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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

***RE: Agreement with Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper
(Ecological Restoration Projects)***

Council Members:

The Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers ("BNW"), a local non-profit group, who has secured funding through the Environmental Protection Agency's "Great Lakes Restoration Initiative," wishes to enter into an agreement with the City of Niagara Falls to complete a green infrastructure project within Hyde Park, north of Duck Island, south of Porter Road, and east of Robbins Road, along the shoreline of Hyde Park Lake. This project will bring a major benefit to the community and to the ecological improvement of Gill Creek and Hyde Park Lake.

The proposed agreement would allow BNW access to City property for the purposes of designing, constructing, and post-construction inspecting and monitoring of the ecological improvements for a term not to exceed four (4) years from the date of execution, unless otherwise terminated or extended by the parties according to the terms of the agreement. No property rights are transferred or relinquished as part of the agreement. The City shall retain the right to review and approve all phases of design development and would contribute a total of \$300,000.00 toward the project from the Greenway Fund toward this project.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino
Mayor

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