

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10, 2016

Resolution to adopt the Eastside Opportunity Corridor Pilot Project

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of local government, businesses, and citizen groups working together in a public-private partnership to address neighborhood renewal;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law recognizes the elimination or prevention of blight can best be provided by revitalizing and stimulating economic activities in such places;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states expressly that entities like ECGRA may have as one of its purposes the promotion of activities deemed appropriate to eliminate blight or otherwise improve economic activity;

Whereas, ECGRA's Strategic Plan recognizes that functional and aesthetic improvements upon neighborhoods are important factors in achieving community satisfaction;

Whereas, ECGRA believes, as a good steward of the Gaming Funds, that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Erie County to pilot an unproven concept such as neighborhood renewal in a specified geographic area, to learn from the pilot program, refine it and deliberate on its merits before offering eligible neighborhood renewal associations throughout Erie County the opportunity to implement the refined and then proven neighborhood renewal program;

Whereas, eligible neighborhood renewal associations concerned with the proactive revitalization of respective geographic areas are a regional asset to be supported at a later date if deemed successful by a pilot project;

Whereas, ECGRA has selected the Lake Erie Region Conservancy (LERC) to launch said pilot concept with an operational grant of \$50,000, which will be matched 1-1 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A";

Whereas, ECGRA declares the following milestones to be measured and analyzed as part of the pilot project:

1. The successful convening of an advisory committee consisting of neighborhood stakeholders, public officials, and businesses
2. Three public meetings
3. A document that captures planning efforts, neighborhood input, and the feasibility of implementing aspects of the EOC
4. Preliminary engineering and design for street crossings and bicycle lanes
5. The improvement of recreational spaces along the corridor

Whereas, LERC shall report to ECGRA within 12 months as to the successes, failures and obstacles encountered so that ECGRA may determine whether to refine the program prior to considering whether to offer the neighborhood renewal program to eligible neighborhood renewal associations throughout Erie County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves to adopt the Eastside Opportunity Corridor pilot project to the extent outlined in this document and attachments.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 12th day of May, 2016 by a vote of _____-_____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
May 12, 2016

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA