

TOWN OF LYSANDER

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The Town of Lysander, the Town of Van Buren, and the Village of Baldwinsville agree to being included in a joint Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), with the Onondaga County Department of Planning providing in-kind services as the required local match. The Town of Lysander, as lead applicant, has applied for and received a \$120,000 planning grant from the New York State Department of State – Division of Coastal Resources (DOS) for the preparation of the Greater Baldwinsville Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (C1001652).

With verbal review and agreement by the Department of State, the Town of Van Buren will be covered under the resources in the existing State contract (C1001652) and has been diligently working with the town of Lysander to become familiar with the State contract. This modification was conceptually approved by DOS during the period from May – June 2024, based on the determination that the addition of the Town of Van Buren did not constitute a material change in the project as described in the grant application, and that there are adequate resources to cover the additional work.

The Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP) has been coordinating with DOS to amend the work plan and budget to include the Town of Van Buren, at no additional cost to the Department. Specifically, OCDOP began submitting initial requests to amend the contract to include the Town of Van Buren as early as March-April 2024, and documented in Project Status Reports dated 7/1/2024 and amended on 9/12/2024, and 1/1/2025 with addendum.

Additionally, Onondaga County released an RFP for the LWRP on September 5, 2024 (#24-3510-002) that included the Towns of Lysander and Van Buren and the Village of Baldwinsville. This RFP was reviewed and approved by DOS staff prior to release. Onondaga County received six applications in response to the RFP. Several of the applications met or exceeded the grant-approved amount of \$120,000.

Since the Town of Van Buren shares approximately 13 miles of shoreline along the Seneca River with the Town of Lysander and the Village of Baldwinsville, it benefits all parties involved to amend the LWRP grant accordingly to include the Town of Van Buren. We thank you for your funding and technical assistance to improve our communities' waterfronts.

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