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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 20, 2026

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Elma Pumping Station and Force Main Upgrades Project Agreements – Moog Inc. and Steuben Foods, Inc.**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution and an accompanying memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning pertaining to proposed agreements with Moog Inc. and Steuben Foods, Inc. to fund costs associated with pre-development engineering services for the Elma Pumping Station and Force Main Upgrades project.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E., BCEE in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

Encl.

Cc: J. Fiegl, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Department of Environment and Planning  
Re: Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Elma Pumping Station and Force Main Upgrades  
Project Agreements – Moog Inc. and Steuben Foods, Inc.  
Date: March 20, 2026

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### **SUMMARY**

Authorization to enter into agreements with Moog Inc. (Moog) and Steuben Foods, Inc. (Stueben Foods) to fund costs associated with pre-development engineering services for the Elma Pumping Station and Force Main Upgrades project is requested.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no fiscal implications to the County's General Fund. The costs associated with the pre-development engineering services will be paid through a \$500,000 FAST NY grant, with the grant match coming from Moog and Steuben Foods. These agreements will allow the County of Erie to receive said matching funds from Moog and Steuben Foods once the engineering services commence.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The FAST NY program provides working capital grants of up to \$500,000 for the cost of pre-development services for economic development purposes. A minimum 50% match is required for the grant, and agreements between the County of Erie and Moog & Steuben Foods are required for the matching funds. Further, the agreements would memorialize the various conditions, roles, and responsibilities of the County of Erie and the two industries related to the project.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Elma pumping station and force main were constructed in the mid-1980's to provide sanitary sewer services to a former Western Electric property on Maple Road in the Town of Elma. This work was funded through a Federal grant and was completed through a partnership between the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and the County of Erie. Steuben Foods subsequently set up production at this property and have manufactured various products at the site for over 40 years. Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No. 3 performs operation/maintenance and improvement of the sanitary sewer infrastructure servicing Steuben Foods. Steuben Foods is not within ECSD No. 3; rather, it is an out-of-district customer.

The referenced pumping station and force main were originally designed to manage 250,000 gallons per day. However, Steuben Foods experienced tremendous growth and as a result, over 10-years ago ECSD No. 3 completed pumping station upgrades to increase the available sanitary sewer capacity. Stueben Foods funded those pumping station upgrades. Today a peak

instantaneous flow of 1,000,000 gallons per day is managed by the Elma pumping station and force main.

Steuben Foods is evaluating further growth at their Maple Road site. Due to the size, length, and elevations of the existing force main, additional upgrades are required for capacities beyond the existing flows. Further, with years of wear & tear and the relative age of the force main, the eventual replacement of the pipeline should be contemplated in the next decade regardless of capacity needs.

As a result, ECSD No. 3 retained the services of an engineering consultant to complete a study titled the “Erie County Sewer, District No. 3 Elma Pump Station and Force Main Evaluation” (February 2025 report). This effort was a high-level assessment of the sanitary sewer needs in this corridor targeted for industrial growth in the Town of Elma. As part of this analysis, capacity was included for a potential connection of Moog’s main plant on Jamison Road, as Moog is evaluating options to address its private wastewater treatment plant, which requires upgrades to meet its current and future needs. The recommendation in the February 2025 report to support Moog, Steuben Foods, and other potential connections in this commercial/industrial corridor in the Town of Elma consists of replacing the pumping station and force main with larger infrastructure. The total estimated cost of these proposed improvements approaches \$25 million.

As this infrastructure and the current/prospective customers are outside the bounds of ECSD No. 3, these costs would be borne by these out-of-district entities. To assist in proceeding with this potential project, the County of Erie submitted New York State Consolidated Funding Application #152059 to request funding via Empire State Development’s FAST NY Grant Program. Under “Track B” of the FAST NY program, up to \$500,000.00 may be provided “to fund the cost of necessary pre-development site planning and reviews for future shovel ready sites.” Through discussions with Moog and Steuben Foods, a scope of services was developed to satisfy Empire State Development’s requirements, as well as bring the design of the proposed project to the 30% stage. The County of Erie received official notice on January 14, 2026, that this project was awarded a \$500,000.00 grant. Moog and Steuben Foods have agreed to supply the matching funding.

Importantly, this work would better position this project for potential funding sources for construction/implementation, such as “Track C” of the FAST NY program.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If agreements with Moog and Steuben Foods are not completed, the County of Erie would not have the matching funds for the FAST NY grant.

### **STEPS TO FOLLOW APPROVAL**

The County Executive will execute agreements with Moog and Steuben Foods. After selection of an engineering consultant for the project, the Erie County Legislature will be requested to authorize entering into an agreement for the firm to complete the FAST NY “Track B” scope of services.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Elma Pumping Station and Force Main Upgrades  
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WHEREAS, the County has proposed advancing a project to construct a new wastewater pumping station, sanitary force main, and associated appurtenances to replace the existing Elma Pumping Station and Force Main (hereinafter referred to as the “Proposed Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would allow for implementation of sewer / wastewater capacity improvements to support economic development in a corridor targeted for industrial growth in the Town of Elma, New York; and

WHEREAS, Moog Inc. and Steuben Foods, Inc. have property located in this corridor targeted for industrial growth that would benefit from connection to these sewer / wastewater capacity improvements; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need to advance pre-development engineering services for the Proposed Project, the County submitted New York State Consolidated Funding Application #152059 to request funding via Empire State Development’s FAST NY Grant Program – “Track B”; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie received official notice from Empire State Development on January 14, 2026, that the Proposed Project was awarded a \$500,000.00 FAST NY grant; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would be outside the bounds of Erie County Sewer District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Moog Inc. and Steuben Foods, Inc. have agreed to contribute toward a portion of the costs associated with the pre-development engineering services for the Proposed Project, for the purposes of grant matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie and Moog Inc. & Steuben Foods, Inc. must memorialize various conditions, roles, and responsibilities related to the pre-development engineering services for the Proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute agreements with Moog Inc. (400 Jamison Road, Elma, New York, 14059) and Steuben Foods, Inc. (1150 Maple Road, Elma, New York, 14059) for match funding and various matters related to the FAST NY grant and the Proposed Project, subject to approval as to content by the Commissioner of Environment and Planning, and approval as to form by the County Attorney’s Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Personnel, Department of Law and Division of Sewerage Management.