



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 3, 2026

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

RE: Willowdale Park – North Forest Road Waterline Easement

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry authorizing the execution of an easement agreement with the Town of Amherst for Waterline Replacement at Willowdale Park.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.

Erie County Executive

MCP/spm
Enclosure

cc: Adam R. Massaro, Erie County Water Authority
Brian J. Armstrong, Town of Amherst Director of Engineering Service

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Willowdale Park – North Forest Road Waterline Easement
Date: September 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The Town of Amherst is seeking temporary construction easement and permanent maintenance easement for the replacement of a waterline at Willowdale Park. The Town of Amherst would pay the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in consideration of this.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

A waterline needs to be constructed at Willowdale Park to support the park, including providing irrigation for the golf course. The easement would allow the Town of Amherst and the Erie County Water Authority to construct that waterline beginning at North Forest Road. This fifteen feet (15') wide easement would allow the Town of Amherst to construct and maintain this waterline in accordance with the Soil Management Plan approved for the parcel located at 772 North Forest Road.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed easement was evaluated and approved by the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee (A.R.C.) on August 11th, 2026.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If a resolution to enter into an easement agreement is not approved, the construction of Willowdale Park would be jeopardized.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of the resolution, the easement will be executed with the Town of Amherst.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

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WHEREAS, the County of Erie owns the property located at 772 North Forest Road (Willowdale Park); and

WHEREAS, a waterline needs to be constructed to provide water to the park and irrigation for the golf course; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst is requesting a temporary and permanent easement that will enable construction of a waterline and maintenance of the waterline in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); and

WHEREAS; the proposed easement will enable water service to Willowdale Park; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee has reviewed the action under NYS SEQRA and determined the action to be a Type II action, denoting the minimal environmental impact; and

WHEREAS; the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee reviewed and approved the temporary and permanent easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature has reviewed the proposed action under SEQRA and hereby concurs with the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee's assessment of the action under SEQRA, determining the action to be a type II action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive of Deputy County Executive to enter into a temporary and permanent easement with the Town of Amherst at the location of 772 North Forest Road; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Real Property, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.