



WEST SENECA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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RE: Letter of Support for "Implementation of the Buffalo Creek Floodplain Reconnection Project in the Town of West Seneca (NY)"

On behalf of the West Seneca Environmental Commission I would like to express our support for your project entitled, "Implementation of the Buffalo Creek Floodplain Reconnection Project in the Town of West Seneca (NY)" being submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund.

This project is important to the Town of West Seneca because it addresses the persistent problem of flooding within the Lexington Green neighborhood and provides an opportunity to lessen that flooding through low-impact green infrastructure measures that will provide needed greenspace and habitat along the Buffalo Creek corridor.

The West Seneca Environmental Commission has been involved in the project working with the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper since its identification in the New York State DEC's Resilient NY Study, and plans to continue to work closely with the Waterkeeper to support the implementation to provide much needed benefits to landowners, community, and ecology of the area.

Working with the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper and Ramboll, we intend to build off of the previously funded site assessment and design plans to restore and strengthen the stream bank and adjacent floodplain so they can protect our community from the impact of storms, floods, and other natural hazards which enable them to recover more quickly while enhancing the natural, existing habitats for fish and wildlife. We feel that this area is a place where natural resources restoration efforts will have a significant impact for human community resilience, as well as improvements to fish and wildlife.

Our hope is that this grant will be funded so that we may move ahead with the implementation of the final designs to alleviate flooding and increase habitat in the creek corridor.

Sincerely,

Robert Amadon
Chairperson

.cc Gary Dickson, Amelia Greenan, Scott Robertson, Evelyn Hicks