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Motion Made By _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO RENEW OR ENTER INTO INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ONONDAGA COUNTY TO ASSIST THOSE MUNICIPALITIES IN COMPLYING WITH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION STORMWATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act was amended in 1987 to establish permit requirements to help control pollution from stormwater run-off; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, pursuant to Federal regulations, the DEC expanded the scope of its stormwater program to require certain municipalities to apply for a DEC stormwater permit, which permit requirements were modified effective January 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, 25 municipalities in Onondaga County that operate Municipal Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS4s), including the County, the City of Syracuse and numerous towns and villages, are required to comply with such DEC stormwater permits; and

WHEREAS, each of these 25 municipalities are required to implement stormwater management programs and satisfy six minimum control requirements mandated by the stormwater permit, including reporting and investigation of illicit discharges and inspection of stormwater outfalls; and

WHEREAS, since these general permit requirements are applicable to all 25 municipalities, it has been recognized that there are opportunities for cost effective compliance through cooperation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, years ago a number of these municipalities had requested that the County provide certain services to assist them in complying with their obligations to develop and implement a Stormwater Management Program; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, in 2008 the County developed a proposal to furnish services through the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection to interested municipalities, which services include the following:

- 1) Establish a centralized "Hotline" for citizens to report suspected illicit discharges, at no cost to other municipalities;
- 2) Perform routine inspections of stormwater "outfalls" at no cost to other municipalities;
- 3) Assist in tracking down sources of potential illicit discharges to stormwater systems, at a fee of \$60.00 per hour;
- 4) Share laboratory services at prevailing laboratory rates/costs; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 323 authorizing the County Executive to enter into agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years to perform stormwater permit related services for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 all 25 municipalities in Onondaga County subject to the Phase II Stormwater Regulations entered into Intermunicipal Agreements with the County to receive such stormwater permit related services; and

WHEREAS, in November 2013 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 160 authorizing the County Executive to renew such Intermunicipal Agreements with interested municipalities for an additional term not to exceed 5 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 17 municipalities in Onondaga County subject to the Phase II Stormwater Regulations renewed Intermunicipal Agreements with the County to receive such stormwater permit related services; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019 the County Legislature passed Resolution No. 11 authorizing the County Executive to renew or enter into such Intermunicipal Agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years; and

WHEREAS, in or after 2019, __ municipalities in Onondaga County subject to the Phase II Stormwater Regulations renewed or entered into Intermunicipal Agreements with the County to receive such stormwater permit related services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to authorize the County Executive to renew or enter into these Intermunicipal Agreements with MS4 municipalities in Onondaga County in order to provide for such stormwater permit related services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive hereby is authorized to renew or enter into stormwater assistance agreements with interested municipalities for a term not to exceed 5 years to perform stormwater permit related services for municipalities, and to execute agreements to implement the intent of this resolution.