disposal, such as extension of an existing sewer district, latest state of the art upgrade of individual septic systems, community septic systems and septic/sewer combinations. This report will support the priority wastewater project identified by the Northern Westchester Watershed Committee in the Town of Somers.

The agreement will serve the public purpose of protecting the environment by improving water quality within the New York City Watershed, specifically Lake Shenorock within the Amawalk Reservoir drainage basin and those areas of Shenorock that drain to the Muscoot Reservoir. The goal and objective is to determine the best solutions to improve the water quality in the Lake Shenorock Watershed. The project will be monitored by the Department of Planning staff through the terms of the IMA whereby the Town of Somers will be reporting on the progress of the study.

On May 9, 2011, the County Board of Legislators pursuant to Act No.59-2011, authorized the County to transfer One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds, for which the County is custodian under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, into a County Trust Account in order to fund the Town of Somers' costs associated with preparing a conceptual design report to examine the wastewater needs and feasible solution for the Lake Shenorock Watershed.

On May 9, 2011, the County Board of Legislators pursuant to Act No.60-2011, authorized the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Somers in order to distribute One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds to fund the Town of Somers' costs associated with preparing a conceptual design report to examine the wastewater needs and feasible solutions for the Lake Shenorock Watershed.

I recommend approval of the agreement.

EB/cp
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/30/2011 - JOMARY VIERA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Somers to provide a grant from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds (EOH) to finance a conceptual design report (the Study) to examine the wastewater needs and feasible solutions for the Lake Shenorock Watershed. The not to exceed amount of the grant is \$100,000.00 and the term of the agreement will commence upon the signing of the IMA and terminate two (2) years thereafter, 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.

Recommended for Approval

Account to be Charged/Credited

| Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
|------|------|---|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 263 | 19W | 049L | 4380 | T049 | \$100,000.00 |

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

FY 2011 Start Date Upon Signing IMA End Date Two (2) Years After Signing IMA

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$100,000.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other \$100,000.00