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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Acceptance of Land Donation

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry seeking legislative authorization accept donation of a parcel of land to add to Bennett Beach Park

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/spm
Enclosure

cc: Troy P. Schinzel, Comissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Donation of a Parcel of Land to add to Bennett Beach Park
Date: April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

Bennett Beach Park is a waterfront park located in the Town of Evans, Erie County, New York. Earlier this year, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry was approached by the owner of an adjacent 0.22 acre parcel of land with an offer to donate it for incorporation into Bennett Beach Park. This property, located at 8262 Lake Shore Road, exists immediately between the Bennett Beach parking lot and Lake Shore Road. The County is seeking legislative approval to accept this parcel to add to Bennett Beach Park

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This property runs along the front of Bennett Beach Park, next to the entrance to the park and along Lake Shore Road. Ownership of this property would simplify maintenance. Ownership of this parcel would also consolidate an adjacent property into the park.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County would not acquire the donation of a parcel of land that fits the general footprint of Bennett Beach Park

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution, the County Executive will authorize the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to carry out any managerial duty with regards to the acceptance of this parcel of land and incorporation into Bennett Beach Park

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

RE: Donation of a Parcel of Land to Incorporate into Bennett Beach Park

WHEREAS, Bennett Beach Park is a waterfront park existing in the Erie County Parks System; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the 0.22 acre parcel of land located at 8262 Lake Shore Road, Evans New York has approached the Erie County Department of Parks Recreation and Forestry with an offer to donate the parcel for incorporation into Bennett Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, this parcel exists adjacent to Bennett Beach Park, between Lake Shore Road and the parking lot for Bennett Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry seeks to accept this parcel and incorporate it into Bennett Beach Park; and

WHEREAS, this was reviewed and approved by the Erie County Lands Review Committee (ARC);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorize the acceptance of a donation of land at 8262 Lake Shore Road, Evans, NY on behalf of Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to incorporate the parcel into Bennett Beach Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute any and all appropriate documents as may be necessary for the transfer of land from the current owner to Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive's Office, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.