

**TOWN OF WEST SENECA GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Seneca Town Board has determined there is a need to analyze how proposed development will impact direct and indirect job creation, wages and spending within its borders, particularly at the former Seneca Mall site;

WHEREAS, the Town of West Seneca Town Board has determined there is a need to coordinate the efforts of all sectors of the Town to maximize the effectiveness of economic development activities within the former Seneca Mall site;

WHEREAS, the Town of West Seneca Town Board has determined there is also a lack of coordinated efforts to determine the best uses of vacant, undeveloped or underdeveloped nonresidential sites in the “distressed” Town of West Seneca, with particular emphasis on the need to redevelop the former Seneca Mall site;

WHEREAS, this Strategic Development Plan will have the goals of increasing the viability of existing businesses, stimulating new enterprises, analyzing potential development opportunities and determining what are the obstacles to development at the former Seneca Mall site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of West Seneca will submit a grant request for the development of a Strategic Plan for the former Seneca Mall site through the Consolidated Funding Application to the Empire State Development Corporation;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Connie D. Miner & Co. Grant Consultants, the Town’s grants consultants, be authorized and directed to complete the necessary application, forms, and attachments to be submitted through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application for the purpose of securing this grant; and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Sheila M. Meegan, Supervisor of the Town of West Seneca, is hereby authorized and directed to sign an application for funds from the Empire State Development Corporation for the Strategic Planning & Feasibility Study, requesting \$50,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of West Seneca for the development of a Strategic Development Plan for the former Seneca Mall site; and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of West Seneca will provide a 50% (fifty percent) match to the grant, with a 10% (ten percent) cash match, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.