



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 17, 2025

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek Culvert (PK-22)  
in Chestnut Ridge Park Contracts for Construction Phase Services CAP-PK-22-25**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter a contract with McLaughlin Construction Corp. dba Edbauer Construction, for the Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek Culvert (PK-22) in Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park. Bids were received on September 11, 2025. Authorization for the County Executive to execute a contract amendment with the engineering design firm, CHA Consulting, Inc. for engineering services during construction (construction inspection and administration) for this project is also being requested.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Poloncarz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Troy Schinzel, Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek Culvert (PK-22) in Chestnut Ridge Park Contracts for Construction Phase Services CAP-PK-22-25  
**Date:** October 17, 2025

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp. dba Edbauer Construction (Edbauer), to execute a contract amendment with the engineering firm CHA Consulting, Inc. (CHA) for engineering services during construction (construction inspection and administration) and to establish a project contingency. These contracts and contingency are for the Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek Culvert (PK-22) in Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park. Bids for the subject Project were received by the Department on September 11, 2025.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total project cost is estimated at \$473,000; \$303,353 for construction, \$136,000 for construction phase engineering and inspection services, and \$33,647 for project contingency. The total budget is available in Funds Center 164, Fund 410, A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The design portion of this project was authorized by your Honorable Body via COMM. 15E-6 on September 26, 2024, and has been completed. A public bid opening was held on September 11, 2025 and the lowest responsible bidder was Edbauer. The Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry desires to advance the Project into the construction phase in a timely fashion.

CHA, the project design engineer, is recommended for project construction administration and inspection services.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Culvert PK-22 carries Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek within Chestnut Ridge Park. Recent inspections of this culvert have rated it a 4 and issued Yellow Structural Flags on it. The fascia concrete on both sides is severely deteriorated with spalling and exposed reinforcement. The railings on both sides of the culvert do not meet current design standards and are in need of upgrade. This project will address both of these issues as well as address problems with the pavement both on and adjacent to the culvert.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If this project is not completed, the culvert will continue to deteriorate. Eventually the culvert would no longer be able to support the roadway, and would be fully closed to traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will execute all necessary agreements with the lowest responsible bidder, Edbauer and CHA for construction phase engineering and inspection services, and establish a project contingency for a successful and timely implementation of this project.

### **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

 10/1/25

Timothy C. Callan  
Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

RE: Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek Culvert (PK-22) in Chestnut Ridge Park Contracts for Construction Phase Services CAP-PK-22-25

WHEREAS, it is desired to rehabilitate the Large Culvert carry Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek (PK-22) within Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park (the "Project"), CAP-PK-22-25; and

WHEREAS, the design of the culvert rehabilitation was authorized under COMM. 15E-6 (2024) is completed and the project publicly bid on September 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp. dba Edbauer Construction (Edbauer), in an amount not to exceed \$303,353; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a contract amendment with CHA Consulting, Inc. (CHA) for engineering services during construction (construction inspection and administration) in the amount not to exceed \$136,000; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a project contingency in the amount of \$33,647; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds for the construction contract, construction administration and inspection contract amendment, and contingency at \$473,000, and are available in Fund 410, Funds Center 164, Capital Project A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature here by authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Edbauer, for the PK-22 Culvert Rehabilitation Project in Chestnut Ridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$303,353; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a contract amendment with CHA, the Project Design Engineers, for engineering construction inspection and administration services in an amount not to exceed \$136,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for the sum of \$33,647 be allocated to a Project Contingency with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders and amendments in an amount not to exceed the Contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this Project is hereby appropriated and made available for the project from Fund 410, Fund Center 164, Project A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive to execute any necessary change orders, amendments to contracts and agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST  
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME  | McLaughlin Construction Corp. dba Edbauer<br>Construction<br>CHA Consulting, Inc. |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | \$303,353 - Edbauer<br>\$136,000 - CHA<br>\$33,647 - Contingency                  |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER     | A.24008                                                                           |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE      | Rehabilitation of Culvert PK-22 in Chestnut<br>Ridge Park                         |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | Funding questions: Katie Spencer<br>Letter pickup: Katie Spencer                  |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS           | \$ 475,000      |
| 7. PERFORMED BY                    | <i>Rupin</i>    |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | October 1, 2025 |

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DATE: 10/1/2025

1) IS THE REASON FOR THIS CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: YES X NO

## 2) PROJECT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION

|                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Project Revenues                         | \$ 525,000.00 |
| Total Project Appropriations                   | \$ 525,000.00 |
| Less: Total Expenditure To Date                | \$ 49,982.80  |
| Less: Total Commitments                        | \$ 17.20      |
| Available Appropriations As Of Date Of Request | \$ 475,000.00 |
| Less: Contract Amount                          | \$ 473,000.00 |
| Net Available Appropriations                   | \$ 2,000.00   |

**Comments:** There is currently \$475,017.20 cash within the project.

Request Approved: 12th C-Cell

Request Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/1/25

Project Budget Consumption

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Capital Trial Balance

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