



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

~SUMMARY~

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
North District Councilmember Joseph Golombek Masten District Councilmember Zeneta Everhart Ellicott District Councilmember Leah Halton-Pope University District Councilmember Rasheed Wyatt Delaware District Councilmember Joel Feroletto Lovejoy District Councilmember Bryan Bollman Fillmore District Councilmember Mitchell Nowakowski Niagara District Councilmember David Rivera South District Councilmember Christopher Scanlon			

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

IV. NEW ITEMS

1. 26-000352 Appointment to Buffalo City Court Housing Advisory Council (A
- Falicov) 9/8/26 CD

MOTION: Rec. Approve

2. 26-000305 C Tarr, Concerns Buffalo parking Violations Bureau Enforcement
- Practices 9/8/2026 CD

MOTION: Tabled

V. TABLED ITEMS

3. 26-000500 Everhart, Wyatt, Halton-Pope - Establishing the Drive Forward
- Initiative for Youth Involved in Motor Vehicle Theft MT26-1281
9/8/26 CD

MOTION: Tabled

4. 26-000503 Everhart - Resolution Supporting the CABY-WDI Program MT26-
- 1260 9/8/26 CD

MOTION: Tabled

5. 26-000505 Halton-Pope, Everhart, Resolution Requesting Action at the
- Former Wonder Bread Factory MT-1267 9/8/26 CD

MOTION: Tabled

6. 26-000382
- **In Rem 174 List of Delinquent Tax Liens MT 26-1034
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

7. 26-000383
- **Golombek, Constituent Concerns - City Pools MT 26-
1160 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

8. 26-000385
- **Nowakowski - Concerns Regarding 596 South Park MT
26-1127 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

9. 26-000386
- **Rivera - City Response to Landlord Retaliation MT 26-
911 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

10. 26-000387
- **Wyatt, Halton-Pope - Resolution Honoring National
Public Works Week MT 26-925 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

11. 26-000389
- **R. Wyatt, Neighborhood Concerns - 216 Merrimac MT
26-819 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

12. 26-000390 **Nowakowski - Expansion of Synchronized Traffic Signal
Infrastructure MT 26-832 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

13. 26-000391 **J Golombek, Letters Concerning Unsafe Pedestrian
Crossing at 255 Great Arrow MT 26-558 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

14. 26-000392 **Halton-Pope-Gold Wynn Property Tenant Complaints
MT 26-573 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

15. 26-000393 **Everhart- Departmental Participation in Claims
Committee MT 26-487 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

16. 26-000394 **Everhart - Request for Update Regarding PRI MT 26-
488 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

17. 26-000396 **R Wyatt, Letter to BMHA Housing Board MT 26-450
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

18. 26-000398 **Everhart, Halton-Pope, Wyatt - Establishing the Buffalo
Youth Council Initiative MT 26-430 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

19. 26-000399 **Golombek, Feroletto, Halton-Pope, & All
Councilmembers - Call for Investigation on the Death
of Nurul Amin Shah Alam MT 26-358 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

20. 26-000400
- **Wyatt- Requesting an Update on Winter Fleet and Equipment MT 26-280 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

21. 26-000402
- **Wyatt, Everhart, Halton-Pope - Letter to Corp Counsel Regarding Menthol Ban MT 26-278 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

22. 26-000403
- **Wyatt - Resolution Requesting the Civil Service Appeals Board to be Filled MT 26-299 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

23. 26-000404
- **Everhart Et Al- Bridge to Ownership Initiative: from Housing Assistance to Generational Stability (Exc Res) MT 26-189 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

24. 26-000405
- **Nowakowski - Request for Redevelopment at 294 Louisiana Street MT 26-43 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

25. 26-000406
- **Everhart - Letter to BMHA and Belmont Regarding Housing Conditions MT 25-1973 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

26. 26-000409
- **Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Living Conditions in BMHA-Managed Facilities MT 25-1981 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

27. 26-000411
- **Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Properties Operated by Cornerstone Management MT 25-1982 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

28. 26-000412
- **Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Properties Operated by
Corvus Property Management MT 25-1983 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
29. 26-000414
- **Halton-Pope, Requesting Information Re Belmont
Housing Voucher Program MT 25-1984 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
30. 26-000415
- **Halton-Pope Resolution Directing the Scheduling of a
Public Hearing to Address Critical Housing Issues in the
City of Buffalo (Exc Res) MT 25-1978 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
31. 26-000416
- **Report of Sale Portion of 247 Loepere (EL) MT 25-1812
9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
32. 26-000418
- **J.Golombek, Constituent Concerns - Housing Crisis MT
25-1849 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
33. 26-000419
- **Halton-Pope - Resolution Requesting Data on DDAs in
the City of Buffalo MT 25-1861 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
34. 26-000420
- **Halton-Pope - Resolution Requesting Data on PILOT
Programs in the City of Buffalo MT 25-1862 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
35. 26-000421
- **Everhart - Letter Requesting DPW to Give an Update on
Winter Preparedness and Warming Shelters MT 25-1789
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

36. 26-000422
- **Everhart - Letter to DPIS Regarding Updates on
Proactive Rental Inspection (PRI) Program MT 25-1710
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

37. 26-000423
- **Nowakowski - Re-Use of Vacant Rite Aids MT 25-1646
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

38. 26-000424
- **Everhart - Requesting Fire Commissioner Attendance
and Report on Fire Hydrant Inspections MT 25-1575
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

39. 26-000425
- **Bollman - in the Case of Amanda Thompson: a Call for a
Full Investigation and Report MT 25-1384 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

40. 26-000426
- **Everhart - Requesting State Guidance on Firearm
Restrictions in Private Businesses MT 25-1239 9/8/26
CD**

MOTION: Tabled

41. 26-000427
- **Everhart - a Resolution to Dedicate Office Space Within
Buffalo City Hall to the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc.
MT 25-1238 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

42. 26-000428
- **Requesting an Update on the Creation of the Buffalo
Parking Authority and the Sale of City-Owned Parking
Structures MT 25-1130 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

43. 26-000429
- **City Snow Plan 2025-2026 MT 25-539 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
44. 26-000430
- **Disability Advisory Committee - Report and Recommendations MT 25-578 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
45. 26-000431
- **R. Wyatt, Concerns Regarding Condition of University Heights Lofts MT 25-425 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
46. 26-000434
- **Golombek - Opposition to Wind Turbines in Lake Erie MT 25-101 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
47. 26-000435
- **BSA Audit Findings Regarding Annual Report MT 25-83 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
48. 26-000436
- **Nowakowski, Rivera - Naming RCWJCP Loop to Mary McLean Wilson Trail MT 25-1648 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
49. 26-000437
- **Wyatt - Requesting DPW for EV Infrastructure Plan MT 25-113 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**
50. 26-000438
- **Everhart, Nowakowski – Comprehensive Communication Strategy for Combating Public Dumping MT 24-2022 9/8/26 CD**
- MOTION: Tabled**

51. 26-000439
- **M. Nowakowski-BENLIC Update for Community Stakeholders MT 24-2033 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

52. 26-000440
- **M. Nowakowski - Audit of City-Owned Properties to Ensure ADA Compliance MT 24-2002 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

53. 26-000441
- **P. Reese, Concerns Future of the Buffalo Animal Shelter MT 24-1863 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

54. 26-000442
- **Nowakowski: VIA Communication on Middle Main Project MT 24-1452 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

55. 26-000443
- **Nowakowski- Letter Requesting Update on Sinatra Development at Canalside MT 24-1272 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

56. 26-000444
- **S. Martin, Menthol Tobacco Ban Concerns MT 24-1065 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

57. 26-000445
- **Bollman- Addressing the Impact of Geiter Done on the Seneca Babcock Community MT 24-884 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

58. 26-000446
- **C. Glinski, Parking Concerns on Rosalia St. MT 24-876 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

59. 26-000447
- **Bike Ped Advisory Board - Memorializing NYS Leg to
Pass SAFE Streets Act MT 24-589 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

60. 26-000448
- **Halton-Pope - Status Update and Further Action on
Ellicott Townhouse Association Management Concerns
MT 24-216 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

61. 26-000449
- **Halton-Pope - Progress and Future Directions for
Fruitbelt Green Space Development Plan MT 24-213
9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

62. 26-000450
- **Nowakowski- Project Details Request - Old First Ward
Community Center Parking Lot MT 23-2202 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

63. 26-000451
- **Nowakowski - Pursuing the Foreclosure of 377 Main St.
MT 23-1972 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

64. 26-000452
- **Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Community
Action Organization of WNY, Inc (Edward Saunders)
Located at 2777 Bailey Ave (UN) MT 23-994 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

65. 26-000454
- **Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca
Babcock Community Association, Inc (Hennepin
Community Center) Located at 24 Ludington (Aka 1207
Bailey Ave.) (LO) MT 23-996 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

66. 26-000455
- **Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (Seneca Babcock Community Center) Located at 1168 Seneca St (LO) MT 23-1003 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

67. 26-000456
- **Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (George K. Arthur Community Center) Located at 2050 Genesee St (LO) MT 23-1076 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

68. 26-000457
- **Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (Schiller Park Senior Center) Located at 2057 Genesee St (LO) MT 23-1002 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

69. 26-000458
- **K. Fiedler, Ciminelli's West End Development - Waterfront Village MT 23-1060 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

70. 26-000460
- **Wyatt - Identifying a Location for a New DPW Facility that Best Suits the Needs of the City MT 23-616 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

71. 26-000464
- **Commissioner's Report - Proactive Rental Inspections MT 23-348 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled

72. 26-000408
- **Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Living Conditions in BMHA-Managed Facilities MT 25-1981 9/8/26 CD**

MOTION: Tabled



**Community Development
Committee**

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting Date: September 8, 2026 2:00
PM
Final Meeting:
Department: City Clerk
Category: Cert. of Appointment - Mayor
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Sponsors:
DOC ID:: # 2026-1751

AGENDA ITEM 26-000352

**APPOINTMENT TO BUFFALO CITY COURT HOUSING ADVISORY COUNCIL (A
FALICOV) 9/1/26 I**

HISTORY:

[DATE] [ADD BOARD NAME [REFERRED...]
HERE]

[DATE] [ADD BOARD NAME [RECOMMENDED...]
HERE]

ATTACHMENTS:

1. a falicov

MOTION: Rec. Approve

RESULT: [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER: Ellicott District Councilmember Leah Halton-Pope

SECONDER University District Councilmember Rasheed Wyatt

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AYES: North District Councilmember Golombek, Masten District Councilmember Everhart, Ellicott District Councilmember Halton-Pope, University District Councilmember Wyatt, Delaware District Councilmember Feroletto, Lovejoy District Councilmember Bollman, Fillmore District Councilmember Nowakowski, Niagara District Councilmember Rivera, South District Councilmember Scanlon

NAYS: None

SINGLE PAGE COMMUNICATION TO THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO

TO: Clerk of the City of Buffalo

DATE: July 17, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of the Mayor

SUBJECT: Appointment to Buffalo City Court Housing Advisory Council

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: (IF ANY)

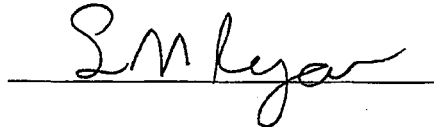
Pursuant to §207 of the Housing Court Act, I have appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Buffalo City Court Housing Advisory Council to serve at my pleasure:

- **Anna M. Falicov, Director of the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication**

I hereby certify that the above-named individual is fully qualified to serve as a member of the Buffalo City Court Housing Court Advisory Council. Please receive and file this Communication in your records.

DEPARTMENT HEAD NAME: Sean M. Ryan
TITLE: Mayor, City of Buffalo
DEPARTMENT: Executive

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

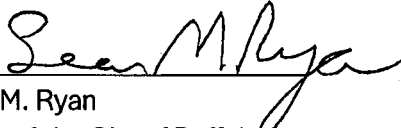
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Sean M. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, pursuant to §207 of the Housing Court Act,
hereby certify:

That on the 17th Day of July 2026, I appointed ANNA M. FALICOV to the BUFFALO CITY
COURT HOUSING ADVISORY COUNCIL to serve at my pleasure commencing immediately.

Dated: July 17, 2026
Buffalo, New York


Sean M. Ryan
Mayor of the City of Buffalo



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Final Meeting:
Department: City Clerk
Category: Miscellaneous - City Clerk
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Sponsors:
DOC ID:: # 2026-1709

AGENDA ITEM 26-000305

**C TARR, CONCERNS BUFFALO PARKING VIOLATIONS BUEAU
ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES 9/1/26 I**

HISTORY:

[DATE] [ADD BOARD NAME [REFERRED...]
HERE]

[DATE] [ADD BOARD NAME [RECOMMENDED...]
HERE]

ATTACHMENTS:

1. c tarr

MOTION: Tabled

RESULT: [Yes 9, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER: Ellicott District Councilmember Leah Halton-Pope

SECONDER University District Councilmember Rasheed Wyatt

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AYES: North District Councilmenber Golombek, Masten District Councilmember Everhart, Ellicott District Councilmember Halton-Pope, University District Councilmember Wyatt, Delaware District Councilmember Feroletto, Lovejoy District Councilmember Bollman, Fillmore District Councilmember Nowakowski, Niagara District Councilmember Rivera, South District Councilmember Scanlon

NAYS: None

**From The Desk Of
CHARLEY TARR**

August 20, 2026

Buffalo Common Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
65 Niagara Square, Room 1308
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Request for Committee Referral — City of Buffalo Parking Violations
Bureau Enforcement Practices**

To the Members of the Buffalo Common Council:

I am submitting the attached letter and supporting materials for the record, and respectfully request referral to the Legislation Committee. I have today also submitted this same material to the Office of the New York State Attorney General, requesting an investigation into enforcement practices of the City of Buffalo Parking Violations Bureau ("PVB").

In brief: two independent Buffalo automotive repair businesses — Hammond's Auto on Grant Street and Paragon Automotive on Hinman Avenue — have documented a pattern of PVB enforcement involving customer vehicles located on their own private commercial property, including citations tied to where a vehicle sits on the property, citations placed inside vehicle mirror housings where they go undiscovered for months, and vehicle impoundments that forced customers to personally travel to the impound lot, often missing work, because the shop — though willing to cover the recovery costs — had no legal standing to retrieve a customer's vehicle on their behalf. The owner of Paragon Automotive believes, from his own conversations with colleagues in the trade, that additional shops elsewhere in the City may be experiencing similar treatment. The attached letter sets out this record in full, along with the specific records and policy questions I have asked the Attorney General's Office to examine.

I raise this with the Council because it touches on questions squarely within your oversight authority: whether current enforcement practices are consistent with the ordinances the Council has enacted, whether they are being applied consistently citywide, and whether enforcement carried to the point of significant financial harm to small businesses and residents — rather than as a byproduct of legitimate public safety enforcement — is consistent with the City's own values and, I would argue, with the basic civil right to be treated fairly and proportionately by one's own government.

This is not new territory for Buffalo. As described more fully on page 8 of the enclosed OAG complaint, in 2022 a widowed neighbor of mine had her late husband's truck impounded by the City; the City's own procedure required that

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truck to be towed to a private repair shop — Hammond's Auto — so it could eventually be returned to lawful operation. That shop held onto the vehicle and gave her the time she needed to work through an already difficult situation. Today, that same shop is being cited by PVB for offering exactly that kind of accommodation to its other customers. I do not believe that circularity is coincidental, and I do not believe it reflects who Buffalo wants to be. I raise it briefly here, but I would ask that the Committee read the complaint in its entirety; the full history it documents is the actual basis for this request, and a summary cannot substitute for it.

I respectfully request the opportunity to appear before the Legislation Committee to present this material directly and answer any questions the Council may have.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of Buffalo.

Respectfully submitted,

Charley Tarr
Buffalo, New York

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RECEIVED

August 18, 2026

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Hon. Letitia James
Attorney General of the State of New York
Office of the New York State Attorney General
Buffalo Regional Office
Main Place Tower, Suite 300A
350 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Buffalo Regional Office
NYS Office of the Attorney General

**Re: Request for Investigation of City of Buffalo Parking Violations Bureau
Enforcement Practices Affecting Independent Automotive Repair
Businesses and Economically Vulnerable Residents**

Dear Attorney General James:

I. Introduction

I write as a longtime Buffalo resident and concerned citizen to request an investigation of emerging enforcement practices within the City of Buffalo Parking Violations Bureau ("PVB"), presently under Commissioner Justin Booth. I have engaged with this issue for over three decades, including a prior complaint to the Office of the Attorney General in the late 1980s or early 1990s concerning similar practices; that history and my earlier documented experience with the Bureau are set out in the attached Supporting Narrative, which I ask your Office to treat as part of this submission.

I have described the underlying pattern for many years as one of Civil Severity and Loss: an institutional condition in which citations, towing, impoundment and vehicle compliance requirements accumulate faster than an ordinary citizen or small business can financially cure the underlying problem, such that enforcement ostensibly intended to produce compliance instead makes compliance impossible. I ask your Office to determine whether that condition is presently developing within Buffalo's PVB.

When government enforcement becomes financially catastrophic and household- or business-destabilizing not as an incidental byproduct, but as a means of generating City revenue, it ceases to be neutral law enforcement. I consider that an abhorrent violation of the basic civil right to be treated fairly and proportionately by one's own government, and I ask your Office to determine whether that is what is occurring here.

This concern is not merely rhetorical. In *Timbs v. Indiana*, 139 S. Ct. 682 (2019), the United States Supreme Court unanimously held that the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on excessive fines applies to state and local governments, warning

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specifically of "a particular risk of excessiveness when government imposes fines, fees, and forfeitures to raise revenue." The U.S. Department of Justice's 2015 investigation of Ferguson, Missouri reached a comparable conclusion: that shaping law enforcement priorities around revenue rather than public safety produces systemic harm and civil rights violations. I ask your Office to determine whether Buffalo's Parking Violations Bureau is presently operating under comparable pressures, and if so, whether corrective action is warranted.

II. What Is Presently Happening

Multiple small independent automotive repair businesses on Buffalo's West Side, including the Black Rock and Riverside neighborhoods, report PVB enforcement involving customer vehicles located on their private commercial property. Two are described here in detail: Hammond's Auto on Grant Street, owned by Pete, and Paragon Automotive on Hinman Avenue, owned by Joe Sorrento.

At Hammond's Auto on Grant Street, owner Pete reports repeated citations tied to where a vehicle sits on his own property — vehicles on paved surface are treated differently than vehicles on gravel or grass, though both are private property under his control. Pete further reports, and has raised on multiple occasions, that citations at his property are frequently placed inside the housing of a vehicle's side mirror rather than in a visibly exposed location; earlier today he located one such citation, concealed in a mirror housing, that was more than two months old. Citations placed this way are easily overlooked, and the resulting fines often multiply before the titled and registered owner has any realistic opportunity to discover them. It is that owner — Pete's customer, not Pete — who bears the legal liability. That loss is not simply financial; it also includes the time required to resolve the ticket. I am not aware whether this has also occurred at Paragon Automotive and do not allege that it has, but it is a question investigators should ask at both properties. I ask your Office to determine the legal basis for the surface distinction and whether it is applied consistently citywide, and to determine whether this citation placement practice conforms to applicable notice requirements.

At his shop, Paragon Automotive on Hinman Avenue, Joe Sorrento reports that multiple customer vehicles — present for diagnosis, repair, or pre-purchase assessment, and lacking current plates or registration for exactly that reason — were removed and impounded without meaningful advance warning. Mr. Sorrento was the vehicles' lawful custodian, not their titled owner. As a result, he could not retrieve them from impound himself, even though he was willing to pay the costs; recovery required the titled owners to personally intervene, including, in at least one instance, an elderly resident and a prospective purchaser who was assessing a vehicle before a sale. Mr. Sorrento has confirmed with his own Buffalo Police contacts that BPD was not involved in these actions, and he possesses security

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camera footage of the PVB enforcement activity at his property. He has expressly told me he welcomes direct contact from any investigator from your Office.

Mr. Sorrento believes, from his own network of colleagues, that a number of additional independent repair shops across the West Side, including the Black Rock and Riverside neighborhoods, may be experiencing similar enforcement — an estimate he offers informally rather than from any canvassed count, and one that could run lower or, if similar practices extend into parts of the city outside his own network, considerably higher. I ask your Office to test that question against the City's own records rather than rely on any individual's recollection.

This request also arrives at a moment of independent public controversy over PVB enforcement under Commissioner Booth: on August 14, 2026, Investigative Post reported that the Buffalo Police Benevolent Association formally demanded Booth's removal over enforcement activity involving police vehicles in Niagara Square. I take no position on that dispute or its underlying allegations, which are unrelated to the concerns raised here. I raise it only because it means two entirely independent constituencies — the police union and, separately, small automotive businesses — have each raised serious questions about the direction of PVB enforcement discretion under the same Commissioner at substantially the same moment. That convergence, on its own, warrants inquiry into what has actually changed.

The attached Supporting Narrative sets out the full account behind this request, including my own prior history with this issue and the case of my late neighbor, Charlene Hornyak. I believe her 2022 experience with PVB impound practices illustrates precisely how this kind of enforcement can compound against a vulnerable resident.

III. Requested Investigation

I respectfully ask the Office of the Attorney General to obtain and examine records sufficient to determine:

1. The legal authority for PVB enforcement upon private automotive repair properties, particularly involving unregistered, uninspected or unplated vehicles temporarily held for diagnosis, repair, restoration or sale.
2. The legal and administrative basis for distinguishing among paved or macadam, gravel and grass surfaces situated upon the same privately controlled commercial property, and whether that distinction is being administered consistently throughout Buffalo. Even where such a distinction is technically authorized by ordinance, I ask your Office to consider the more fundamental civil rights question: whether enforcing it to the point of financial

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catastrophe for the residents and small businesses affected is consistent with fair and equal treatment under the law.

3. The number, categories and geographic concentration of PVB citations issued at or involving automotive repair, collision, towing and service businesses during the present Commissioner's tenure, with particular attention to the West Side, including the Black Rock and Riverside neighborhoods, and citywide.
4. The number of customer vehicles removed or impounded from repair facilities, the legal authority and authorization for those removals, and the notice or opportunity to cure provided before physical removal.
5. The policies governing vehicles held in the lawful temporary custody of mechanics, repair businesses, prospective purchasers or other persons who are not the titled owner, including whether present procedures adequately address the resulting ownership disconnection when a lawful custodian cannot retrieve an impounded customer vehicle.
6. All directives, memoranda, emails, complaints, work orders, supervisory instructions or other communications that caused or encouraged PVB personnel to attend automotive businesses, inspect privately controlled property, issue citations there or remove vehicles.
7. Whether the present enforcement activity resulted from a written policy of Commissioner Booth, supervisory instruction, employee initiative, complaints from another agency or private party, productivity expectations, revenue considerations or some other source.
8. PVB officer assignment records and, where available, GPS, AVL or comparable vehicle location records associated with enforcement at the affected businesses.
9. The frequency with which the same vehicle receives citations for the same continuing condition within short periods of time, together with complaint, hearing, dismissal, reduction and mitigation data sufficient to determine whether present enforcement practices are routinely being softened only after financial harm has already occurred.
10. Any departmental performance metrics, budgeting assumptions or revenue projections involving ticket quantity, collections, towing activity, enforcement productivity or other measures capable of influencing enforcement intensity.
11. Whether current enforcement practices appropriately distinguish legitimate automotive repair custody from abandoned vehicle storage, nuisance conditions or intentional evasion of vehicle law.

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12. Whether the cumulative consequences of citation, towing, impoundment, storage and vehicle compliance requirements create procedural or economic barriers so substantial that residents lose a meaningful opportunity to restore their vehicles to lawful operation, and whether corrective administrative, legislative or other action is warranted.
13. The manner and location in which PVB citations are physically affixed to vehicles at private repair facilities, including whether placement of citations inside side mirror housings or other concealed locations — as reported at Hammond's Auto, including one citation discovered on August 18, 2026 that had gone unnoticed for more than two months — conforms to applicable notice requirements; whether the same practice has occurred at Paragon Automotive or elsewhere; and whether such placement has had the effect of citations going undiscovered by titled and registered owners until fines have multiplied.
14. PVB towing and impound handling practices, including vehicle condition upon arrival at and release from impound, the treatment of vehicle owners at the impound facility, and whether there is a documented pattern of complaints regarding damage to vehicles or improper handling during towing or storage.

I am not asking the Attorney General to immunize automobile repair businesses from generally applicable law, nor asking that genuinely abandoned vehicles be permitted to accumulate without consequence, nor asking your Office to accept any account here — including my own — without independent examination. I am asking your Office to determine what is actually happening: whether Buffalo is presently distinguishing between enforcement that advances lawful compliance and enforcement that destroys a citizen's or small business's practical ability to achieve it.

Buffalo has faced a version of this question before, and it was serious enough then to warrant outside intervention. If the same pattern is now falling on some of the hardest-working, most generous small businesses this City has, the question is larger than any single ticket: is this the City Buffalo wants to be?

Mr. Sorrento has indicated his willingness to speak directly with State investigators. I likewise remain available to provide the contemporaneous Charlene Hornyak correspondence, the Investigative Post reporting referenced herein, introductions to willing witnesses and whatever additional information is properly within my possession.

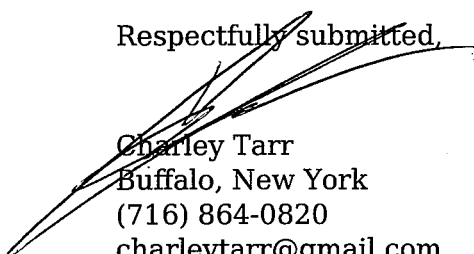
On a personal note, I remain grateful that my son Jack was recognized by your Office at his City Honors School graduation with the Attorney General's meritorious award. That gesture acknowledged the breadth of his civic

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engagement as a student and was deeply meaningful to our family as he began the path he continues to follow.

Thank you for your consideration and for the Office's continued service to the people of New York.

Respectfully submitted,



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Supporting Narrative

(Attachment to Letter of August 18, 2026)

A. An Earlier PVB Crisis

My concern arises from unusual personal history. Decades ago, I wrote to the Office of the New York State Attorney General concerning what I believed had become abusive, revenue oriented practices within Buffalo parking enforcement.

Unfortunately, I no longer possess that correspondence. The earliest writings were produced in the era of manual typewriters and early word processing equipment, and my surviving records do not permit me today to reconstruct the chronology with the precision I would prefer. My recollection is nevertheless vivid.

During that period, vehicles were being cited not merely for alternate side parking violations but for every technically available vehicle offense that enforcement personnel could identify, including expired inspection, expired registration, distance from curbs or crosswalks and similar violations, whether or not the automobile was otherwise parked upon the legally correct side of the street.

More troublingly, the same stationary automobile could receive multiple expensive citations during the same day. As enforcement shifts changed, another employee could place another ticket upon a vehicle that had never moved and whose underlying condition, such as an expired inspection or registration, obviously could not have changed between shifts.

The cumulative financial consequences soon became devastating.

I also asked the Attorney General to examine what appeared to be disproportionate enforcement in neighborhoods surrounding colleges, where unusually dense concentrations of student automobiles and chronic shortages of curb space created especially lucrative enforcement conditions. I further raised the burden placed upon third shift and overnight workers.

I knew that problem personally. While working overnight restaurant kitchen preparatory shifts, I would sometimes arrive home at five or six o'clock in the morning and find no lawful parking space within several blocks of my residence. Meaningful compliance with alternate side rules could then provide only 2-3 hours of sleep followed by walking multiple blocks through a Buffalo winter to relocate the automobile.

Ultimately, accumulated enforcement and impound costs placed me in such financial difficulty that I was forced to obtain an approximately \$3,000 personal loan simply to recover my own vehicle from impound.

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The towing mechanism greatly amplified the original debt. Once a vehicle with unpaid tickets was seized, towing and daily storage charges could accumulate upon an owner who had already demonstrated an inability to satisfy the underlying fines. The result could rapidly become economically irreversible. Many residents simply lost the ability to recover their automobiles.

My recollection associates this period with the tenure of Bruna Michaux as Director of Parking Enforcement, and my understanding is that an OAG investigation coincided with her departure from that post. I state this as my recollection, not as independently established fact, and I would ask your Office to verify it against the City's own records if it bears on this matter.

B. The Young Mother I Have Never Forgotten

One day, as I was reporting for my own PVB hearing, I stood next to a young single mother who was crying and screaming in desperation at the counter clerk. She explained, frantically, that she needed her car to reach her job in the suburbs — the job that kept her household afloat and fed her children — and that the overt financial punishments piling on top of an already unanticipated repair bill were unwinding whatever stability her family had left.

Even if she had somehow arranged temporary transportation from a friend or family member, it would not have solved her problem. She had no off-street place to store the vehicle while it sat idle, which meant the tickets already accumulating on it, day after day, would simply keep multiplying on a car she had nowhere left to put.

That contradiction was impossible for me to ignore.

Government ostensibly wanted her automobile repaired and brought into lawful compliance. Yet the government's financial penalties for her failure to accomplish that repair quickly enough were consuming the very resources she needed to accomplish it.

That woman became one of the principal reasons I appealed to the Attorney General. She remains the clearest early expression of what I mean by Civil Severity and Loss.

Each individual citation may appear modest when examined alone. A towing charge may appear independently justifiable. A storage fee may have an administrative rationale. But government cannot ignore the cumulative effect of its own machinery.

When citation, towing, impoundment, storage and repair requirements compound upon one household faster than that household can recover financially,

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enforcement may cease being a pathway toward compliance and instead become the mechanism through which the citizen loses the vehicle altogether.

The central concern that caused me to act then is the same concern that brings me back to your Office today:

What happens when municipal enforcement becomes financially stronger than the citizen's capacity to reach compliance?

C. Charlene Hornyak: The Same Mechanism Decades Later

In 2022, during the Brown administration, I encountered that question again through my neighbor, Charlene Hornyak.

Charlene arrived on Hoyt Street after an almost incomprehensible cascade of loss. Her husband of many decades, Tom, had died horribly of cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic. The abnormal conditions of that period physically separated this elderly married couple during portions of his final illness. The circumstances surrounding his death profoundly complicated Charlene's grief.

The family home outside Jamestown was subsequently lost. A storage container in which Charlene had placed precious possessions and important family documents was also lost. By the time Charlene became my neighbor in Buffalo, she had effectively arrived as a refugee from extraordinary emotional and financial tragedy.

Among the remaining family assets was her late husband's Ford pickup truck.

The truck had principally been her husband's responsibility during their marriage. Charlene told me through tears how emotionally difficult it was simply to drive because the vehicle constantly reminded her of him. She was simultaneously attempting to manage a substantial pickup truck within an urban environment requiring parallel parking and frequent alternate side movement, responsibilities that her husband had traditionally undertaken.

The truck deteriorated.

Charlene was not indifferent to her responsibilities. She attempted to reserve money for needed repairs. But the expenses associated with the vehicle began accumulating faster than she could resolve the underlying mechanical and regulatory problems.

Eventually the City impounded it.

Contemporaneous correspondence from the City records that the truck had been held in the municipal impound lot beginning April 18, 2022. Parking officials identified outstanding tickets, expired inspection and registration, and an insurance lapse. By June, the City reported \$565 in outstanding tickets, a separate

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\$125 towing charge, the prospect of renewed storage charges and eventual auction if the matter remained unresolved.

Because the truck was unregistered and uninspected, Charlene could not simply resolve the tickets and drive it away. The City advised that the plates would have to be destroyed and that the truck itself would have to be towed from municipal impound to an automotive repair or inspection facility.

The financial spiral was nearly perfect. To reclaim the truck, Charlene needed to pay the outstanding tickets and towing charges. To stop those charges from growing, she needed to move quickly. But moving the truck required a valid inspection and registration, which the truck could not obtain while it sat immobilized in municipal impound. Each requirement depended on satisfying another, and every day that passed while she tried to meet one requirement added new cost to all of the others.

There was also an apparent notice failure. Because the vehicle remained administratively associated with Charlene's deceased husband and the family's former circumstances in Jamestown, correspondence concerning the truck apparently was not effectively reaching Charlene in Buffalo. My contemporaneous July 2022 correspondence specifically raised that concern.

I asked Noemi Santiago of the Niagara District Council office to meet Charlene and me at the PVB hearing counter so that the City might see the entirety of her circumstances rather than merely another docket number.

The initial relief offered was marginal. I remember Ms. Santiago emerging visibly embarrassed and looking downward as she explained what little relief had been offered.

Overwhelmed by seeing another vulnerable Buffalo citizen being consumed by the same administrative machinery I had challenged decades earlier, I struck my hand upon the counter and declared:

"WIDOWS ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABUSED TODAY."

I explained my previous experience challenging PVB practices and demanded that Charlene's circumstances be considered as a human crisis rather than simply an accumulation of violations.

Substantial financial relief was ultimately granted. But there was an important condition: the truck had to leave the municipal impound yard by tow and proceed directly to a repair facility.

That requirement creates an extraordinary circular connection to the complaints now before me.

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Two businesses illustrate that connection in detail: Hammond's Auto on Grant Street, owned by Pete, and Paragon Automotive on Hinman Avenue, owned by Joe Sorrento.

D. Hammond's Auto: The Neighborhood Mechanic Who Gave Charlene an Offramp

The repair facility that accepted Charlene's truck was Hammond's Auto on Grant Street.

Its owner, Pete, did what neighborhood mechanics quietly do throughout Buffalo every day. He helped Charlene address the mechanical condition of the vehicle. More importantly, he gave her time.

He permitted the truck to remain upon his property while its repair, inspection, financial and complicated title circumstances were sorted out.

The truck remained on Pete's lot for many months before it was ultimately sold, rather than disappearing into municipal auction.

No municipal program provided the patience necessary to navigate that extraordinary situation.

A neighborhood mechanic did.

That is why what is presently happening at Hammond's Auto deserves serious examination.

Pete now reports repeated PVB enforcement involving vehicles situated upon his private commercial property. The distinction being made is particularly puzzling. Vehicles positioned upon the macadam or paved area immediately surrounding his shop are apparently treated differently from vehicles positioned upon gravel or grass portions of the same private property. Vehicles located upon those gravel or grass areas have repeatedly generated tickets.

I respectfully ask your Office to determine the precise ordinance, zoning provision, administrative interpretation or other legal authority being relied upon to distinguish among those surfaces upon privately controlled automotive property; whether PVB possesses the authority being exercised; and whether that interpretation is being administered consistently throughout Buffalo.

A further practice at Hammond's deserves particular attention. Pete reports that citations issued at his property are frequently placed inside the housing of a vehicle's side mirror, rather than under the wiper blade or in another visibly exposed location, and he has raised this practice repeatedly. Earlier today, August 18, 2026, Pete located a citation concealed inside a mirror housing that was more

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than two months old. Because a citation concealed inside a mirror housing is easily overlooked, especially on a vehicle already sitting inoperable or infrequently checked while awaiting repair, the practical effect is that the citation goes undiscovered until it has already multiplied in cost through added penalties, interest or additional citations for the same unresolved condition. I am not aware whether this practice has also occurred at Paragon Automotive, and I do not allege that it has; I raise it because it is precisely the kind of question investigators should ask at both properties. I ask your Office to determine whether this placement practice is deliberate or incidental, whether it conforms to applicable notice requirements for parking and vehicle citations, and whether it has had the effect of doubling or further multiplying fines before the titled and registered owner of the vehicle has any realistic opportunity to discover and address it. It is that owner — the customer, not Pete and not Mr. Sorrento — who bears the legal liability. That loss is not simply financial; it also includes the time required to resolve the ticket.

The circularity should concern all of us.

In 2022, Buffalo's own impound process required an unregistered and uninspected truck to be towed to a neighborhood repair business so that the citizen might eventually return it to lawful operation. Pete accepted that vehicle and allowed it sufficient time on his property for the human and mechanical crisis surrounding it to be resolved.

In 2026, substantially that same accommodation, allowing troubled vehicles to remain temporarily upon repair shop property while customers work toward repair and compliance, is generating PVB enforcement against Pete himself.

The conduct that helped save Charlene's remaining asset is substantially the conduct for which neighborhood repair businesses now fear being penalized.

E. Joe Sorrento of Paragon Automotive: From Citation to Physical Removal

The experience reported by another longtime neighborhood automotive proprietor, Joe Sorrento, founder of Paragon Automotive at 522 Hinman Avenue in Buffalo, is still more serious.

Mr. Sorrento had customer automobiles positioned neatly in rows immediately alongside his shop building upon the business property. A number of those vehicles lacked current plates or registration.

That condition was neither mysterious nor necessarily indicative of abandonment. Neighborhood residents had brought troubled automobiles to Mr. Sorrento for mechanical assessment. Some wanted to know whether a long disabled vehicle could economically be recovered. Others needed time to assemble the money necessary to authorize repairs.

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That is the ordinary environment of a neighborhood repair facility.

Yet multiple vehicles were reportedly removed from Mr. Sorrento's property and impounded without meaningful advance warning, with the absence of plates or current registration identified as the basis for enforcement.

The removal immediately produced another form of harm that I believe deserves independent examination. I describe it as ownership disconnection.

Mr. Sorrento was the lawful custodian of the vehicles for purposes of diagnosis or repair, but he was not their titled owner. Once PVB physically removed a customer's automobile from his possession, Mr. Sorrento could not simply go to the impound facility, pay whatever costs had been imposed and retrieve the customer's property himself.

The titled owner had to become personally involved.

Customers who had already entrusted nonoperational or financially troubled vehicles to a mechanic were therefore required to arrange transportation, miss employment or other obligations, travel to the impound facility and personally recover automobiles from City custody. This remained true even when Mr. Sorrento was willing to provide the money necessary for their recovery.

Thus the governmental action generated consequences extending well beyond the citation itself: lost work, lost wages, transportation difficulty, towing charges, impound costs, interruption of mechanical work and additional delay in achieving lawful compliance.

This burden is compounded by the impound process itself, which has a longstanding and well-earned reputation in Buffalo for rough handling: vehicles towed without care and deposited on unpaved lots, treatment of the vehicle owner that is often curt or dismissive, and additional damage to the vehicle that is, historically, closer to the rule than the exception. A titled owner who is already navigating financial hardship should not also have to brace for a vehicle in worse condition than when it was taken.

F. An Especially Revealing Example

One vehicle illustrates the problem particularly well.

An elderly neighborhood resident had reportedly kept an automobile garaged for years. Another neighbor was considering purchasing it and arranged to have the vehicle transported to Mr. Sorrento's shop so its mechanical condition could be professionally assessed before a sale.

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Naturally, a vehicle that had remained stored for years lacked current plates and registration.

It was among the vehicles impounded.

The enforcement action thereby created a tertiary administrative crisis among three separate participants: the elderly titled owner, the neighbor attempting in good faith to determine whether the dormant automobile could be purchased and restored, and the mechanic temporarily possessing it for professional assessment.

Ultimately, the prospective purchaser had to absorb additional impound costs arising from an enforcement action triggered while he was attempting to determine whether the automobile could be returned to productive and lawful use.

That is precisely the kind of consequence an enforcement database may never reveal.

The database records an unplatd automobile. The real world contains an owner, a prospective purchaser, a mechanic, a potential repair, a potential sale and a pathway back to registration.

Government intervention in the middle of that chain may actually interrupt the route toward the compliance government ostensibly seeks.

G. Evidence and the Absence of Buffalo Police Involvement

The affected business owners identify these present actions as Parking Violations Bureau enforcement under Commissioner Justin Booth.

Mr. Sorrento, who has maintained relationships with Buffalo Police officers assigned to D District over decades in the neighborhood, specifically sought clarification concerning whether Buffalo Police were participating in the enforcement action. He reports that his police contacts advised him decisively that the Buffalo Police Department was not responsible for the citations or impound initiative and that the matter was PVB generated.

Mr. Sorrento also possesses security camera footage documenting a PVB enforcement vehicle positioned near his business and PVB personnel conducting enforcement activity at the property. The footage reportedly depicts the enforcement officer leaving the immediate property rapidly following the activity.

I do not ask your Office to infer motive from the officer's manner of departure. I identify the footage because it constitutes contemporaneous evidence capable of assisting investigators in establishing who was present, when the activity occurred and which municipal agency conducted it.

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Mr. Sorrento has expressly advised me that he welcomes contact from any investigator from the Office of the New York State Attorney General and is willing to discuss these events directly, including the vehicle removals, his communications concerning the broader pattern, and the records and surveillance evidence in his possession.

H. A Reported Broader Pattern Across the West Side, Including Black Rock and Riverside

Mr. Sorrento has further advised me that, through decades of communication with colleagues operating neighborhood automotive businesses, he believes a number of additional small independent repair shops throughout Buffalo's West Side, including the Black Rock and Riverside neighborhoods, may be experiencing similar PVB enforcement concerns. He offered that estimate informally, from memory, rather than from any canvassed count, and he has cautioned that the actual number could be smaller than he recalls, or, if similar practices are occurring in parts of the city outside his own network of colleagues, considerably larger.

I do not present any specific figure as an independently audited count, and I do not represent those businesses. I raise the matter because, if a meaningful concentration is borne out through the City's own enforcement records, it would transform these circumstances from individual disputes into a potentially geographically concentrated enforcement pattern.

The State does not need to rely upon neighborhood rumor to answer that question.

PVB's own citation records, officer assignments, towing authorizations, vehicle activity records and supervisory communications should establish whether automotive businesses in these neighborhoods have experienced unusual concentrations of enforcement activity and, if so, why.

The fact that individual shop owners may obtain mitigation does not resolve the larger concern. Mr. Sorrento retained counsel and achieved mitigation concerning his immediate circumstances. Charlene likewise obtained relief only after substantial personal intervention.

My concern is that individual mitigation may be relieving damage after it occurs without ever examining the policy or practice that created the damage in the first place.

A small business owner facing the same enforcement authority the next morning may prefer negotiated relief to a prolonged confrontation. That makes independent review more important, not less.

I. The Civic Value Being Placed at Risk

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I ask your Office also to understand what these shops mean to the communities in which they operate.

Men such as Pete at Hammond's Auto and Joe Sorrento of Paragon Automotive are not anonymous commercial operators occupying parcels upon a municipal map. They have spent decades working within their neighborhoods and building relationships one customer, one broken automobile and one emergency at a time.

There is extraordinary physical labor hidden behind the familiar neighborhood garage. Few people who have not done the work appreciate what it means to spend an entire working life beneath automobiles, lifting, wrenching and reaching overhead for hours, and then, after the physical work is finished, to assume the additional mental and temporal burdens of operating a small business: employees, customers, parts, suppliers, rent, insurance, taxes, scheduling, bookkeeping and the constant question of whether the person standing at the counter can actually afford the repair his or her automobile requires.

Yet these businesses routinely extend forms of grace for which there is no invoice.

They give a customer another week to find the money. They temporarily store a disabled automobile when its owner has nowhere else to place it. They locate less expensive used components. They diagnose a vehicle before its owner can commit to repair. They accommodate elderly residents, working families and neighbors living from paycheck to paycheck whose automobile may simultaneously be their largest remaining asset and their only reliable means of reaching employment.

In extraordinarily difficult economic circumstances, these neighborhood garages frequently function as an informal civic safety net, almost hostels of grace, for mechanical and financial problems that ordinary residents cannot solve in a single afternoon.

These should be among the last places in Buffalo subjected to indiscriminate procedural or financial pressure.

Not because automotive businesses stand above the law, but because their legitimate work frequently represents the citizen's most practical route back into compliance with it.

If government forces a neighborhood mechanic to tell a struggling customer, "Your unregistered vehicle cannot remain here while you save enough money to repair it," government has not solved the underlying problem. It has displaced the automobile while simultaneously removing one of the few informal sources of assistance available to its owner.

For many Buffalo households, an automobile is not a luxury. It is the physical link between home and employment. Loss of transportation can mean lost work. Lost

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work can mean missed rent, food insecurity, childcare problems, inability to reach medical care and eventual dependence upon public assistance.

Government should therefore proceed with exceptional care before using its enforcement machinery against the very small businesses attempting to prevent that cascade.

J. Independent Public Concern Regarding Present PVB Enforcement

This request also arrives at a moment when PVB enforcement under Commissioner Justin Booth has independently become a matter of public controversy.

On August 14, 2026, Investigative Post reporter Geoff Kelly reported that the Buffalo Police Benevolent Association had formally complained to Deputy Mayor Maria Whyte concerning Commissioner Booth and had demanded his removal following PVB enforcement activity involving police vehicles in Niagara Square.

I do not adopt the PBA's characterization of Commissioner Booth. I take no position regarding the social media allegations, GoBike associations or ideological claims incorporated into that dispute. Those matters are not the basis of this complaint.

Nor does the PBA controversy prove anything concerning Hammond's Auto or Mr. Sorrento.

Its relevance is narrower and, I believe, more important.

A fundamentally different constituency has independently raised serious questions concerning the direction and exercise of PVB enforcement discretion under the same Commissioner at substantially the same moment.

Deputy Mayor Whyte's response is particularly instructive. Rather than accepting or rejecting allegations of improper enforcement in the abstract, she reportedly asked the PBA to provide the actual ticket numbers at issue so that the administration could review the conduct complained of.

That is precisely the evidence based inquiry I ask the State to undertake here.

The automobile business complaints can be objectively tested. The affected vehicles can be identified. Citation histories can be examined. Towing records exist. PVB personnel can be identified. Security footage exists. Departmental instructions, supervisory communications and enforcement priorities can be obtained.

The police union dispute and the automotive business complaints do not prove one another.

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Their independence is precisely why the convergence warrants examination.

The broader question is now legitimate:

Have the philosophy, operational priorities, geographic focus or exercise of enforcement discretion within Buffalo's Parking Violations Bureau materially changed under the present Commissioner?

K. Why Independent Review Matters

I want to be clear about what I am not asking. I am not asking the Attorney General to immunize repair businesses from generally applicable law, or to let genuinely abandoned vehicles accumulate without consequence, or to accept my recollections, Mr. Sorrento's account, or anyone's statements without independent examination. Nor am I asking your Office to conclude that Commissioner Booth or any PVB employee acted improperly simply because enforcement has become controversial.

I am asking for something more fundamental:

Please determine what is actually happening.

There is an enormous difference between enforcement that encourages compliance and enforcement that destroys the citizen's practical capacity to achieve it. When that line is crossed — when enforcement becomes financially catastrophic and household- or business-destabilizing as a means of generating revenue rather than an incidental consequence of legitimate public safety enforcement — it stops being neutral law enforcement and becomes, as the Supreme Court recognized in *Timbs* and the Department of Justice found in *Ferguson*, exactly the kind of abuse civil rights law exists to prevent.

A neighborhood mechanic holding an unregistered automobile because its owner needs three additional paychecks to afford a transmission is not necessarily frustrating vehicle law. He may be the only person standing between that resident and permanent loss of transportation.

Repeated citations involving the same distressed automobile should not forever trigger only another citation. At some point they should trigger a governmental question:

Why is this vehicle repeatedly falling out of compliance, and is there a lawful intervention capable of resolving the condition before governmental enforcement contributes to financial collapse?

The same is true of repair businesses. A concentration of temporarily noncompliant automobiles at a legitimate garage may reflect unlawful storage. It may also

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indicate something considerably more human: a mechanic giving struggling neighbors enough time to repair their cars.

An intelligent government must be capable of telling the difference.

L. Conclusion

Approximately a generation separates the young mother I encountered crying at a PVB counter from the repair shop owners whose experiences bring me back to the Attorney General today.

In between stands Charlene Hornyak.

The City impounded her husband's troubled truck. The City's own procedure required that unregistered and uninspected vehicle to leave impound by tow and go to a repair facility.

A neighborhood mechanic took it in.

He gave a grieving widow time.

The problem was ultimately resolved without the vehicle disappearing into municipal auction.

That mechanic was Pete at Hammond's Auto.

Today, Pete reports being repeatedly ticketed because troubled automobiles occupy particular portions of the private property upon which he performs precisely that community function.

That circularity is difficult for me to ignore.

Neither is the lesson I learned from the young mother decades ago. When penalties consume the money required to cure the violation, government has crossed an important line.

I include this history not as evidence for what is happening today, but because it answers a question your Office may reasonably ask: why does this require your intervention, rather than routine correction from within City Hall? Buffalo's Parking Violations Bureau has drifted into this same kind of enforcement before, and it took external investigation, not internal reform, to correct it. That pattern is itself a reason external review is warranted again now.

This has happened before in Buffalo, and it was serious enough to warrant outside intervention then. If that same pattern is now falling on the hardest-working, most generous small businesses this City has — the ones who have spent decades extending exactly the kind of grace no government program provides — then the

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question before your Office is larger than any single ticket: is this the City Buffalo wants to be?

The question before your Office is not whether Buffalo should enforce its parking and vehicle laws. It unquestionably should.

The question is whether the City is presently distinguishing between enforcement that advances lawful compliance and enforcement that destroys the citizen's practical ability to achieve it.

Government should never become the final force that makes compliance impossible.

Financially catastrophic, household- and business-destabilizing enforcement, wielded as a means of City revenue generation rather than public safety, is an abhorrent violation of the basic civil right to be treated fairly and proportionately by one's own government. I ask your Office to determine whether that is what is presently occurring in Buffalo.



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000500

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Drive Forward Initiative

Everhart - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DRIVE FORWARD INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SECOND CHANCES FOR YOUTH INVOLVED IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Whereas, the safety and well-being of the residents of the City of Buffalo is the foremost responsibility of municipal government;

Whereas, the recent increase in motor vehicle thefts has harmed residents, disrupted neighborhoods, created financial hardship for victims, and jeopardized public safety throughout the City of Buffalo;

Whereas, every person who commits a crime must be held accountable for their actions, particularly when those actions endanger others or undermine the safety and quality of life within our community;

Whereas, the Buffalo Common Council recognizes that accountability is strengthened when it is paired with meaningful opportunities for rehabilitation, education, and personal growth;

Whereas, many justice-involved youth have experienced trauma, instability, poverty, violence, or other adverse experiences that contribute to poor decision-making but do not excuse criminal conduct;

Whereas, evidence-based intervention programs that combine accountability with education, workforce development, mentoring, and behavioral health services have demonstrated success in reducing repeat offenses and improving long-term outcomes for young people;

Whereas, the City of Buffalo should invest in strategies that not only respond to crime but also reduce recidivism, strengthen families, and create pathways to employment and responsible citizenship; and

Whereas, the Buffalo Common Council believes that eligible youth involved in motor vehicle theft should be afforded an opportunity to earn redemption through structured accountability, hard work, and demonstrated personal responsibility before becoming permanently entrenched in the criminal justice system.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Buffalo Common Council supports the creation of the DRIVE Forward Initiative (Determination, Responsibility, Innovation, Vision, and Excellence), a mandatory diversion and restorative justice program for eligible juveniles and young adults charged with motor vehicle theft or related non-violent

offenses, when permitted by law and approved by the appropriate court or prosecuting authority.

Be It Further Resolved, that participation in the DRIVE Forward Initiative shall require participants to accept responsibility for their actions, comply with all program requirements, and successfully complete each phase of the program as a condition of successful completion.

Be It Further Resolved, that the DRIVE Forward Initiative shall include, but not be limited to:

- Automotive repair, maintenance, and diagnostics;
- Automotive manufacturing and parts production;
- Electric vehicle technology and emerging transportation innovation;
- Skilled trades certifications and workforce development;
- Leadership development and character education;
- Civic education, civic engagement, and community responsibility;
- Financial literacy and career readiness;
- Entrepreneurship and small business development;
- Restorative justice practices, including victim awareness and accountability;
- Trauma-informed counseling and mental health services;
- Individual, group, and family therapy;
- Mentorship from skilled trades professionals, educators, entrepreneurs, and community leaders;
- Community service and neighborhood improvement projects;
- Paid stipends tied to attendance, participation, and successful completion of program milestones;
- Case management and wraparound support services; and
- Family resource navigation, including referrals for housing, employment, behavioral health, parenting support, education, and other community-based services.

Be It Further Resolved, that participants who fail to comply with program requirements or commit additional criminal offenses while enrolled may be removed from the initiative and become subject to any penalties otherwise authorized by law.

Be It Further Resolved, that successful completion of the DRIVE Forward Initiative shall demonstrate a participant's commitment to accountability, rehabilitation, and personal growth while providing a pathway toward education, employment, and productive citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Buffalo Common Council encourages collaboration among the Mayor's Office, Buffalo Police Department, Erie County Family Court, the Erie County District Attorney's Office, Buffalo Public Schools, Erie Community College, local colleges and universities, labor unions, automotive manufacturers and repair businesses, workforce development agencies, mental health providers, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders to develop and implement the DRIVE Forward Initiative.

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Buffalo Police Commissioner, the Erie County Executive, the Erie County District Attorney, Erie County Family Court, Buffalo Public Schools, Erie Community College, and all appropriate public and private partners for their consideration and collaboration.



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Everhart - Resolution Supporting the CABY-WDI Program

WHEREAS, the Community Accountability, Beautification & Youth Workforce Development Initiative (CABY-WDI), administered through the Youth Guardian Civic Stewardship Program, provides paid employment opportunities for Buffalo youth while promoting neighborhood beautification, environmental stewardship, and community engagement;

WHEREAS, the initiative is a partnership between the Youth Guardian Program, the Masten Block Club Coalition, HLM Landscaping & Snow Removal, and community stakeholders to address tree inequity, increase resident engagement, and revitalize neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, with the decline in City-sponsored summer worksite opportunities, community-based workforce development programs like CABY-WDI provide valuable employment, job training, and leadership opportunities for Buffalo's youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council hereby;

1. Expresses its support for the Community Accountability, Beautification & Youth Workforce Development Initiative (CABY-WDI) and recognizes its positive impact on youth workforce development, neighborhood revitalization, and environmental sustainability;
2. Encourages the Administration and its community partners to identify funding opportunities to sustain and expand the initiative on a year-round basis, ensuring that more young people have access to meaningful employment and opportunities to serve their communities; and
3. Request that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Youth Guardian Program, the Masten Block Club Coalition, HLM Landscaping & Snow Removal, and all other interested parties.

Chief Program Officer Youth Guardian Program Ron Dixon will speak

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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000505

Halton-Pope, Everhart - Resolution Requesting Action at the former Wonder Bread Factory Located on Fougeron St.

WHEREAS, the former Wonder Bread Factory, located at 356 Fougeron Street, has remained vacant for many years, and its condition has continued to deteriorate due to prolonged neglect;

WHEREAS, the property is a significant historic industrial structure on Buffalo's East Side and has been identified as a potential redevelopment site capable of supporting future economic development and neighborhood revitalization;

WHEREAS, the continued deterioration of this property negatively impacts the surrounding neighborhood, creates public safety concerns, and threatens the future reuse of an important community asset; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Common Council believes every available legal and administrative option should be explored to prevent further deterioration of the property and encourage its rehabilitation or productive reuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council hereby;

1. Requests that the Office of Real Estate, in coordination with the Law Department and any other appropriate City departments, review the status of the property located at 356 Fougeron Street and evaluate all legal, regulatory, and administrative actions available to the City to address its continued deterioration;
2. Requests that the Office of Real Estate and the Law Department report their findings and recommendations to the Common Council, including any available enforcement actions, acquisition strategies, partnerships, or other mechanisms that could facilitate the preservation, rehabilitation, redevelopment, or productive reuse of the property; and
3. Requests that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of Real Estate, the Corporation Counsel, and the Mayors office.



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000382



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AGENDA ITEM 26-1034

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Assessment & Taxation
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Lori Hinson
Initiator: Lori Hinson
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 30527 E

In Rem 174 List of Delinquent Tax Liens

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000383



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AGENDA ITEM 26-1160

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 30559 D

Golombek, Constituent Concerns - City Pools

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000385



A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF
FILLMORE DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER
MITCHELL P. NOWAKOWSKI

To: Commissioner Lou Petrucci, Department of Permits and Inspection Services and
Commissioner Jason C. Shell, Assessment & Taxation Department
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: July 2, 2026
Subject: **596 South Park Concerns**

Dear Commissioners Petrucci and Shell:

I write to you with growing concern over the conditions of the building at 596 South Park Ave, in my district. This property has become a longstanding source of concern for nearby residents and businesses. My office has received numerous complaints regarding the property's deteriorated condition, including reports of rodent activity, unauthorized occupancy, and general neglect that continues to negatively impact the surrounding neighborhood.

I understand that this property has previously been before Housing Court and that the death of owners have left it in legal limbo. While these circumstances present legal challenges, the property's conditions continually decline and neighborhood safety is threatened. The condition of the building presents quality-of-life and public health concerns. For too long, I have seen vacant and unsecured buildings invite illegal activity and trespassing which creates serious risk for neighbors and first responders.

Accordingly, I am requesting that the Department of Permit and Inspection Services inspect the property, secure it, and take appropriate enforcement action against the current owner. Should the Commissioner deem it necessary, declare the property abandoned, according to §113 of the City Charter. Additionally, I ask that the Department of Assessment and Taxation review the property's eligibility for inclusion in the City's upcoming **in rem foreclosure action**. Returning this property to productive ownership would eliminate a longstanding blighted property.

My office stands ready to assist in any way. For questions, I can be reached at (716) 851-4138 or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov.

Sincerely,

Mitchell P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member

CC: Majority Leader Leah Halton-Pope, Ellicott District Council Woman



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000386



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AGENDA ITEM 26-911

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Sponsors: Council Member David A. Rivera
DOC ID: 30189 E

Rivera - City Response to Landlord Retaliation

HISTORY:

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Sponsors:
DOC ID:: # 2026-1798

AGENDA ITEM 26-000387



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Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Wyatt, CD Committee Member Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 30223 F

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AGENDA ITEM 26-925

Wyatt, Halton-Pope - Resolution Honoring National Public Works Week.

WHEREAS, National Public Works Week is celebrated annually to recognize the contributions of public works professionals who provide essential services that protect the health, safety, and quality of life of residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo's public works employees serve as the backbone of municipal operations, working diligently every day to maintain streets, sidewalks, parks, public buildings, vehicles, water and sewer infrastructure, and other critical public assets;

WHEREAS, public works employees often perform their duties in challenging weather conditions and during emergencies, demonstrating professionalism, dedication, and a commitment to serving the residents of the City of Buffalo;

WHEREAS, these dedicated workers play a vital role in keeping neighborhoods clean, maintaining the safety of our streets, responding to storms and natural disasters, supporting public events, and ensuring the efficient operation of essential city services; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Common Council recognizes the hard work, expertise, and unwavering commitment demonstrated by public works employees and wishes to express its gratitude for their service to the residents of Buffalo;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY;

1. Recognizes and celebrates National Public Works Week and extends its sincere appreciation to all public works employees throughout the City of Buffalo for their outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the community; and
2. Commends all public works professionals for their tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for Buffalo residents and for their continued commitment to maintaining and enhancing the city's infrastructure and public spaces.

HISTORY:

06/09/26 Common Council ADOPTED

Adopt, remainder to CD

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000389



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Department: General Public and Misc. Communications
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 30104 D

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AGENDA ITEM 26-819

R. Wyatt, Neighborhood Concerns - 216 Merrimac

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000390



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AGENDA ITEM 26-832

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski
DOC ID: 30098 D

Nowakowski - Expansion of Synchronized Traffic Signal Infrastructure

- Whereas, traffic congestion, excessive vehicle idling, and inefficient roadway travel contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, unnecessary fuel consumption, longer commute times, and overall reduced quality of life for City of Buffalo residents;
- Whereas, modern synchronized and adaptive traffic signal systems have been demonstrated to improve traffic control, reduce travel delays, and increase transportation efficiency in municipalities throughout;
- Whereas, modern traffic signal systems will also improve emergency medical and first responder response times through signal prioritization technologies while supporting a more reliable public transportation infrastructure;
- Whereas, this modern traffic infrastructure has been implemented in select areas in the City of Buffalo, contributing to more efficient vehicular travel;
- Whereas, municipalities throughout Western New York and across the United States have increasingly adopted intelligent traffic management technologies as part of a broad smart infrastructure modernization efforts;
- Whereas, the City of Buffalo has the opportunity to evaluate and expand these technologies in coordination with national and local partners; and
- Whereas, investment in intelligent transportation infrastructure represents an opportunity for the City of Buffalo to improve mobility, sustainability, operational efficiency, and public safety simultaneously.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Buffalo Common Council hereby:

- 1.) Expresses its support for continued expansion of synchronized traffic signal infrastructure throughout the City of Buffalo,
- 2.) Requests that the Department of Public Works identify opportunities for expanded traffic signal synchronization efforts, coordination with other agencies, and pursuit of available state and federal funding opportunities and present these to the Common Council at an upcoming Finance Committee Meeting.

HISTORY:

05/26/26 Common Council **ADOPTED**

Adopted Resolves, Remainder to CD

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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000391



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Department: General Public and Misc. Communications
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Lori Hinson
Initiator: Lori Hinson
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 29773 E

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AGENDA ITEM 26-558

J Golombek, Letters Concerning Unsafe Pedestrian Crossing at 255 Great Arrow

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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000392



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AGENDA ITEM 26-573

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Willis Doerr

Initiator: Willis Doerr

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 29779 F

Halton-Pope-Gold Wynn Property Tenant Complaints

HISTORY:

04/14/26 Common Council **ADOPTED**

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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000393



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AGENDA ITEM 26-487

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart
DOC ID: 29672 D

Everhart- Departmental Participation in Claims Committee

HISTORY:

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AGENDA ITEM 26-488

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart
DOC ID: 29662 C

Everhart - Request for Update Regarding PRI

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Sponsors:
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Department: General Public and Misc. Communications
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Lori Hinson
Initiator: Lori Hinson
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 29623 D

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AGENDA ITEM 26-450

R Wyatt, Letter to BMHA Housing Board

HISTORY:

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000398



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AGENDA ITEM 26-430

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: Everhart, Wyatt, Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 29596 G

Everhart, Halton-Pope, Wyatt - Establishing the Buffalo Youth Council Initiative

HISTORY:

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000399



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Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
DOC ID: 29482 I

ADOPTED

Sponsors: Feroletto, Golombek Jr, Halton-Pope, Bollman, Scanlon, Rivera, Nowakowski, Wyatt, Everhart

AGENDA ITEM 26-358

Golombek, Feroletto, Halton-Pope, & All Councilmembers - Call for Investigation on the Death of Nurul Amin Shah Alam

Amendment on council floor by Council Member Golombek:
Send a copy of the resolution to the Erie County District Attorney, as well as the other parties listed in the resolves.

HISTORY:

03/03/26 Common Council ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Amended & Adopted Resolves, Remainder to CD

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Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt
DOC ID: 29402 E

Wyatt- Requesting an Update on Winter Fleet and Equipment

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Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: Wyatt, Everhart, Halton-Pope
DOC ID: 29404 E

Wyatt, Everhart, Halton-Pope - Letter to Corp Counsel Regarding Menthol Ban

HISTORY:

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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000403



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AGENDA ITEM 26-299

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt

DOC ID: 29397 E

Wyatt - Resolution Requesting the Civil Service Appeals Board to be Filled

WHEREAS, Section § 11-14 of the Charter of the City of Buffalo establishes a Civil Service Appeals Board to hear appeals involving administrative decisions related to the interpretation or application of civil service rules;

WHEREAS, The Charter requires that the Civil Service Appeals Board consist of six (6) unsalaried residents of the City of Buffalo appointed by the Mayor, with one appointee designated as Chairperson, and that all such appointments are subject to confirmation by the Buffalo Common Council;

WHEREAS, During recent Civil Service Committee meetings the Buffalo Common Council has received complaints and concerns regarding civil service hiring practices, employment processes, and the termination or separation of civil service employees;

WHEREAS, The absence or inactivity of a duly impaneled Civil Service Appeals Board limits the City's ability to provide an independent and structured review process for disputed civil service decisions, including terminations; and

WHEREAS, Impanelling the Civil Service Appeals Board will assist in reviewing contested civil service actions, ensure adherence to established civil service guidelines, and help protect the City of Buffalo from potential legal exposure resulting from non-compliance with civil service laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL HEREBY;

1. Formally requests that the Mayor fill any vacancies on the Civil Service Appeals Board in accordance with § 11-14 of the City Charter;
2. Requests that all appointments to the Civil Service Appeals Board be submitted to the Buffalo Common Council for confirmation in accordance with City Charter, within a timely manner to allow them to begin service and review of any disputed Civil Service Complaints; and
3. Directs the City Clerk to submit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor.

HISTORY:

02/17/26 Common Council **ADOPTED**

ADOPTED RESOLVES, REMAINDER TO CD

02/24/26 Community Development Committee
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Community Development Committee

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

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DOC ID:: # 2026-1813

AGENDA ITEM 26-000404



A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF

The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Zeneta B. Everhart, Masten District Council Woman

January 28, 2026

Re: Proposal for Economic Empowerment and Housing Transition Program for BMHA, Section 8 Recipients and Renters in Buffalo, NY. The Bridge to Ownership Initiative: From Housing Assistance to Generational Stability.

Dear Community Partners,

I write to you today on behalf of the residents of Buffalo, New York, specifically those living in public housing through the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA), those participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and renters. As the City of Buffalo embarks on several infill housing initiatives across the City of Buffalo, as the President Pro Tempore and the Councilwoman representing the Masten District, I am calling on several community partners including the City of Buffalo to work collaboratively to formulate a comprehensive plan to ensure that residents living in these development zones can take advantage of future home ownership opportunities.

Development without displacement is possible but we must be intentional to make sure that with the development of these homes, residents are not pushed out of communities they have lived in for generations. These neighborhoods have seen systematic disinvestment which is a direct result of the poor conditions they have been forced to live in.

It is very important that we keep one question in mind as we consider development: What happens to the people? It is unacceptable and inhumane to contemplate the construction of homes without first providing a meaningful path to homeownership for the individuals and families who have endured the most hardship. That is why I am proposing a bold, people-centered initiative that can serve as a model for cities across the nation.

We should also be aware that recent signals from the federal level suggest a growing interest in reshaping or even scaling back housing assistance programs like Section 8. Whether driven by budgetary concerns, political agendas, or evolving philosophies of public assistance, the trajectory is clear and dangerous if left unchecked. We are also seeing a record level high in rent across the country. While reform may be necessary in some areas, removal without replacement is not an option. Without intervention, we risk exacerbating homelessness, deepening cycles of generational poverty, and pushing our most vulnerable citizens into crisis.



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The residents of Buffalo do not want to stay in public housing forever. They want better lives, stronger futures, and safe, stable homes they can own and pass down. What they need is a bridge, one that takes them from survival to sustainability, from dependence to independence.

This proposal offers exactly that. On the following page you will find my proposal and what I am calling the **The Bridge to Ownership Initiative: From Housing Assistance to Generational Stability**. Buffalo stands ready to lead with a model rooted in dignity, accountability, and empowerment. I urge you to help make this a reality not just to protect people from policy change, but to prepare them to thrive in spite of it.

Please contact me directly to discuss how we can align on implementation and measurable impact. Thank you for your continued commitment to equitable housing policy and economic justice.

Sincerely,

Zeneta B. Everhart

President Pro Tempore, Masten District Councilwoman



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000405



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 26-43

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt

Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt

Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

DOC ID: 29087 F

Nowakowski - Request for Redevelopment at 294 Louisiana Street

Dear Director:

I am writing regarding the City-owned property located at 294 Louisiana Street, a former Buffalo Police precinct that has remained vacant for years and become a persistent source of blight in the Old First Ward. The nearly 13,000 square foot building, located on a sizable parcel zoned N-2E Mixed-Use Edge, has remained underutilized despite its scale, location, and potential for adaptive reuse.

The Old First Ward continues to see meaningful reinvestment, including millions of dollars to the redevelopment of Father Conway Park, immediately adjacent to this site. Directly across Louisiana Street, the recently completed Barcalo redevelopment—a large mixed-use project with residential and retail components—underscores both the momentum in this area and the underlying value of land in this corridor. Given these developments, allowing a City-owned building to continue deteriorating is inconsistent with the progress and investment occurring. Its prolonged vacancy undermines neighborhood stability and represents a missed opportunity to leverage a valuable public asset for productive use.

Given the size, zoning, and location of the parcel, I respectfully request that the Department of Real Estate conduct a thorough analysis on 294 Louisiana Street, including an assessment of the existing structure, value, and development feasibility.

Based on this analysis, I ask that the City move decisively toward one of the following:

1. Issuing a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sale and redevelopment of 294 Louisiana Street, in coordination with the Office of Strategic Planning, with clear expectations regarding substantial financing, timelines and public engagement; or
2. Proceeding with the demolition of the structure, followed by remediation and sale of the vacant parcel in order to eliminate blight and unlock the value of the land for future use.

This letter is intended to serve as a formal item for the Common Council and will be discussed at the Community Development Committee meeting on January 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM, which allows time for your department to complete its internal analysis and present findings to the Committee. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you closely on this request. For questions, I can be reached at (716) 851-4138 or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov.

Sincerely,

Mitchell P. Nowakowski

Fillmore District Council Member, Finance Committee Chairman

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000406



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1973

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart
DOC ID: 28941 F

Everhart - Letter to BMHA and Belmont Regarding Housing Conditions

HISTORY:

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Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution - Common Council

Prepared By:

Sponsors:

DOC ID:: # 2026-1819

AGENDA ITEM 26-000409

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Living Conditions in BMHA-Managed Facilities



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1981

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 28962 F

Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Living Conditions in BMHA-Managed Facilities

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000411



A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF

The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Majority Leader Leah M. Halton-Pope, Ellicott District Council Woman

December 3, 2025

Roger Brandt, Jr.

President

Rochester's Cornerstone Group, Ltd./Cornerstone Property Managers, LLC

460 White Spruce Blvd.

Rochester, NY 14623

Dear Mr. Brandt,

I am writing regarding repeated and serious concerns brought to my office about living conditions and management practices at properties operated by Cornerstone Management in the City of Buffalo. Of the eleven (11) properties in your portfolio, the following seven (7) are located within the Ellicott District:

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| 1. AD Price | 5. Packard Building |
| 2. Ellicott Park Townhomes | 6. St. Martin Village |
| 3. Frederick Douglas Associates | 7. Westminster Commons Apartments |
| 4. Mt. Aaron Village | |

Tenants have consistently reported unresolved maintenance requests, unsafe or unsanitary conditions, delayed responses, and interactions with management that are dismissive, unprofessional, or unresponsive. These repeated issues are not isolated incidents; they indicate a pattern of concern that warrants immediate attention.

As Councilmember for the Ellicott District and Majority Leader of the Buffalo Common Council, it is my responsibility to advocate for the well-being of residents and ensure that property managers uphold their legal and ethical obligations. Residents deserve safe, clean, and habitable housing.

I am requesting a detailed written response addressing the following:

1. **Protocols for responding to tenant maintenance requests** include timelines, staffing levels, and verification measures to ensure work is completed properly.
2. **Compliance plans and internal monitoring** related to building safety, sanitation, and code enforcement, particularly for properties with chronic issues.

3. **Steps taken to ensure professional, respectful, and transparent communication** with tenants, including how complaints about management conduct are handled.
4. **A comprehensive list of all properties managed by Cornerstone in Buffalo**, including current occupancy, outstanding maintenance needs, and planned improvements.
5. **Measures to ensure safe and habitable conditions for tenants**, especially at properties with repeated complaints or ongoing issues.

Please provide your full written response by **December 29, 2025**. Council staff will contact your office to coordinate your participation in an upcoming public hearing. While the Common Council has subpoena authority, we prefer voluntary participation to begin this process.

Immediate and sustained action is required to ensure residents have housing that is safe, clean, and properly managed. I look forward to your prompt response and participation in the hearing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your timely and comprehensive response, as well as your participation in the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leah Halton-Pope". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leah" being more prominent and the last name "Halton-Pope" following in a similar style.

Hon. Leah Halton-Pope
Councilmember, Ellicott District
Majority Leader, Buffalo Common Council



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000412



A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF

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Majority Leader Leah M. Halton-Pope, Ellicott District Council Woman

December 3, 2025

Henry Rodriguez, Jr.
Founding Partner, President & CEO
Corvus Property Intelligence
110 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY 14201

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

I am writing regarding repeated concerns brought to my office about living conditions and management practices at properties operated by Corvus Property Management in Buffalo. Of the ten (10) properties in your WNY portfolio, six (6) are located in the Ellicott District:

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| 1. 201 Ellicott | 4. Noles Court |
| 2. 1100 Michigan Ave | 5. The Forge on Broadway |
| 3. Ellicott Town Center | 6. Parkview Apartments |

Tenants consistently report unresolved maintenance requests, unsafe or unsanitary environments, communication failures, and dismissive or unprofessional interactions with management. These are not isolated incidents—they are recurring patterns that raise serious questions about your standard of care.

Accordingly, I am requesting a detailed written response that addresses the following:

1. The process and expected timelines for responding to tenant maintenance requests, including how requests are triaged, tracked, and verified upon completion.
2. Current property management protocols related to building safety, sanitation, and code compliance, and any corrective action plans in place for properties with recurring issues.
3. Steps taken by Cornerstone Management to ensure professional and respectful communication with tenants, including staff training and procedures for handling complaints about management conduct.

4. A list of properties under your management in the City of Buffalo, along with updates on outstanding maintenance issues, recent inspections, and planned repairs or improvements.
5. A description of how Cornerstone monitors living conditions internally, to prevent chronic conditions and ensure the health and safety of residents.

Given the seriousness of these reports, I request a full written response no later than **December 29, 2025**. My office is committed to working with you productively, but these issues require immediate and sustained action.

Additionally, the Common Council will be hosting a public hearing in early January to further address these concerns. Council staff will be contacting your office to coordinate your participation. Please be advised that while the Common Council has subpoena authority, our preference is to begin by requesting your voluntary participation rather than compelling it.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your timely and comprehensive response, as well as your participation in the hearing.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Leah Halton-Pope
Councilmember, Ellicott District
Majority Leader, Buffalo Common Council



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000414



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Majority Leader Leah M. Halton-Pope, Ellicott District Council Woman

December 3, 2025

Brad Packer
President & CEO
Belmont Housing Resources for WNY
2393 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

Dear Mr. Packer,

I am writing to request clarity and accountability regarding repeated concerns my office has received about Belmont Housing's voucher program and the criteria used to approve housing units and neighborhoods for voucher recipients in Buffalo.

Residents report confusion about eligibility, waitlist movement, processing timelines, and geographic limitations. Many experience inconsistent information or limited guidance during an already stressful process. A well-functioning voucher program is essential for housing stability, mobility, and equitable access across the city.

I am requesting a detailed written response that addresses:

1. A full description of Belmont's voucher process, including eligibility, application steps, documentation, waitlist management, and average timelines.
2. How voucher-holders are notified of status, the frequency of communication, and steps taken to prevent residents from being left without updates.
3. How units and locations are selected or approved, including standards, geographic restrictions, equitable access, and landlord/property evaluation.
4. Support services available during the housing search, including assistance for residents facing discrimination or denials.
5. Planned improvements to increase transparency, expand housing choice, or improve communication.

Please provide a full written response by **December 29, 2025**. The Common Council will hold a public hearing in early January to further discuss these issues, and staff will contact your office to coordinate participation. While the Council has subpoena authority, we prefer voluntary participation. Residents deserve clear, fair, and efficient access to housing. I look forward to your response and participation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your timely and comprehensive response, as well as your participation in the hearing.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Leah Halton-Pope
Councilmember, Ellicott District
Majority Leader, Buffalo Common Council

Cc: Brenda Decker, Vice President/Property Management



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000415



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1978

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Leah Halton-Pope

Initiator: Leah Halton-Pope

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 28957 H

Halton-Pope Resolution Directing the Scheduling of a Public Hearing to Address Critical Housing Issues in the City of Buffalo (Exc Res)

A Resolution Directing The Scheduling Of A Public Hearing To Address Critical Housing Issues In The City Of Buffalo

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo continues to experience serious and persistent housing challenges—including deteriorating property conditions, inadequate maintenance, rising affordability concerns, and inconsistent management practices across multiple housing providers; and

WHEREAS, these issues have had a direct and detrimental impact on the health, safety, and quality of life of Buffalo residents, requiring immediate and coordinated attention from both public officials and private housing entities; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Common Council is committed to holding accountable all stakeholders responsible for providing safe, stable, and dignified housing for residents; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that the voices and experiences of Buffalo residents—particularly those directly affected—be heard clearly and publicly as the Council considers actions to strengthen oversight, improve property conditions, and ensure housing justice citywide; *Now, Therefore, Be It*

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council-

1. Direct that a public hearing on the City's housing conditions and related management practices be scheduled for an evening in January 2026, at a location that ensures full accessibility and participation for residents across the City of Buffalo; and
2. Directs Council staff to invite the presidents, executive directors, chief executive officers, and appropriate staff of the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, Belmont Housing Resources for Western New York, Corvus Property Intelligence, Rochester's Cornerstone Group, Ltd./Cornerstone Property Managers, LLC, and any other organizations recommended by Council Members, to appear and provide testimony at the public hearing; and
3. Directs the City Clerk to issue all required public notices and take any additional steps necessary to ensure broad and effective community

participation.

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1812

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Real Estate
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
Initiator: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 28729 J

Report of Sale Portion of 247 Loepere (EL)

The Office of Strategic Planning, Division of Real Estate has received a request from Maung Aye, of 245 Loepere St., Buffalo, NY 14211 to purchase a 15-feet by 108-feet portion of 247 Loepere. Mr. Aye would like to purchase the lot for added yard space for his adjacent property located at 245 Loepere.

The Office of Strategic Planning, Division of Permit and Inspection Services and the Division of Collections have no objections to the sale of the property. Prior to closing, the Office of Strategic Planning, Division of Real Estate will perform a second check with the Division of Permits and Inspections Services and the Division of Collections to ensure all properties owned by the applicant(s) are still being maintained and applicant(s) have no outstanding debts owed to the City of Buffalo.

There are no building code violations, taxes or other liens owed to the City of Buffalo by the purchaser. A market analysis was performed by the Division of Real Estate.

Mr. Aye has agreed and is prepared to pay One Dollar Ninety-Eight Cents (\$1.98) per square foot for a total of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00) for the above referenced property. He has also agreed to pay for the cost of the transfer tax and recording fees.

I am recommending that Your Honorable Body approve the sale of a 15-feet by 108-feet portion of 247 Loepere for the amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00) to Maung Aye. I am further recommending that the Office of Strategic Planning prepare the necessary documents for the transfer of title and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same.

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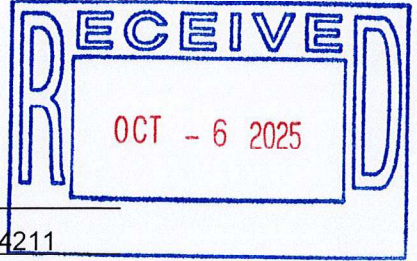
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Term Sheet

Issued Date: 9/22/2025

Proposed Sale of: 247 Loepere (portion) Property Class: Unimproved Vacant Land Lot size: 15' x 108'

Seller : Name: City of Buffalo
Address: 65 Niagara Square, Room 905 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202
Phone Number: 851-6541 or 851-5280



Buyer (s): Name (1) Maung Aye
Address: 245 Loepere St. Buffalo, NY 14211
Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Purchase Price: \$3,200.00

By signing this term sheet, the Buyer(s) hereby agrees to pay the market price as listed above and approved by the City of Buffalo. If the purchase is closed the Buyer(s) shall accept the property in an "as is" condition and Buyer(s) shall also release and indemnify the City of Buffalo from any and all matters in connection with the Property including, but not limited to, environmental or hazardous substance. The Purchase is **SUBJECT** to the following Terms and/or Conditions:

1. In addition to the full purchase price, Buyer(s) shall pay all closing costs including any and all title search costs, survey costs and recordation fees, as well as the User Fee reimbursement.
2. Subject to Common Council approval & any terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City of Buffalo
3. The subject property will not be transferred until Buyer(s) receives Planning and Zoning Board Approvals (if required).
4. Buyer(s) agrees to keep 15-feet as permanent "green space".
5. Buyer(s) agrees to accept title in "as is" condition.
6. Buyer(s) agrees to sign a full release and indemnity to the City of Buffalo as to environmental and other matters regarding the property.
7. The above listed value is good for 1-year from the date the term sheet is issued.

[Signature] (Buyer 1 Signature) Dated: 10/6/25

STATE OF NEW YORK
ERIE COUNTY
CITY OF BUFFALO

On 06 day of OCTOBER, 2025, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **Maung Aye**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person(s) upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Anika Ahad

Notary Public, Buffalo, New York

My Commission expires: 07/15/2028

ANIKA AHAD
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK
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Community Development Committee

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000418



Outlook

[Draft] Re: I would like to speak with the council on the housing crisis in buffalo right now coupled with so many slumlords not being held accountable for the deplorable homes they are renting to our residents at astronomical rates. Some type of major crackdo...

From

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To nathan boyd <[redacted]@aol.com>

Re: I would like to speak with the council on the housing crisis in buffalo right now coupled with so many slumlords not being held accountable for the deplorable homes they are renting to our residents at astronomical rates. Some type of major crackdo...

Nathan Boyd

Joseph Golombek, Jr.

City of Buffalo

Councilmember North District

Room 1502 City Hall

Buffalo, NY 14202

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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
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AGENDA ITEM 25-1849

J.Golombek, Constituent Concerns - Housing Crisis

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000419



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1861

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope
DOC ID: 28807 F

Halton-Pope - Resolution Requesting Data on DDAs in the City of Buffalo

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Halton-Pope - Resolution Requesting Data on DDAs in the City of Buffalo

Whereas, the City of Buffalo regularly enters into *Designated Developer Agreements (DDAs)* with individuals, organizations, and development entities for the purpose of facilitating the sale and redevelopment of city-owned properties;

Whereas, these agreements are intended to ensure that projects move forward in a timely manner and that development commitments made to the City and its residents are fulfilled;

Whereas, in recent years, numerous DDAs have been extended multiple times, leading to concerns regarding delays in redevelopment, prolonged vacancy of city-owned parcels, and potential impacts on neighborhood revitalization efforts; and

Whereas, the Buffalo Common Council seeks to better understand the scope and frequency of these extensions, the reasons behind them, and whether there are adequate policy safeguards in place to ensure accountability and project completion; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Buffalo Common Council requests:

1. The Department of Real Estate provide a comprehensive report detailing all current and active Designated Developer Agreements held by the City of Buffalo, including:
 - The total number of DDAs currently in place;
 - The number of such DDAs that have been extended and the number of extensions each has received; and
 - The current status of each DDA.
2. The Department of Real Estate to present and discuss the City's current *DDA policy*, including the criteria used to approve extensions and whether there are existing limitations on the number of allowable extensions.
3. Requests the City Clerk to submit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Strategic Planning and Real Estate for consideration.



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1862

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Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Sean Depue
Initiator: Sean Depue
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope
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Halton-Pope - Resolution Requesting Data on PILOT Programs in the City of Buffalo

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Halton-Pope- Resolution Requesting Data on PILOT Programs in the City of Buffalo

Whereas, the City of Buffalo utilizes Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements as a tool to encourage investment and economic development while maintaining some level of financial contribution from developers and property owners;

Whereas, these agreements are designed to support projects that provide public benefit—such as affordable housing, job creation, or neighborhood revitalization—while balancing the City’s fiscal responsibilities and long-term revenue needs;

Whereas, the Buffalo Common Council recognizes the importance of oversight and transparency in the administration of PILOT programs to ensure that participating development projects meet their stated goals and obligations; and

Whereas, several PILOT agreements have been active across the City of Buffalo for many years, and the Council seeks to understand their current status, compliance, and fiscal impact on the City’s tax base;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Buffalo Common Council requests:

1. That the Office of Strategic Planning provide a comprehensive report detailing all current and active PILOT agreements in the City of Buffalo, including:
 - The total number of active PILOT agreements;
 - The term and duration of each PILOT;
 - The current status of each agreement (active, expired, extended, in compliance, or in default); and
 - The annual payments received under each PILOT and how they compare to the standard assessed tax value;
2. The Office of Strategic Planning and the Department of Assessment and Taxation present and discuss the City’s current process for reviewing, monitoring, and enforcing PILOT agreements, including any policies governing extensions or renewals.
3. Requests that the City Clerk submit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Office of Strategic Planning and the Department of Assessment and Taxation.



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1789

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart
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Everhart - Letter Requesting DPW to Give an Update on Winter Preparedness and Warming Shelters

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Zeneta B. Everhart, Masten District Council Woman

Council Member Zeneta B. Everhart
Masten District

October 23, 2025

To:

Nolan Skipper, Interim Commissioner
Department of Public Works

Re: Invitation to Community Development Committee – Winter Preparedness Update

Dear Interim Commissioner Skipper,

I am requesting your attendance and any member of your team to attend the upcoming **Community Development Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

Earlier this year, your department submitted the City's Winter Snow Plan, which outlined key preparedness measures for the upcoming season. As we approach the winter months, the Council would appreciate a brief update to ensure all protocols and resources remain in place and that we are fully equipped to respond effectively to any severe weather events.

In particular, we ask that your update include:

- **Operational Readiness:** Confirmation that equipment, including snowplows and salt supplies, remain in sufficient condition and quantity.
- **Staffing Levels:** Current personnel availability and contingency coverage for snow removal operations.
- **Emergency Protocols:** An overview of procedures for warming centers, including readiness, coordination with other departments, and accessibility during extreme weather emergencies.



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- **Collaborative Efforts:** An overview of collaborations with other agencies and services that provide needed resources to City residents, such as power and heat during emergency winter conditions.

The Council values the ongoing partnership with the Department of Public Works and your team's dedication to keeping residents safe and the city running efficiently during the winter season.

Thank you for your continued service and for providing this important update. I look forward to your presentation on November 5.

Sincerely,

Zeneta B. Everhart
Masten District
Buffalo Common Council



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Category: Miscellaneous
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Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart
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Everhart - Letter to DPIS Regarding Updates on Proactive Rental Inspection (PRI) Program

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Zeneta B. Everhart, Masten District Council Woman

Council Member Zeneta B. Everhart
Masten District
Buffalo Common Council
City Hall | 65 Niagara Square | Buffalo, NY 14202

October 9, 2025

To:

Catherine Amdur, Commissioner
Department of Permit and Inspection Services
City of Buffalo

Re: Update on the Proactive Rental Inspection (PRI) Program

Dear Commissioner Amdur,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to request an update on the City of Buffalo's Proactive Rental Inspection (PRI) Program and to express my continued support for the important work your department is doing to improve housing quality and safety across our city.

The Common Council was proud to provide additional funding for the PRI program in the 2025–2026 City Budget, recognizing the value of your department's efforts and the importance of maintaining safe, healthy housing for all residents. With those investments, we were pleased to see the addition of new inspectors and an increase in activity under the program.

As we continue working together to ensure the program reaches its full potential, I would appreciate an update on its current progress and next steps. Specifically, it would be helpful to receive information on:

1. The number of units inspected to date under the PRI program;
2. The current staffing levels dedicated to the program;
3. The projected timeline for completing the first full inspection cycle; and
4. Any updates on the development of the Certificate of Rental Compliance application.



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Zeneta B. Everhart, Masten District Council Woman

Understanding these details will help the Council continue to support your team's work and identify where additional collaboration or resources may be needed.

If possible, I would also like to invite you and your team to attend an upcoming Community Development Committee meeting to provide a brief overview of the program's progress and future goals.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to ensuring Buffalo's rental housing meets the highest standards of safety and quality. I look forward to your update and to continuing our work together on this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

Zeneta B. Everhart

Council Member, Masten District
Buffalo Common Council



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Department: Common Council
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Sponsors: Nowakowski, Everhart, Halton-Pope, Sonubi
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Nowakowski - Re-Use of Vacant Rite Aids

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Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

To: Corbin Holdings, Buffalo Main Commercial Group
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: September 18, 2025
Subject: **Request for Reuse Plan – Former Rite Aid Property**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the former Rite Aid property located at 452 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, which according to City of Buffalo records, is under your ownership. This structure, encompassing approximately 10,724 square feet, is now vacant following the massive closure of Rite Aid stores across the country.

This property, located in my district, cannot be allowed to sit idle indefinitely. Structures of this size and prominence create negative ripple effects on surrounding businesses, reduce neighborhood vitality, and place an undue burden on the community.

I am respectfully requesting that you provide my office with a clear plan for this property — whether you intend to adaptively reuse it, rent it, redevelop it, or otherwise. The City and my office are prepared to be a partner connecting with you to remedy potential issues or development programs. However, the responsibility rests with you as the property owner to ensure that your building does not remain a liability for the neighborhood or my district.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. For your response, I can be reached at (716) 851-4138 or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov.

Sincerely,

Mitchell P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member

City of Buffalo Common Council

Intergovernmental Memo

Subject: Vacant Rite Aid Properties in the City of Buffalo

Prepared for: Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

Prepared by: Jake Weronksi, Brandon Barksdale, Clayton Hoyt

Date: September 25, 2025

Overview

Following the massive closure of Rite Aid stores in Western New York and around the country, the City of Buffalo has been left with a significant portfolio of vacant commercial properties. The attached spreadsheet documents 16 properties citywide, representing approximately 173,786 square feet of vacant space. This memo has been produced at the request of Council Member Nowakowski and expected to be discussed at an upcoming Community Development Committee Meeting.

Fillmore District

The Fillmore District contains three now-vacant Rite Aid stores, totaling 34,998 square feet, which is about 20% of the citywide total. These are large, high visibility structures, each over 10,000 square feet, that once served as key neighborhood retail sites.

At the Fillmore District Council Member's request, letters were sent out on Thursday, September 18 to the property owners in the district requesting their plans for adaptive reuse, redevelopment, or leasing. Responses will be shared with constituents in a future Community Development Meeting or as they are received. In addition, the Department of Permit and Inspection Services has been requested to conduct inspections of these vacant sites to ensure they are being properly maintained in the interim.

Citywide Distribution

Vacancies are spread across nearly every Councilmatic district, with the largest concentrations in Fillmore, South, and Ellicott (three each). Ownership is varied, with some owned by national financing firms, and others by local LLCs or development companies. 6 properties are owned by Ellicott Development.

Issues for Consideration

1. **Scale of Vacancy:** These are large footprint buildings whose size makes them difficult to repurpose for uses other than retail.
2. **Effect on Neighborhood:** Vacancies diminish walkability, depress local commerce and sales tax revenue, and are a general eyesore.

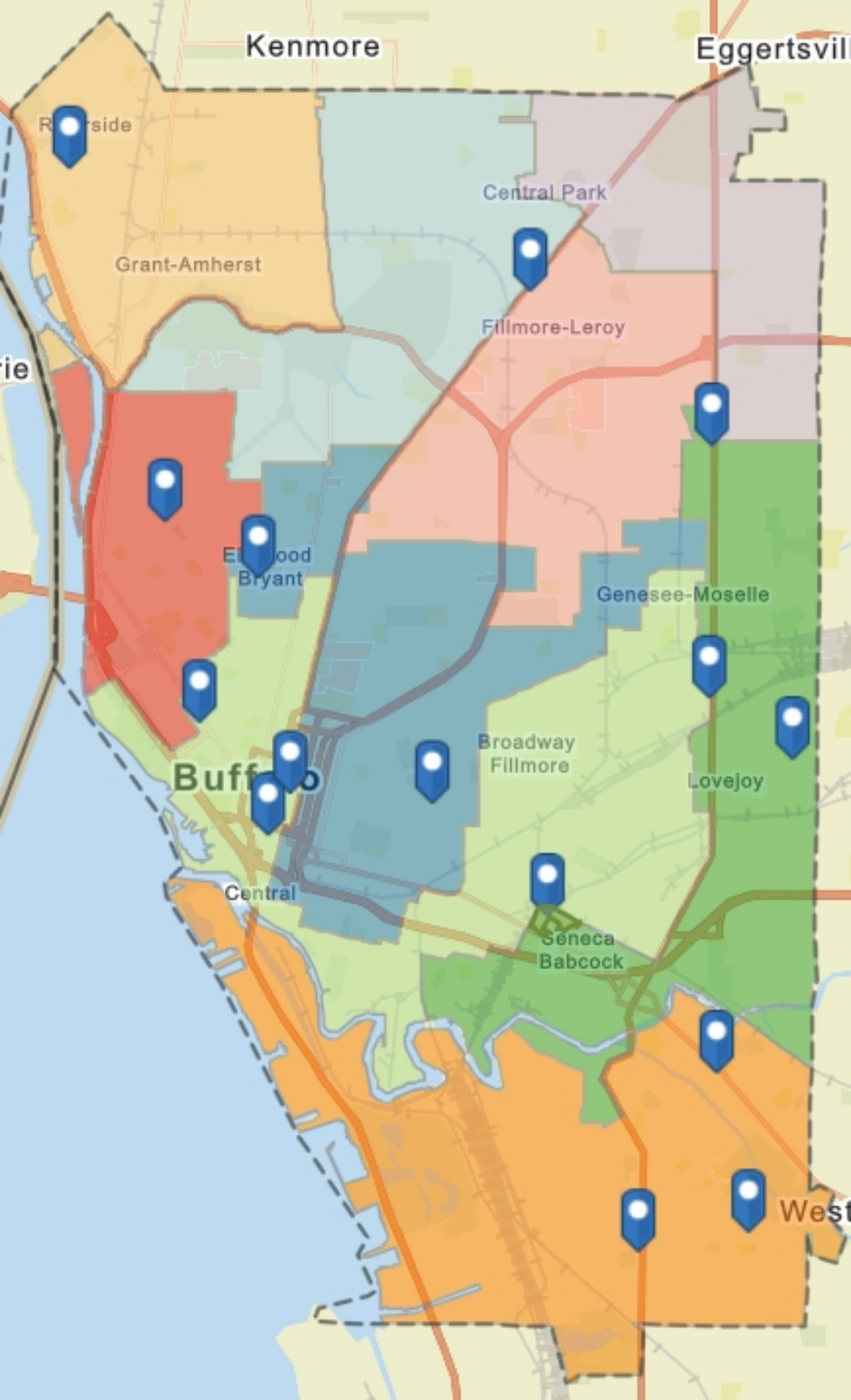
3. **Need for Pharmacies:** The loss of Rite Aids has wide-ranging effects, as these stores were often the only pharmacy in certain neighborhoods. Their closure increases the burden on both residents and other local pharmacies to provide prescriptions, over-the-counter medicine, vaccines, and other basic health services.
4. **Owner Responsibility:** Property owners should have or be developing reuse, redevelopment, or leasing plans.
5. **The City's Role:** The Council can encourage reuse by commencing conversation with owners, representing community needs that fit the available space, and connecting owners to business support programs, other City departments, or nonprofit partners.

Next Steps and Opportunities

To prevent these properties from becoming long-term liabilities, potential reuse scenarios include medical or urgent care facilities, community service hubs, food access, or subdivision of the large footprints into space for multiple small businesses. These approaches are aligned with the City's priorities of adaptive reuse, walkable neighborhoods, and equitable economic development.

At the Fillmore District Council Member's request, this correspondence will be filed with the Common Council and discussed in a future Community Development Committee Meeting. As information from owners becomes available, it can be shared with constituents in committee meetings.

It is further recommended that a Council-wide letter be sent to all owners requesting clear plans with reasonable timeframes for implementation for the public benefit of neighborhoods and community stakeholders. The Council can also engage with the Office of Strategic Planning to identify potential reuse models and incorporate neighborhood aspirations from surveys and public outreach.



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Elwood Bryant

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350 Niagara St.	FILLMORE	11,067	06/16/2025	350 Niagara LLC		119 Meadowlawn Rd	Cheektowaga, NY 14222	Adnan Ahmed	currently listed for lease	01225043	9/18/2025
1941 Seneca St.	SOUTH	11,201	06/16/2025	MSF Seneca LLC		570 Delaware Ave	Buffalo, NY 14202	Benderson Development			
476 William St.	ELLICOTT	11,107	06/15/2025	9274 Group Inc.		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			
1410 Delaware Ave	DELAWARE	6,047	07/24/2025	Spirit Master Funding LLC		PO Box 3165	Harrisburg, PA 17105	Rite Aid			
1224 E. Lovejoy St.	LOVEJOY	10,126	07/27/25	Rite Aide of NY INC		PO Box 3165	Harrisburg, PA 17105	Rite Aid			
789 Tonawanda St.	NORTH	11,369	07/30/25	Faso Group LLC		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			
2585 Main St.	MASTEN	11,340	07/31/25	Lincoln Partnership 2015 LLC	Inland Western New York	26527 Agoura Rd Suite 200	Calabasas, CA 91302				
845 Abbott Rd.	SOUTH	10,800		4628 Group INC		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			
284 Connecticut St.	NIAGARA	10,126		2468 Group INC		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			
424 Elmwood Ave.	ELLICOTT	8,415		Primer International II LLC	NG2 1 LP	30 Hunter Lane	Camp Hill, PA 17011	Rite Aid Corp			
2175 South Park	SOUTH	15,300		2175 Buffalo NY LLC		549 Empire Blvd #100	Brooklyn, NY 11225	AHRE Realty			
291 W. Ferry	NIAGARA	11,421		Ferryport Wings LLC		1728 S Robertson Blvd Unit	Los Angeles, CA 90035				
1625 Broadway Ave	FILLMORE	13,207		1625 Broadway Associates LLC		2255 Bailey Ave Rear	Buffalo, NY 14211		2255 Bailey lists 1105 Broadway, which is owned by Shuaibi Saleh Moh	01225051	9/18/2025
2474 Bailey Ave.	LOVEJOY	10,209		9274 Group Inc		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			
452 Main St.	FILLMORE	10,724		Buffalo Main Commercial Group		6431 Stirling Rd	Davie, FL 33314	Corbin Holdings	Listed for lease	01225055	9/18/2025
1076 Genesee	ELLICOTT	11,327		9274 Group Inc		295 Main Street 210	Buffalo, NY 14203	Ellicott Dev			



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000424



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1575

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 28382 H

Everhart - Requesting Fire Commissioner Attendance and Report on Fire Hydrant Inspections

WHEREAS, in recent events, it was reported during a house fire within the City of Buffalo that fire hydrants in the area were found to be empty, creating a serious risk to both public safety and firefighting operations;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and commends the bravery and quick thinking of the Buffalo Fire Department personnel who, despite the circumstances, rapidly located a functioning hydrant approximately one block away and successfully used it to fight the fire;

WHEREAS, while the firefighters' dedication and swift response prevented a greater tragedy, they should not be placed in situations where essential equipment and infrastructure are unavailable or unreliable;

WHEREAS, the availability and functionality of fire hydrants is critical to ensuring that the Buffalo Fire Department can effectively protect lives and property during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has a duty to investigate issues that may jeopardize public health and safety and to ensure that proper systems are in place for the inspection and maintenance of fire hydrants across the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council requests;

1. The Fire Commissioner attend an upcoming meeting of the Council's appropriate committee to provide information on this matter and explain what procedures the Fire Department follows when encountering situations where hydrants are not operational or lack sufficient water supply.
2. That the Fire Commissioner submit a written report to the Buffalo Common Council detailing how often hydrants across the city are inspected, the process followed for such inspections, and any recent findings that may impact public safety.
3. That the City Clerk submit a copy of this resolution to the Fire Department and the Mayors office for consideration.

HISTORY:

09/16/25 Common Council ADOPTED

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Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Kimberly Podgorsak
Initiator: Kimberly Podgorsak
Sponsors: Council Member Bryan J. Bollman
DOC ID: 28123 E

Bollman - in the Case of Amanda Thompson: a Call for a Full Investigation and Report

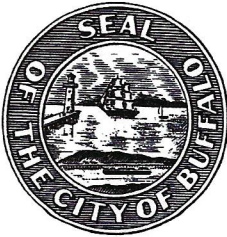
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LOVEJOY DISTRICT

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July 21, 2025

Office of the New York State Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany NY 12224-0341

Dear Honorable NYS Attorney General Letitia James,

I am writing to bring your attention to a tragic and deeply troubling incident that occurred in the Lovejoy District. On July 17th, Amanda Thompson was murdered in her home on South Ogden Street, allegedly by her former partner, Rickey Crouch. This case has raised serious concerns about gaps in our current legal system, particularly when it comes to protecting victims of domestic violence from repeat offenders. I am formally requesting an investigation and report into the circumstances surrounding Amanda Thompson's death, specifically regarding the early release of Rickey Crouch.

Rickey Crouch is a convicted murderer who was paroled in 2023. Since his release, he had been arrested on at least three separate occasions for incidents involving Amanda, including burglary, choking, criminal possession of a weapon, and multiple violations of a protective order. Yet each time, he was released back into the community. We must understand how and why this occurred. What legal thresholds prevented his remand? What tools were unavailable to law enforcement and the courts?

This case highlights a broader concern of how our state handles high-risk domestic violence and repeat violent offenders. Unfortunately, Amanda's murder is not an isolated tragedy. Just two years ago, Ke'Aira Hudson was murdered in Buffalo by her estranged husband, Adam Bennefield, in front of her three children. Hudson had told family members and police that she feared for her life, even leaving her house the morning of her murder wearing a bulletproof vest. Bennefield had been arrested for domestic violence just one day earlier, yet was released. He violated a protective order and carried out the fatal attack while the system failed to intervene. In each case, the warning signs were there, but the tools to intervene either fell short or were not used.

These tragedies reveal a disturbing pattern: our legal framework is failing to adequately protect victims from violent, repeat domestic abusers. We must reexamine whether judges have the

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discretion they need to detain individuals who pose a clear and present danger. We must evaluate whether our laws provide sufficient protection for victims of stalking, intimate partner violence, and restraining order violations. We must also confront the fact that our law enforcement officers were placed at risk during Crouch's attempted return to Buffalo, raising serious questions about his intent and whether others were targeted.

I write to you asking for your assistance in investigating this case, for Amanda, her children, her grandchildren, and family. It is a matter of public safety and of life and death of the residents we represent. The residents of Buffalo and all of Western New York deserve to feel confident in knowing their justice system is there to protect them.

I invite the NYS Attorney General, the Erie County District Attorney, and members of the Western New York State Delegation, or members of their teams, to join me in Council Chambers this September to further this critical discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan J. Bollman".

Bryan J. Bollman
President Pro Tempore
Lovejoy District Council Member

CC:

Office of Erie County District Attorney

State Senator Sean Ryan

State Senator April N.M. Baskin

Assembly Member Patrick Burke

Assembly Member Bill Conrad

Assembly Member Patrick Chludzinski

Assembly Member Karen McMahon

Assembly Member Jon Rivera



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AGENDA ITEM 25-1239

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart

DOC ID: 27977 G

Everhart - Requesting State Guidance on Firearm Restrictions in Private Businesses

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2025, a disturbing incident occurred in and around the Tops Market on Jefferson Avenue in the City of Buffalo, where individuals were reportedly in possession of multiple loaded ghost guns, including inside the grocery store, causing alarm in a community still healing from a previous act of racially motivated violence at the same location;

WHEREAS, although law enforcement officials have confirmed that there was no indication that this most recent event targeted the store or its customers, the presence of firearms in or around businesses-particularly those located in communities already affected by trauma-raises valid concerns among residents and business owners regarding safety and preventative measures;

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Common Council recognizes the importance of supporting and educating business owners on their legal rights and available options regarding the prohibition of firearms on their premises, including the use of posted signage and the implementation of best practices that align with New York State law; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clear public guidance and education from qualified state-level authorities, such as representatives from the New York State Police or another appropriate agency, to ensure that local businesses and community members are empowered with accurate legal information and tools to protect their establishments and patrons if they choose to restrict firearms on their property;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council;

1. Respectfully requests that a representative from the New York State Police, or another appropriate agency with expertise in firearm regulations and enforcement, appear before the Council to provide a formal presentation and Q&A session; and
2. Requests that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor's Office, the Attorney General, the Superintendent of the New York State Police, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and local business associations to ensure all stakeholders are aware of the Council's request for collaboration and public safety education.

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07/16/25	Police Oversight	W/O REC
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000427



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1238

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Zeneta B Everhart

DOC ID: 27952 D

Everhart - a Resolution to Dedicate Office Space Within Buffalo City Hall to the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo remains committed to honoring the lives lost and a community impacted by the racially motivated mass shooting that occurred on May 14, 2022, at the Jefferson Avenue Tops Supermarket on Buffalo's East Side; and

WHEREAS, the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc., established in response to this tragedy, is dedicated to the creation of a permanent living memorial that will promote community healing, foster education, preserve the memory of the victims, and address the root causes of racially motivated violence; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc. aligns closely with the values of the City of Buffalo and the duties of public servants, including promoting equity, public transparency, historical preservation, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, providing dedicated office space within City Hall for the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc.'s staff and operations will support the Foundation's ability to collaborate with city departments, engage residents, and coordinate the design, planning, and fundraising efforts necessary to bring this vital memorial project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo recognizes the importance of ensuring accessibility for all residents and visitors and affirms its commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by guaranteeing that the designated office space shall be ADA compliant and open to the public during standard business hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Common Council hereby authorizes the dedication of suitable office space within Buffalo City Hall to the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of housing its administrative and outreach operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said office space shall be publicly accessible and compliant with all applicable ADA standards to ensure that residents of all abilities may engage with the Foundation's work and mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution grants office space usage for a staff of up to five (5) individuals; should the Foundation's staff size exceed this number, the Common Council shall require submission and approval of a new resolution to evaluate additional space needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets shall coordinate with the 5/14 Memorial Foundation, Inc. to identify and prepare the designated office space to ensure it meets the requirements of this resolution.

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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1130

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Willis Doerr

Initiator: Willis Doerr

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 27787 H

Requesting an Update on the Creation of the Buffalo Parking Authority and the Sale of City-Owned Parking Structures

Halton-Pope - Requesting an Update on the Creation of the Buffalo Parking Authority and the Sale of City-Owned Parking Structures

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2025, Governor Hochul signed into law the “City of Buffalo Parking Authority Act,” which creates a new public benefit corporation (“Authority”) for the purpose of acquiring, reconstructing, operating, and maintaining one or more of the parking structures owned by the City;

WHEREAS, the sale of the City’s parking structures is a critical component of the City’s 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and future annual budgets to come;

WHEREAS, the sale of the City’s parking structures to the Authority cannot be negotiated and completed until all members of the Authority are appointed by the Mayor;

WHEREAS, the anticipated multimillion dollar sale(s) will be complex and require time to negotiate and complete, thus it is imperative that the Administration move quickly to ensure that adequate time is afforded to complete these transaction(s);

WHEREAS, this body believes that collaboration with the Administration and transparency are paramount to ensuring that the creation of the Authority and subsequent sale of city-owned parking structures are completed in the best possible manner for the City’s residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Buffalo Common Council hereby:

1. Requests that a representative of the Administration attend the upcoming Finance Committee meeting to provide an update on the creation of the Authority and any steps taken to prepare for the sale of the City’s parking structures; and
2. Directs the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and the Department of Administration and Finance.

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The City of Buffalo Department of Public Works, Parks & Streets (DPW) is submitting the 2025-26 Winter Snow Plan (the “Snow Plan”) to outline the City’s approach to snow clearing/plowing and snow removal (as necessary) for the upcoming winter season. The Snow Plan addresses a number of topics related to the DPW’s response, including but not limited to, City-owned physical resources (plows and front end loaders), snow removal methodology, private contractor equipment (front end loaders and dump trucks) and municipal assistance coordination for snow clearing and removal as necessary. Additionally, the Snow Plan provides a glimpse into how a few other key City Departments respond to winter impacts in Buffalo.

While this plan provides both general and specific information related to snow clearing/plowing, snow removal, icy conditions and other winter conditions, each winter weather event is unique, and extreme weather seems to be the new normal. Continual review of ongoing operations and current weather conditions may dictate a change in tactics or a shift to an alternative approach not specifically outlined in this Snow Plan. The DPW will adjust its response as required during the event.

Located on the tip of Lake Erie, the City’s weather patterns and weather event impacts can vary drastically from one event to the next and, as we all know, change constantly, even during weather events. The fluid nature of weather mandates a plan, but requires an acute awareness of conditions and the ability to adjust as needed during the event. However, winter weather events can include damaging winds (trees downed and power outages), freezing rain/ice (power outages and extreme travel difficulties), lake seiche (lake shore flooding), ice jams (creek flooding), among other concerns. The DPW constantly monitors conditions that impact all areas and aspects of the City and responds/coordinates with other departments and agencies as required.

The mission of the DPW is to serve all of the residents with the same care and consistency across the City. For the winter season, the DPW’s main goal is to maintain our City streets to be passable and safe for all users as consistently and as quickly as possible, while recognizing the limitations that exist as a result of weather conditions and the availability of equipment, materials and personnel resources. These limitations, and the constant change of climate conditions, will dictate that pavement surfaces will be snow-covered and/or slippery at times despite the DPW’s efforts. Therefore we encourage everyone to exercise additional caution throughout the entire winter season and especially during weather events.

In contrast to one strict plan that is used in every weather event, the City response to weather events is dependent on the impacts the event creates. Smaller snow events (typically measured in inches) or minor ice events require a baseline/standard response from the DPW. Larger snow events (measured in feet of snow) require a much more robust effort that potentially involves multiple parties/agencies and would be led through the Mayor's Office with close coordination and support from the City's Emergency Services Manager.

The Emergency Services Manager, a position within the Buffalo Fire Department, spends the majority of the role planning response protocols and procedures, ensuring robust training is complete, and monitoring potential risks. During an emergency, this position will coordinate responses and ensure the efficient allocation of resources during emergencies. The Emergency Services Manager, much like the Fleet Manager, will be able to work across departments to meet the common goal of keeping the City safe, by following the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP).

The Snow Plan is organized with this cooperative concept in mind and aligns with a three-tiered approach to weather event response.





GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

The Winter Snow Plan consists of a number of components, considerations and variables that are taken into account during winter weather events. The DPW follows a framework for snow removal that is based upon three states of readiness: "Snow Alert" status, "Snow Plowing" status and "Snow Emergency" status.

SNOW ALERT STATUS

A Snow Alert condition is defined as a normal operational condition in preparation for an upcoming "typical" snowfall event. Routine duties will be performed by DPW personnel with snow fleet vehicles (plow trucks and front end loaders) assigned to pre-determined routes. Equipment is consistently maintained for readiness to perform potential snow plowing and salting. The snow fleet vehicle inventory is provided in the Exhibits. Drivers and front end loader operators are assigned to their appointed routes within their specific plowing district to begin operations. The defined plowing districts are provided in the Exhibits.

In preparation for any winter event, DPW leadership (Commissioner and/or Deputy Commissioners) will contact the National Weather Service Buffalo (NWS) to obtain the latest weather forecast updates. Additionally, for winter events in the "significant" or "extreme" impact categories as rated by NWS, the DPW Commissioner will contact the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works and/or New York State Department of Transportation Region 5 Leadership to discuss forecasted weather conditions, potential impacts and cooperation if anticipated.

In addition to the DPW fleet (Streets and Sanitation, Parks, Buildings, Engineering and Mayor's Impact Team), other departments within the City begin readiness procedures. Those departments include the following: Buffalo Fire, Buffalo Police, Buffalo Water, Parking Division, Community Services, Citizen Services, and the Real Estate Division. All of these agencies and departments have centers of operation that they are individually responsible to maintain.

SNOW PLOWING STATUS

When a weather event starts, the DPW will commence salt and/or plowing operations according to anticipated weather conditions. After the snow fleet equipment is dispatched to assigned plowing areas, plow truck drivers and front end loader operators are in constant radio communication with DPW Dispatch located at the DPW Broadway Garage facility, operating under direct supervision of Supervisors

who cover shifts 24 hours per day. Although snow fleet equipment is assigned to every district across the City, if there are areas that are experiencing a heavier/lighter rate or depth of snowfall than others, snow fleet equipment may be reassigned.

When weather conditions subside, the DPW focus shifts to a more detail-oriented clean-up of roadways (clearing snow from curb to curb in the street) or snow removal (hauling of snow to designated locations) if required. The key element for this potential removal is preparing the City's streets and infrastructure for the next snow event that occurs – creating the "capacity" in the streetscape for additional snow plowing. Following the clean-up and/or removal of snow, the DPW returns to Snow Alert status.

The DPW's goal is to have every street across the City plowed, at least one pass, within 24 hours after the end of a snow event. The ability to meet this goal can be adversely affected by the continuance of the weather event or extreme weather impacts as well as the parking conditions that exist on City streets. All residents are asked to follow the winter parking regulations across the City, which allows for the City's snow plowing/clearing equipment to pass through City streets. If residents are not following the winter parking regulations or parking into the snow clearing lane, snow plowing/clearing efforts on streets will be slowed, if not blocked completely. Compliance with the winter parking regulations by our residents will impact the DPW's ability to effectively access and clear streets.

STATE OF EMERGENCY STATUS

State of Emergency conditions occur when snow plowing equipment is insufficient to keep main roads and emergency facilities accessible, clean and safe, due to an excessive accumulation of snow that has become detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public. State of Emergency conditions will typically occur in Tier 2 or 3 events, which are described in the following pages. A State of Emergency is declared by the Mayor, in consultation with the DPW, Emergency Services Manager, Police and Fire Commissioners and Corporation Counsel, pursuant to NYS Executive Law §24.

In response to a State of Emergency, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is immediately activated at Police and Fire Headquarters at the Dillon Public Safety Building. The EOC is the command center where the Citywide response is coordinated and executed. The EOC remains active until the "State of Emergency" status is lifted.

The EOC will be staffed with personnel differently, pending the Activation Level identified. The two Levels of Activation are as follows:

Activation Level 2 (Tier 2 Winter Event): Limited emergency situation with some threat to life, health, or property, but confined to limited area or involving small population.

Activation Level 1 (Tier 3 Winter Event): Full emergency situation with major threat to life, health, or property, involving large population and/or multiple departments or agencies.

TIER 1 – GENERAL SNOW EVENT

Typical winter snowfall

Tier 1 weather events account for the majority of snowfall events in the City of Buffalo and are handled predominantly by City of Buffalo resources. Typical events within Tier 1 are as follows:

- Singular snow events with a general snow total of 8-12" or less over a 24-hour time period
- Singular snow events over multiple days with rates of snow less than 8" per day.

Tier 1 events as outlined above will be handled by the DPW Snow Fleet. If needed, the DPW will contact the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to request assistance to plow certain state-designated routes within the City limits. The primary goal in the snow plow operation is to initially focus on primaries and secondaries and streets/thoroughfares surrounding critical City service and/or life-saving facilities – critical City service facilities, fire houses, warming centers and police stations as identified in the Exhibits. Following those initial focal points, the DPW fleet will transition to residential streets with the goal of completing at least one pass on all residential streets within 24 hours after the snow event ends.

Although obvious to some, it is important to note that clearing snow does not take the same amount of time regardless of the snowfall depth (amount of snow) or snowfall intensity (heavy, wet snow or lighter, dry snow) received. For example, 2" of a "dry" snowfall (occurring with colder temperatures) will require significantly less time to clear the streets compared to 12" of a "wet" snowfall (occurring with temperatures that are closer to the freezing mark.) This will affect the time to transition to residential streets as well as the time required to clear the streets in general.

TIER 2 – LOCALIZED LARGE-SCALE EXTREME SNOW EVENT

Singular area of the City impacted

Tier 2 weather events may encompass numerous conditions, however, they would generally include snowfall amounts in excess of 12" per day over multiple days or 24"+ from a singular, short-term event in one portion of the City. Snowfall in other parts of the City may be minimal (or much less) in nature. An example of a Tier 2 event would be the November 2022 Snow Event in which a majority of the City received a modest amount of snow while major portions of the Southern part of the City received in excess of four feet of snow.

Tier 2 events as outlined above deposit snow amounts greater than the ability of the DPW to plow, because this depth of snow beyond 24" is not typically plowable by most municipal plow trucks. Snow must be removed and not plowed/cleared. Tier 2 events will generally be handled by both DPW resources and any combination of City-engaged private contractors and/or Erie County facilitated private contractors performing snow removal efforts. These additional resources are outlined in detail in the Snow Fleet section of this plan.

DPW fleet resources focus on snow plowing of primaries and secondaries and streets/thoroughfares surrounding critical City service and/or life-saving facilities, and then the other areas of the City that did not receive the significant snowfall amounts. Outside resources would be dedicated to the removal of snow, again as depths of snow at this level are not generally plowable in nature.

Coordination of the snow clearing efforts will be managed at the DPW Snow Response Command Center (SRCC) established at the outset of the storm. Pre-placement of contractor resources (snow removal equipment mobilized before the storm arrives) is an element to the response that has been emphasized since the 2023-24 winter season.

Additionally, in the areas of the City forecasted to receive severe impacts, pre-storm mobilization and pre-positioning of equipment will occur. Individual front end loaders from contractors will be dedicated to the Fire and Police Departments in the affected area(s) of the City, and to the Parking Division. Front end loaders and dump trucks may also be staged in areas of the City to assist with the removal of snow.

Close coordination with Critical Utilities (National Grid for electricity, National Fuel for natural gas, Buffalo Water for water, Buffalo Sewer Authority for sewer, Charter Communications for television/cable/wifi, and others are necessary) will occur at the SRCC and/or the EOC, if activated.

Pending weather event conditions, potential City of Buffalo actions may include the opening of Emergency Warming Centers and the implementation of extended hours of 311 services. In addition, calls to 311 will be monitored 24/7.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

If the City establishes an EOC, City personnel will lead the overall event response from this location. The EOC will follow operations directives from the City's CEMP. Erie County personnel will be present to participate in overall event response.

If the County establishes an EOC, City of Buffalo will have representation at the EOC to participate in the overall event response. Ongoing snow removal operations will still be managed from the SRCC.

Primary City EOC location:

- City EOC: Police and Fire Headquarters, The Dillon Public Safety Building, 68 Court Street, Buffalo, NY 14202

Alternate City EOC location:

- County EOC: Erie County Emergency Operations Center, 3359 Broadway Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

TIER 3 – CITYWIDE/REGIONWIDE EXTREME SNOW EVENT/BLIZZARD

Entire City impacted

Tier 3 weather events may encompass numerous conditions, however, they will generally include a region-wide snowfall amount in excess of 24" from a singular, short-term (24-36 hours) or in excess of 36" from a continuous multiple-day event across the entire City. An example of a Tier 3 event would be the December 2022 Blizzard or the January 2024 Winter Storm, in which the entire City was blanketed with significant depth of snowfall. Winds may or may not be part of the weather event, however, this type of event can be catastrophic in nature.

Similar to Tier 2 events, Tier 3 events as outlined above deposit snow amounts greater than the ability of the DPW to plow, because snow beyond 24" is not typically plowable by most municipal plow trucks. As such, Tier 3 events will require snow removal efforts. A Tier 3 event will be handled by a coordinated combination of DPW resources and any combination of City-engaged private contractors and/or Erie County facilitated private contractors and/or New York State facilitated contractors/municipal partners performing snow removal efforts. As the weather event has impacted the entirety of the City, the response network of equipment will be distributed across the City as well.

Initial response efforts are focused on critical infrastructure and life safety efforts, then will transition to snow clearing/plowing and snow removal efforts. For snow removal coordination, the DPW will coordinate and direct the City, County and State equipment across the affected region. This will expedite the clearing of the entire City and reduce potential duplication of efforts.

As in Tier 2 events, Tier 3 events will be coordinated at the SRCC established at the outset of the storm. Pre-placement of contractor resources (snow removal equipment mobilized before the storm arrives) is an element to the response that has been emphasized since the 2023-24 winter season.

Additionally, individual front end loaders from contractors will be dedicated to the Fire and Police Departments (one front end loader per house or station across the City) and Parking Division. This equipment will be mobilized and pre-positioned for the event. Front end loaders and dump trucks may also be mobilized and staged in the City to assist with the response.

As in Tier 2 events, coordination with critical utility companies (National Grid for electricity, National Fuel for natural gas, Buffalo Water for water, Buffalo Sewer Authority for sewer, Charter Communications for television/cable/wifi, and others as necessary) will occur at the SRCC and/or the EOC, if activated.

Pending weather event conditions, potential City of Buffalo actions may include the opening of Emergency Warming Centers and the implementation of extended hours of 311 services. In addition, calls to 311 will be monitored 24/7.

The City EOC will be established. With this region-wide event, the County will most likely establish its EOC. City response will be lead from the City EOC. City personnel will be present at the County EOC to assist in the overall event coordination efforts.

Ongoing snow removal operations within the City will remain managed by DPW.

OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS

In preparation and response to winter events, the DPW reviews and evaluates numerous internal and external elements. A few key elements are highlighted here for informational purposes.

WEATHER INFORMATION

Accurate and timely weather information is essential to effective winter weather event preparedness and the subsequent snow and ice management. The City reviews all available weather information (radar satellite, local media forecasts, road weather information systems) and works closely with the National Weather Service (NWS) at the Buffalo International Airport, which provides weather information to all municipalities in our region. Prior to and during weather events, the DPW is in communication with the NWS through both electronic communications (general regional information) and direct phone interactions (specific to City impacts).



SNOW FLEET EQUIPMENT

The City's Fleet Manager will oversee the management of all City vehicle assets, in terms of repair and purchase, as well as ensure compliance with safety standards to promote efficiency and safety. As this position reports directly to the Commissioner of Administration & Finance, one of the Fleet Manager's primary roles is to provide a comprehensive and coordinated view of all the fleets across City departments.

The Fleet Manager will also be responsible for assisting the departments with ensuring that maintenance shops are adequately equipped and mechanics are properly trained, as well as assisting with the review of incident reports.

The DPW maintains a Snow Fleet of plow trucks (used to plow the streets and apply salt) and front end loaders (used to plow certain streets and remove snow) for snow plowing/clearing throughout the City. The fleet is based and maintained at the DPW's Broadway Garage facility, the headquarters for the Streets and Sanitation Division. The current fleet is detailed in the Exhibits included in this report. An update will be provided in Fall 2025.

For weather events that require snow plowing, the DPW fleet of plow trucks and front end loaders provide the base level of operations. In addition to the City-owned fleet operated by DPW, the City also has the ability to engage other resources to assist with snow clearing/plowing in weather events. The NYSDOT can allocate resources to maintain designated state routes (these routes are termed “beat extensions”) at the request of the City. A map highlighting the NYSDOT Beat Extensions is provided in the Exhibits.

For weather events that require snow removal, the City has four pools of resources that are available to assist:

- City owned equipment: the Snow Fleet of plow trucks and front end loaders can perform snow removal as part of snow removal resources. Additional dump trucks are available within the department as well.
- City-engaged private contractors: a supplemental fleet of front end loaders and dump trucks to assist in snow removal are contracted by the City for snow removal during the winter season.
- Erie County: a supplemental fleet of front end loaders and dump trucks from Erie County private contractor sources, coordinated by the Commissioner of DPW, as county-wide conditions dictate equipment availability.
- New York State: snow removal equipment is available from New York State through the County's Disaster LAN (DLAN) program. City personnel are trained to utilize the DLAN system.

These combined resources (City-owned, privately-owned, Erie County facilitated, New York State facilitated) provide the physical resources necessary to handle a City-wide weather event. For the 2025-26 winter season, the City of Buffalo has currently budgeted \$580,000 for City-engaged private contractors.

The Snow Fleet equipment will be reviewed and evaluated by the City's Fleet Manager to evaluate current equipment conditions and future needs.

CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL COOPERATION

The City coordinates closely with Erie County (County Executive's Office, Emergency Management Office, Department of Public Works and Highway Department) and New York State (Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Transportation and New York State Thruway Authority) to ensure a coordinated resource approach to major weather events. Throughout the winter season, regularly scheduled communications occur. However, during winter events, City, County and State officials at multiple levels are in contact throughout the event. Additionally, communications with the Federal Emergency Management Agency are established when required by the winter event.

Requests for additional equipment and supplies are submitted through the DLAN system and are closely coordinated between City, County and State officials.

SNOW STORAGE

When significant amounts of snow fall during individual, consecutive events or over the course of multiple events in the season, the snow can no longer simply be plowed to the side – it must be removed in its entirety. When snow removal procedures are implemented, the DPW may engage in any combination of City-engaged private contractors, county-facilitated private contractors or state-facilitated private and municipal contractors. All contractors will be directed to specific snow storage locations to deposit snow removed. Those anticipated snow storage locations are as follows:

- Outer Harbor on Fuhrmann Boulevard (State-owned site)
- DPW Engineering Garage at 1120 Seneca Street (City-owned site)
- Dart Street Impound Lot (City-owned site)
- Richardson Complex (Privately-owned site)

Additional sites will be made available as required during events, as snow volumes dictate.

STAFFING

During the winter season, the DPW staffing levels are based on full utilization of personnel during the snow and ice season to provide staffing by a three-shift model. During a snow event, all shifts are designed for 12 hours (or 16 hours, as needed) dividing the personnel between plows and front end loaders. Personnel will be offered 4- or 8-hour overtime blocks to supplement the workforce assigned to shifts immediately before and after their individual shift. All other Streets Department duties will be suspended (including Sanitation's large two piece standard pickup and "pick and pays") at the start of the significant winter event in order to focus on snow plowing/clearing operations. When a Tier 2 or Tier 3 event occurs, regular daily sanitation pickup may be paused for a short period of time during snow removal operations.

ICE AND SNOW CONTROL

"Bare" or "dry" pavement surfaces are the optimum condition for safe driving. All efforts are made to manage road conditions during the winter season and certainly during a weather event. The unpredictable and varying nature of weather and finite available resources preclude the possibility of optimum conditions on all City streets all the time. The DPW's Division of Streets strives to ensure the safest possible pavement surfaces that are possible under climate conditions and with available resources for snow and ice control.

The two general principles that apply to effective ice control are:

- "Prevent Pack – Don't Melt It": The application of salt, very early in the weather event, with appropriate follow-up applications, will generally prevent ice pack from forming. This strategy is more effective and safer than trying to remove pack once it has formed.
- "If Salt Will Work – Use It": If conditions are favorable, salt is the first choice of materials that should be used for ice control. The overall utilization of resources for combating ice pack will be far greater than if salt is used in a timely manner.

MATERIAL USED FOR ICE CONTROL

Although there are numerous methodologies for snow and ice control, the City primarily uses rock salt to melt the ice, the most commonly used practice across the snow control industry. The effectiveness of rock salt, or Sodium Chloride (NaCl), to melt ice and/or form brine is highly temperature dependent and significantly drops as the temperature approaches 20 degrees and below. Typical effectiveness of rock salt, established in “controlled environments” and not in the field, is as follows:

Temperature (F)	One pound of rock salt melts:	
30°	46 lbs of ice	 Effectiveness decreases as temperature drops
20°	9 lbs of ice	
10°	5 lbs of ice	
0°	4 lbs of ice	

At the start of a typical winter, the City will have 3,500 tons of salt stored at Broadway Garage and an emergency stockpile at its offsite location. Due to conditions at the salt mine production facility, salt supply for the 2024-25 Winter was severely impacted. New York State declared a ‘State of Emergency’ related to the lack of available rock salt for municipalities statewide. The City was forced to utilize it’s emergency stockpile as a result. For the Winter 2025-26 season, the City of Buffalo will establish a purchase agreement to procure the baseline and reserve amounts of salt anticipated (in an attempt to replenish the City’s stockpile detailing the procurement emergency). For reference purposes, during the Winter of 2024-25, the City had a purchase agreement for 21,000 tons of salt. A budget update will be provided.

From a utilization standpoint, salt is utilized for ice control and not for snow control. The more snow events that occur, the less salt that is typically used because the focus on clearing the roadway of snow first and then salting at the end of the snow event. In efforts to maximize monetary and operational efficiency, salt is not typically applied in the midst of a snowfall event, as the salt will simply be plowed to the sides during road clearing.

RESIDENTIAL STREET PROTOCOL

The main goal in snow plow operations is to initially focus on primaries and secondaries and streets/ thoroughfares surrounding critical City services and/or life-saving facilities – critical city service facilities, fire houses and police stations. The primaries and secondaries include the NFTA bus routes (see Exhibits). This initial focus on these streets is required to help ensure that overall traffic flow in/out of the City is operational. This prioritization ensures the continuous operation of these vital facilities and services in the event of an emergency. Following that initial focus, the shift to residential streets occurs. It is important to note, the clearing of streets is a fluid process as the amount of snow can vary in differing parts of the City, and as such, some neighborhoods may see the transition to the residential streets sooner than others.

Within 24 hours of the end of a snow event, the goal of the DPW is to complete at least one (1) snow plow pass on every residential street in the City of Buffalo. The first priority is to always keep primary streets, evacuation routes and secondary streets clear. Because of this, snow accumulation on some residential streets may be greater than usual during severely heavy and/or continuous snow storms.



As stated in the Introduction, while the DPW leads the response to winter weather, other City Departments will be instrumental in operations before, during, and after an event, including the Buffalo Fire Dept.

BUFFALO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Before weather makes landfall in the City, the BFD will be involved in internal meetings convened by Mayor Scanlon. Depending on where a storm system might impact City residents, fire houses will be appropriately staffed and provided with materials as needed, by both City funding and county/state support through the County's DLAN System.

If a Tier 2 or 3 event is anticipated, contractor-operated snow removal equipment will be staged at fire houses as determined in coordination with the DPW. Additional BFD personnel will be activated to handle added call volumes and to respond to any calls. Fire houses will be supplied with water and disaster food in case stranded residents must seek shelter at them, but fire houses are not primary shelters. Residents will be informed and encouraged to utilize the Emergency Warming Centers (see pg. 52-53) instead.

After a winter weather event concludes, BFD will be involved in internal discussions to review what actions worked and where potential adjustments might be needed, which will inform portions of the Post-Event Report (see pg. 19).

The BFD has additional preparations and response protocols for Tier 2 and 3 events within their Department operational procedures.

The BFD fleet includes seven (7) Snowmobiles, four (4) UTVs [Utility Task Vehicles], four (4) Transport Trailers, and one (1) Special Response Unit (SRP) – a mini-ambulance vehicle.



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BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Similar to BFD, before weather occurs, the BPD will be involved in internal meetings convened by Mayor Scanlon. Depending on where a storm system might impact City residents, police stations will be appropriately staffed and officers will be engaged to assist in road closures and other emergency protective measures as deemed necessary by the Mayor and Police Commissioner. Police stations will be provided with materials for officers as needed, by both City funding and county/state support through the County's DLAN System. In contrast to fire houses, police stations should NOT be a shelter for residents, unless absolutely necessary. Police stations are active law enforcement buildings and are not equipped for people to spend long amounts of time there or sleep. Instead, residents will be informed and encouraged to utilize the Emergency Warming Centers (see pg. 52-53).

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The BPD fleet includes six (6) UTVs (Utility Task Vehicles) with track treads and a 4WD Command Vehicle.



Beyond law enforcement, City agencies that focus on community support will also be involved in major winter weather events.

DIVISION OF CITIZEN SERVICES AND 311 CALL CENTER

The Division of Citizen Services and the 311 Call Center leadership will be a part of the internal meeting convened by the Mayor prior to a weather event. This team must have the most updated information in order to best answer residents calling 311. Critical information includes: the location(s) of emergency warming centers, parking restrictions and options, road closures and driving bans, and numbers for applicable emergency, county, and state services.

The Mayor's Office of Communications will immediately share changed, pertinent information with the Chief Service Officer, to disseminate to the appropriate people. Before, during, and after a weather event, 311 operators will have standardized messaging with this information in order to deliver consistent, accurate data to callers. Expanded 311 Center hours and 24/7 monitoring will be reviewed as part of the Division's response.

After an event, feedback from Citizen Services will be shared with the Mayor's Office to inform the Post-Event Report as necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Community Services, in conjunction with the aforementioned involved City agencies, will be a part of internal planning meetings convened by the Mayor ahead of a storm. Depending on the type of storm impacts expected, emergency warming centers may be opened and advertised to residents ahead of the storm. There are nine available emergency warming centers and locations that are options to open during winter events. A decision will be made prior to an event which location(s) will be opened. The Department of Community Services, along with partners, will staff these emergency warming centers. All emergency warming centers will have generators to provide backup power. Two EMTs, per shelter, will be provided by the Buffalo Fire Department.

The emergency warming centers will have cots, water, and meals ready-to-eat (MREs), provided by the County and State via DLAN requests, but residents should prepare to bring their essentials.

According to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the following essentials should be considered by all residents to have available for their home or bring to a shelter:

- Energy Bars
- Ready to eat canned food
- Non-perishable foods
- Manual can opener
- Disposable utensils, plates, cups
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene products
- Baby wipes
- Eye care products
- Supply of prescription medications
- Travel-size soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant
- Towel and washcloth
- Change of clothes
- Appropriate outerwear and footwear
- Hand sanitizer
- 4" x 4" gauze bandage
- ACE style bandage
- Roll 1" waterproof First Aid tape
- Small package of antiseptic wipes
- Assorted bandages
- Instant cold pack

Full lists available here: <https://www.dhses.ny.gov/emergency-supply-kits>

Emergency warming centers will be closed once all residents can safely return to their residences. After an event, information from Community Services will be shared with the Mayor's Office to inform the Post-Event Report as necessary.



To provide timely warnings, clarity and transparency to our residents, the City has established a communication plan that includes pre-event, ongoing event messaging as needed, and post-event messaging delivered through the Mayor's Office of Communications. The plan uses an array of messaging platforms to deliver important citywide information and updates effectively, from traditional press conferences, digital message boards and social media including Mayor Scanlon's Facebook Page/X (formerly Twitter), the Buffalo Police Facebook page/X, 311's Facebook Page, and the Government Channel.

Additionally, during extreme weather events, when there is advance warning, the messaging delivered to the public will include strong specific language that emphasizes the potential life-threatening consequences of not following the City's warnings to – stay at home, shelter in place, or stay off the roads. Sample directions used in public messaging could include: Winter Emergency! Shelter in Place! If you go outside, it could result in serious injury or death.

PRE-EVENT MESSAGING

Working closely with the National Weather Service (NWS) to obtain the latest weather updates and anticipated event impacts, the City will relay information to the community in an effort to enhance awareness. When a significant weather event is approaching, the Mayor's Office of Communications will provide timely updates to the community utilizing multiple communication platforms, which may include the following:

- **BUFFALERT Notifications** – the City maintains an emergency text and email messaging system that is used to deliver important weather event information and updates. The BUFFALERT system will be used throughout the entirety of any event. The City encourages everyone to register for BUFFALERT by texting your zip code to 38276. BUFFALERT can be customized by users to provide information in varying languages by signing up at www.buffalony.gov/buffalert.

- **Media Communications** – as weather events approach, the City will provide information to media outlets (TV, radio and print) that provide updated weather information and potential event impacts, and guidance.
- **Press Conferences** – for significant events affecting the City, the Mayor’s Office of Communications will work closely with the local media outlets (TV, radio and print) and provide critical community information at press events.
- **Winter Safety Public Service Announcements** – The City and Charter Communications partnered to produce several public service announcements aimed at educating residents about how to stay safe during winter weather emergencies. The public service announcements will start airing December 1st on Spectrum Television Channels in Buffalo and throughout the WNY region.
- **Variable Message Signage (VMS)** – originally implemented in the 2022-23 winter season, the City will place multiple VMS boards to deliver messaging in high-traffic areas. As the event dictates, the VMS boards will be placed at strategic locations throughout the City in an effort to message motorists.
- **Coordinated City-County Messaging** – for significant region-impacting events, the City and County will deliver coordinated messaging through multiple channels.
- **Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)** – for extreme weather event messaging, messages will be broadcast via the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) to any WEA-enabled mobile device in the targeted area.
- **Communications for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** – Interpretive services for the hearing impaired will be requested for in-person communication events.

The Communication will include multiple departments as required, including but not limited to the Mayor’s Office, Department of Public Works, Community Services, Buffalo Police Department, Buffalo Fire Department, Citizen Services, Parking Division, and other pertinent departments as necessary.

If weather event conditions dictate, the City will open its EOC. Communication updates will be provided via EOC messaging.

For region-wide events, the City will have representation at the County’s EOC with Communication updates being provided in coordination with City and County officials.

ONGOING EVENT MESSAGING

During weather events, the City will regularly provide updated information to our residents as necessary. Information will be provided through multiple platforms and include numerous aspects of the City’s response.

The Office of New Americans (ONA) will work with trusted community leaders who understand the unique needs of their respective communities. The City and ONA have established a strong network to share information to bridge language and cultural barriers. The communication plan will ensure that

New Americans can have access to critical updates, emergency instructions, and safety guidelines during extreme weather events.

SNOW FLEET LOCATION INFORMATION

Implemented over 10 years ago across the entire department, the DPW's Snow Fleet is tracked and directed through a Global Positioning System (GPS). All plow trucks and front end loaders are equipped with components that utilize satellite technology to provide up-to-the-moment visibility to the DPW of the fleet's geographic location while logging historical data related to vehicle metrics and snow plowing/clearing path. The data collected is used to monitor and analyze the operational effectiveness of the fleet.

Unveiled for the 2022-23 winter season, the DPW will continue to provide public-facing information on its street clearing process through the use of the Street Clearing Map, which provides information as to the status of individual streets across the City by indicating when a street was most recently passed by a DPW vehicle. It is important to note, there is an approximate one-hour delay in the map update for any individual street. Residents can continue to access numerous Citywide live cameras on the public facing map.

This image provides a sample view of the status information available on the Street Clearing Map available to the public.

- Green Street Segments:** serviced within the past 6 hours*
- Blue Street Segments:** serviced between 6 and 12 hours ago*
- Yellow Street Segments:** serviced between 12 and 24 hours ago*
- Red Street Segments:** serviced more than 24 hours ago

* These colored segments do not indicate a road is safe to travel automatically, but instead provide a "time stamp" for City snow plowing/clearing services on specific streets.

Also important to note, equipment not operated by the City (includes County, State and private equipment) are not equipped with the GPS tracking equipment necessary to update the Street Conditions Map. Therefore, street clearing that is occurring via that equipment will not register on the Street Conditions Map on a regular basis. However, the DPW monitors all street clearing activities during these events through digital mapping that includes visual inspection of streets by winter event inspection personnel.



RECOVERY / POST-EVENT MESSAGING

As the weather event transitions, the City will provide continual updates to the community through multiple platforms as necessary. For significant weather events that affect the City and/or region, the City will submit a Post-Event Report to the Common Council outlining all aspects of the weather event, including but not limited to the following:

- Timeline of snow event – start, end and duration
- Street clearing overview/summary - when and how quickly primary and secondary streets were cleared and when residential streets were started and completed
- Salt Utilization
- Expense/Cost Overview
- Manpower/overtime expenditures
- Equipment status, including repair/service needs and costs
- Overview of 311 reports through Citizens Services to determine areas where improvement is needed
- Parking enforcement statistics
- Snow removal/clearing special topics/issues
- Details outlining communications/messaging
- Inter-agency cooperation details, as available and utilized



WINTER PARKING MODIFICATIONS

In order to clear the streets effectively during major winter snow events, the City equires winter parking changes that provide the access and clearances required for street clearing equipment and emergency equipment. As we are all aware, streets across the City are very narrow, especially in the older neighborhoods and sections of the City, and thus present significant challenges if the parking is not modified. The main focus of the parking restrictions are to maximize the DPW snow fleet's ability to provide adequate snow clearing services and maintain emergency access without creating a hardship for residents. The Division of Parking works closely with the DPW on these seasonal changes and are charged with enforcing the winter season parking changes.

The winter parking modifications typically go into effect on November 15 of each year and last through April 1 of the following year. However, the dates for the start and end of the season may be modified as weather conditions allow. For instance, if winter weather is not expected to hit the City on November 15, the City may elect to extend the summer parking model until such time as weather patterns dictate. Additionally, during the winter season, the City may also modify these restrictions as weather patterns dictate.

OFF STREET PARKING CITY SITES

The City has identified numerous City-owned parking lots that can be used during a snow emergency event for residents to park their vehicles off of the street. When a Tier 2 or Tier 3 event is predicted to occur, the Office of Communications in cooperation with the Division of Parking will announce when residents can use these lots. Possible parking areas are identified in the listing below:

DELAWARE DISTRICT

569 / 573 Forest Avenue
1466 Hertel Avenue
1509 Hertel Avenue

ELLCOTT DISTRICT

1406 Fillmore Avenue
1354 Jefferson Avenue
92 / 102 / 104 Orange Street

FILLMORE DISTRICT

1193 Broadway Avenue
132 /134 Clare Street
248 Gibson Street
198 Allen Street
252 Allen Street

LOVEJOY DISTRICT

1111 Lovejoy Avenue
1930 Clinton Street

MASTEN DISTRICT

3102 Bailey Avenue
866 East Delavan Avenue
283 / 285 / 289 Glenwood Avenue

NIAGARA DISTRICT

37 / 43 / 53 Auchinvole Avenue & 274 / 278 / 280
Breckenridge Street
301 Bryant Street
6 Essex Avenue
182 / 186 Grant Street
304 West Utica Street

NORTH DISTRICT

641 Hertel Avenue (foot of Farmer)
186 Hertel Avenue
195 Military Road
378 / 380 Military Road
394 /396 Hertel Avenue

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

22 / 26 Heath Street
3274 Main Street
31 Winspear Avenue

SOUTH DISTRICT

35 Cazenovia Street

OFF STREET PRIVATE PARKING

The City will work closely with private entities as weather patterns dictate to provide additional locations where residents may park their vehicles during major snow events. Those will be communicated to the residents specific to each event. For example, the Richardson Complex off of Forest Avenue could be used during storms.

SPECIALIZED VEHICLE RELOCATION EQUIPMENT



The Division of Parking utilizes two specialized pieces of equipment to help relocate vehicles more effectively during extreme weather events.

This equipment supplements and/or replaces traditional tow-trucks that may have difficulty accessing and moving cars during high snowfall.

RESOURCES

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CITY OF BUFFALO - STREETS DIVISION SNOW FLEET EQUIPMENT LIST

2024-2025 SNOW PLOWS

Truck #	Year	Make	Description	Spreader	Plow/Wing
71	2008	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
72	2008	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
73	2008	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
74	2009	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
75	2009	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
77	2009	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
78	2009	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	PLOW
79	2011	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
80	2011	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
81	2012	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
82	2012	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
83	2012	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
84	2012	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
85	2012	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
86	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
87	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
88	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
89	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
91	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
92	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
93	2014	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
95	2016	FREIGHTLINER	SINGLE AXLE	YES	PLOW
96	2016	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
97	2016	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
98	2016	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1002	2017	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1003	2017	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1004	2018	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1005	2020	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1006	2020	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1007	2021	WESTERN STARS	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1008	2022	WESTERN STARS	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1009	2023	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1010	2023	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1011	2023	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1018	2024	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW
1019	2024	FREIGHTLINER	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW

Truck #	Year	Make	Description	Spreader	Plow/Wing
1020	2025	KENWORTH	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1021	2025	KENWORTH	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1022	2025	KENWORTH	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1023	2025	KENWORTH	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
1024	2025	KENWORTH	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	YES	PLOW / WING
SNOW REMOVAL ONLY					
53	2003	VOLVO	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
57	2005	PETERBILT	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
59	2006	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
61	2006	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
63	2007	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
65	2007	STERLING	TANDEM AXLE/DUMP	NO	NO
403	2008	INTERNATIONAL	TRAILER	N/A	N/A
404	2008	INTERNATIONAL	TRAILER	N/A	N/A
405	2008	INTERNATIONAL	TRAILER	N/A	N/A
406	2015	MACK	TRAILER	N/A	N/A
609	1999	FREIGHTLINER	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
611	1999	FREIGHTLINER	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
612	2001	FREIGHTLINER	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
619	2017	VOLVO	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
620	2017	VOLVO	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
624	2000	FREIGHTLINER	TRACTOR	N/A	N/A
SMALL DUMPS					
293	2016	FORD F-350	SINGLE AXLE/DUMP	YES	V-PLOW
294	2017	FORD F-350	SINGLE AXLE/DUMP	YES	V-PLOW

CITY OF BUFFALO - STREETS DIVISION SNOW FLEET EQUIPMENT LIST

2024-2025 HI-LIFTS

Truck #	Year	Make	Description	Spreader	Plow/Wing
524	2008	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
525	2008	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
526	2012	KOMATSU	WA320	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
527	2012	KOMATSU	WA320	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
528	2013	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
529	2013	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
530	2016	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
531	2017	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
532	2018	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
533	2019	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
534	2019	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
535	2019	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
536	2019	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
537	2023	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
538	2023	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
539	2023	CASE	621 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
540	2025	JOHN DEERE	624 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
541	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
542	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
543	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
544	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
545	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
546	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET
547	2025	JOHN DEERE	544 FRONT LOADER	NO	PLOW/BUCKET

To be updated
FALL 2025

CITY OF BUFFALO - ENGINEERING DIVISION SNOW FLEET EQUIPMENT LIST

2024-2025 ENGINEERING

Truck #	Year	Make	Description	Spreader	Plow/Wing
E-598	1994	BOBCAT	Bobcat Skid Steer	n/a	n/a
E-653	2007	JOHN DEERE	Back-Hoe	n/a	n/a
E-678	2016	FORD F-550	Dump	YES	NO
E-660	2008	FORD F-350	Pickup	n/a	YES
E-669	2012	FORD F-450	Small Dump	n/a	YES
E-670	2012	FORD F-450	Small Dump	n/a	YES
E-702	2023	FORD F-550	Small Dump	n/a	YES
E-703	2024	FORD F-250	Pickup	n/a	YES
E-704	2024	FORD F-250	Pickup	n/a	YES
E-705	2024	FORD F-250	Utility	n/a	YES
E-706	2024	FORD F-250	Utility	n/a	YES
E-707	2024	FORD F-550	Dump	n/a	YES
E-708	2024	FORD F-550	Dump	n/a	YES

To be updated
FALL 2025



CITY OF BUFFALO - PARKS DIVISION SNOW FLEET EQUIPMENT LIST

2024-2025 PARKS

Truck #	Year	Make	Description	Spreader	Plow/Wing
BPK9720	1997	JOHN DEERE	FRONT END LOADER	NO	PLOW
BPK80	2010	FORD F-350	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK81	2010	FORD F-350	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK82	2010	FORD F-350	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK249	2010	JOHN DEERE	FRONT END LOADER	NO	PLOW
BPK258	2010	FORD F-150	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK259	2010	FORD F-150	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK262	2010	FORD F-150	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK314	2011	FORD F-450	SMALL DUMP	NO	PLOW
BPK315	2011	FORD F-450	SMALL DUMP	NO	PLOW
BPK316	2011	FORD F-450	SMALL DUMP	NO	PLOW
BPK454	2014	FORD F-350	PICKUP	NO	PLOW
BPK591	2023	FORD F-450	SMALL DUMP	YES	PLOW
BPK592	2024	FORD F-350	PICKUP	YES	PLOW
BPK593	2024	FORD F-350	PICKUP	YES	PLOW
BPK594	2024	FORD F-350	PICKUP	YES	PLOW
BPK595	2024	FORD F-350	PICKUP	YES	PLOW

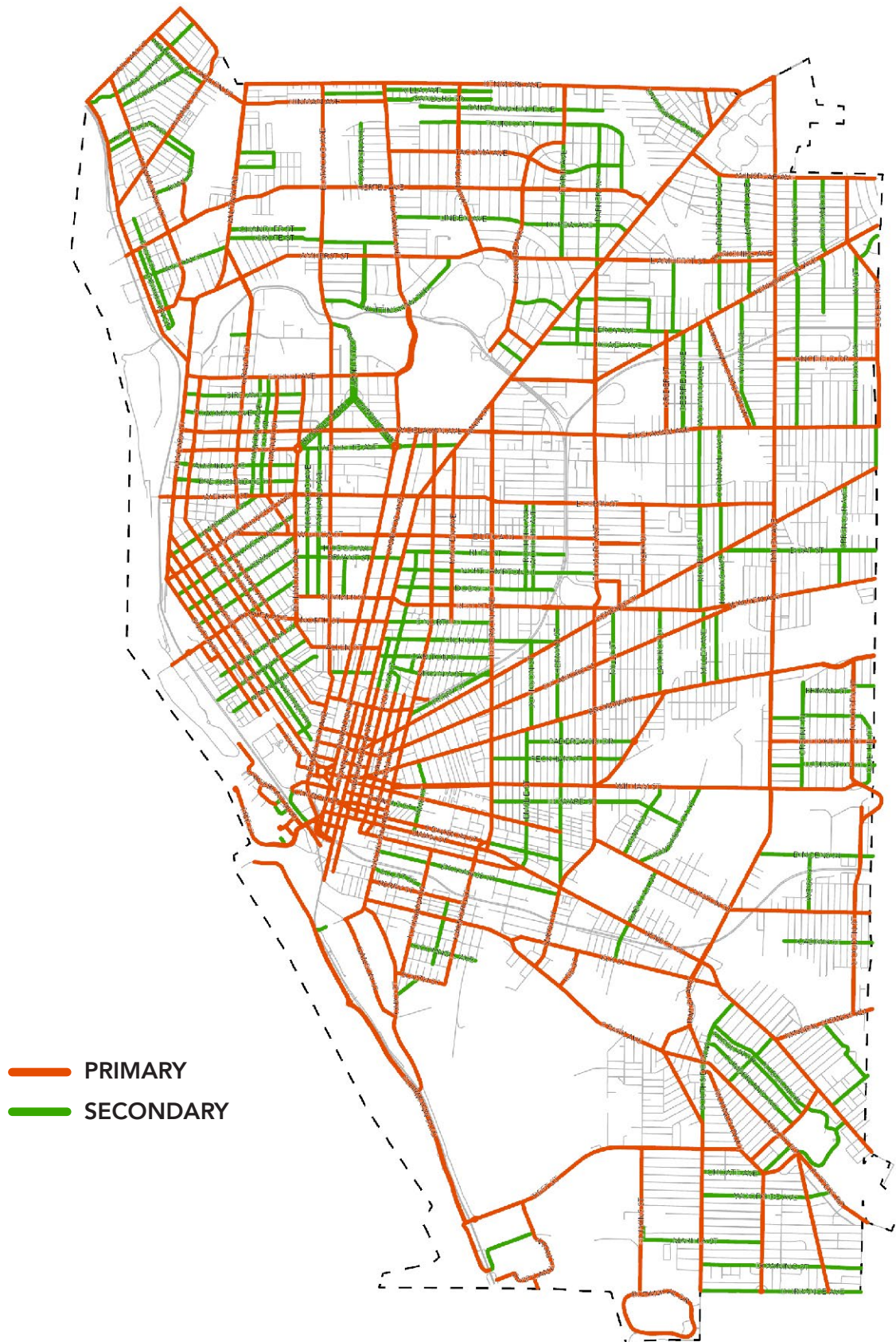


EXHIBITS

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PRIMARY/SECONDARY DESIGNATIONS



PRIMARY / SECONDARY STREET LISTING

Street Type (P/S)	Street Name	Starting Point	Ending Point	Miles
PRIMARY	7th St	Niagara St	Court St	1.61648338
PRIMARY	Abbott Rd	S Park Ave	Dorrance Ave	2.294100335
SECONDARY	Alabama St	Perry St	Republic St	0.481062437
PRIMARY	Allen St	Wadsworth St	Main St	0.502741256
PRIMARY	Amherst St	Niagara St	Main St	3.484944934
SECONDARY	Ashland Ave	Bidwell Pkwy	Summer St	1.203279589
SECONDARY	Auburn Ave	Niagara St	Richmond Ave	0.867596202
SECONDARY	Austin St	Niagara St	Military Rd	0.658743273
SECONDARY	Babcock St	Clinton St	Elk St	0.812882533
PRIMARY	Bailey Ave	Main St	S Park Ave	7.811779518
PRIMARY	Baynes St	W Ferry St	Forest Ave	0.859120886
PRIMARY	Berkshire Ave	E Amherst St	Bailey Ave	0.488820102
PRIMARY	Best St	Main St	Walden Ave	1.767627129
SECONDARY	Bidwell Pkwy	Richmond Ave	Lincoln Pkwy	1.036347184
SECONDARY	Bingham St	Erie St	Church St	0.277893104
SECONDARY	Bird Ave	Niagara St	Richmond Ave	0.859934998
PRIMARY	Botanical Dr	Hopkins St		1.420245169
SECONDARY	Breckenridge St	Niagara St	Richmond Ave	0.874541543
PRIMARY	Broadway	Main St	City Line	4.411280104
SECONDARY	Bryant St	Richmond Ave	Main St	0.77214493
PRIMARY	Busti Ave	Niagara St	Virginia St	1.517530131
SECONDARY	Camden Ave	Hertel Ave	Comet Ave	0.460959901
SECONDARY	Carlton St	Main St	Jefferson Ave	0.821798964
SECONDARY	Casimer St	S Ogden St	City Line	0.132216497
SECONDARY	Casimir St	Houghton Park	S Ogden St	0.507488718
SECONDARY	Cazenovia Pkwy	Cazenovia St	Cazenovia Pkwy	0.313227413
SECONDARY	Cazenovia Pkwy	Seneca St	Abbott Rd	0.602934064
PRIMARY	Cazenovia St	Seneca St	Abbott Rd	0.432966929
SECONDARY	Chandler St	Military Rd	End	0.542917897
SECONDARY	Chapin Pkwy	Lafayette Ave	Lincoln Pkwy	0.8737943
PRIMARY	Chenango St	W Utica St	W Ferry St	0.327799601
SECONDARY	Cherry St	Michigan Ave	Jefferson Ave	0.672786693
SECONDARY	Choate Ave	S Park Ave	Abbott Rd	0.714547665
PRIMARY	Church St	Thruway	Main St	0.613631804
PRIMARY	Clinton St	Main St	City Line	3.703337251
PRIMARY	Colvin Ave	Amherst St	Kenmore Ave	1.237130959

Street Type (P/S)	Street Name	Starting Point	Ending Point	Miles
SECONDARY	Comstock Ave	Winspear Ave	Kensington Ave	0.864286269
SECONDARY	Connecticut St	Busti Ave	Richmond Ave	0.856023924
SECONDARY	Cornwall Ave	E Delavan Ave	E Ferry St	0.555586917
PRIMARY	Court St	Main St	7th St	0.298896605
SECONDARY	Crowley Ave	Niagara St	Rano St	0.716992435
SECONDARY	Cumberland Ave	Southside Pkwy	Cazenovia St	0.857806006
SECONDARY	Dearborn St	Hertel Ave	Parrish St	0.617201639
SECONDARY	Deerfield Ave	E Delavan Ave	Kensington Ave	0.71084508
PRIMARY	Delaware Ave	W Tupper St	Kenmore Ave	5.305334137
SECONDARY	Depew Ave	Parkside Ave	Main St	0.720800365
SECONDARY	Dewey Ave	Main St	Castle Pl	0.810388026
SECONDARY	Dingens St	Bailey Ave	City line	0.829536602
SECONDARY	Doat St	Genesee St	City line	1.097038323
SECONDARY	Dodge St	Main St	Humboldt Pkwy	1.142641797
SECONDARY	Dorrance Ave	S Park Ave	City line	1.15346283
SECONDARY	Downing St	S Park Ave	City line	1.161647521
PRIMARY	E Amherst St	Main St	Bailey Ave	1.234659399
PRIMARY	E Chippewa St	Main St	Genesee St	0.140112763
PRIMARY	E Delavan Ave	Main St	City line	3.626563282
PRIMARY	E Eagle St	Main St	Michigan Ave	0.326190799
SECONDARY	E Eagle St	Michigan Ave	Pine St	0.225735009
PRIMARY	E Ferry St	Main St	Bailey Ave	2.579609165
PRIMARY	E Huron St	Main St	Oak St	0.18587712
PRIMARY	E Lovejoy St	Bailey Ave	City line	0.758295412
PRIMARY	E Mohawk St	Main St	Ellicott St	0.116931061
SECONDARY	E North St	Main St	Jefferson Ave	0.761220326
PRIMARY	E Parade Ave	Genesee St	Fougeron St	0.184323121
PRIMARY	E Tupper St	Main St	Michigan Ave	0.334000314
PRIMARY	E Utica St	Main St	Fillmore Ave	1.361877238
SECONDARY	East End Ave	E Delavan Ave	Genesee St	0.298672761
SECONDARY	East St	Arthur St	Parrish St	0.813768756
SECONDARY	Edison Ave	E Delavan Ave	Kay St	0.850548493
PRIMARY	Eggert Rd	E Delavan Ave	Winspear Ave	1.87427078
PRIMARY	Elk St	S Park Ave	Seneca St	1.551520919
PRIMARY	Ellicott St	E Tupper St	Seneca St	0.951489493
SECONDARY	Ellicott St	Goodell St	Riley St	1.036878908
PRIMARY	Elm St	E Tupper St	Seneca St	1.045066945
SECONDARY	Elm St	Virginia St	Carlton St	0.112149803

Street Type (P/S)	Street Name	Starting Point	Ending Point	Miles
PRIMARY	Elmwood Ave	Niagara St	Kenmore Ave	4.975826264
SECONDARY	Emslie St	Broadway	Swan St	1.008781409
SECONDARY	Englewood Ave	Kenmore Ave	Main St	0.564423586
PRIMARY	Erie St	Franklin St	End	1.533541751
SECONDARY	Esser Ave	Niagara St	Skillen St	0.577738867
SECONDARY	Exchange St	Michigan Ave	Smith St	1.346477104
SECONDARY	Fields Ave	Frank Ave	Indian Church Rd	0.225033717
PRIMARY	Fillmore Ave	Main St	Seneca st	4.657647764
PRIMARY	Florence Ave	Parkside Ave	Main St	0.240343059
PRIMARY	Forest Ave	Niagara St	Delaware Ave	1.527029281
SECONDARY	Frank Ave	Mineral Springs Rd	Fields Ave	0.308047459
PRIMARY	Franklin St	W Seneca St	North St	1.505744609
PRIMARY	French St	Fillmore Ave	Kehr St	0.339785308
PRIMARY	Fuhrmann Blvd	Coast Guard	Laborers Way	5.991488523
PRIMARY	Ganson St	Michigan Ave	Ohio St	0.814457433
PRIMARY	Genesee St	E Huron St	City line	4.277736138
SECONDARY	Georgia St	Niagara St	Whitney Pl	0.121837481
SECONDARY	Goethe St	Vanderbilt St	Queen St	0.523779257
PRIMARY	Goodell St	Michigan Ave	Rt 33	0.102378133
SECONDARY	Goodyear Ave	Broadway	Sycamore St	0.496399576
PRIMARY	Grant St	Hampshire St	Military Rd	2.397684171
SECONDARY	Great Arrow Ave	Elmwood Ave	Delaware Ave	0.540073723
SECONDARY	Greene St	King St	William St	0.773033501
PRIMARY	Grider St	E Delavan Ave	Leroy Ave	0.731673887
SECONDARY	Grote St	Elmwood Ave	Military Rd	0.680848079
SECONDARY	Halbert St	Dewey Ave	Rodney Ave	0.327451189
PRIMARY	Hamburg St	S Division St	South St	1.069548167
SECONDARY	Hampshire St	Busti Ave	Richmond Ave	0.788155461
PRIMARY	Hanna Dr	Ship Canal Pkwy	Commerce Dr	0.085050522
PRIMARY	Harvard Pl	Main St	W Delavan Ave	0.331287713
SECONDARY	Herman St	Broadway	Best St	0.81599689
PRIMARY	Hertel Ave	Thruway	Main St	4.212648178
SECONDARY	High St	Main St	Genesee St	1.25628734
SECONDARY	Hill St	Rodney Ave	Leroy Ave	0.224803344
PRIMARY	Hinman Ave	Military Rd	Delaware Ave	1.023303046
SECONDARY	Hodge Ave	Ashland Ave	Delaware Ave	0.403342153
PRIMARY	Hopkins St	Tifft St	Botanical Dr	1.060778556
SECONDARY	Hotaling Dr	Niagara St	Tonawanda St	0.222794701

Street Type (P/S)	Street Name	Starting Point	Ending Point	Miles
SECONDARY	Howard St	Jefferson Ave	New Babcock St	1.408657408
SECONDARY	Hoyt St	W Ferry St	Forest Ave	0.860540172
SECONDARY	Hudson St	Thruway	Wadsworth St	0.779712687
SECONDARY	Indian Church Rd	Seneca St	City line	0.33916444
PRIMARY	Jefferson Ave	Swan St	Main St	3.252105243
PRIMARY	Jersey St	Busti Ave	Lakeview Ave	0.068681103
SECONDARY	Jewett Pkwy	Parkside Ave	Main St	0.387279249
SECONDARY	Johnson St	Broadway	High St	0.628354497
SECONDARY	Kay St	Eggert Rd	Edison Ave	0.405042682
PRIMARY	Kehr St	Genesee St	E Ferry St	0.647080411
PRIMARY	Kenmore Ave	Vulcan St	Main St	4.036252085
PRIMARY	Kensington Ave	Main St	City line	3.002043963
SECONDARY	Koons Ave	Genesee St	Walden Ave	0.396885945
PRIMARY	La Riviere Dr	Lakefront Blvd	End	0.17849992
SECONDARY	Laborers Way	Fuhrmann Blvd	Ship Canal Pkwy	0.517480513
PRIMARY	Lafayette Ave	Niagara St	Busti Ave	0.838831964
SECONDARY	Lafayette Ave	Richmond Ave	Main St	1.18258303
PRIMARY	Lakefront Blvd	Erie St	End	0.962202964
PRIMARY	Lakeview Ave	Jersey St	Porter Ave	0.135695907
PRIMARY	Langfield Dr	Bailey Ave	Eggert Rd	0.743372819
SECONDARY	Lathrop St	Broadway	Walden Ave	0.663479949
SECONDARY	Lawn Ave	Military Rd	Page St	0.267520965
PRIMARY	Lee St	Elk St	South Park Ave	0.296299711
SECONDARY	Leroy Ave	Main St	Kensington Ave	0.967887281
SECONDARY	Letchworth St	Dart St	Grant St	0.122700272
SECONDARY	Lewis St	William St	Clinton St	0.560575213
SECONDARY	Lincoln Pkwy	Bidwell Pkwy	Great Arrow	2.115828053
SECONDARY	Linden Ave	Delaware Ave	Parkside Ave	0.990429118
PRIMARY	Linwood Ave	North St	W Delavan Ave	1.42175335
PRIMARY	Lorraine Ave	McKinley Pkwy	Abbott Rd	0.2857155
PRIMARY	Louisiana St	Seneca St	South St	0.926966351
PRIMARY	Lower Terrace St			0.405515746
SECONDARY	Ludington St	Bailey Ave	City line	0.758999416
PRIMARY	Main St	S Park Ave	Bailey Ave	7.140378035
SECONDARY	Manhattan Ave	E Amherst St	Leroy Ave	0.51154184
SECONDARY	Marilla St	Hopkins St		0.971645538
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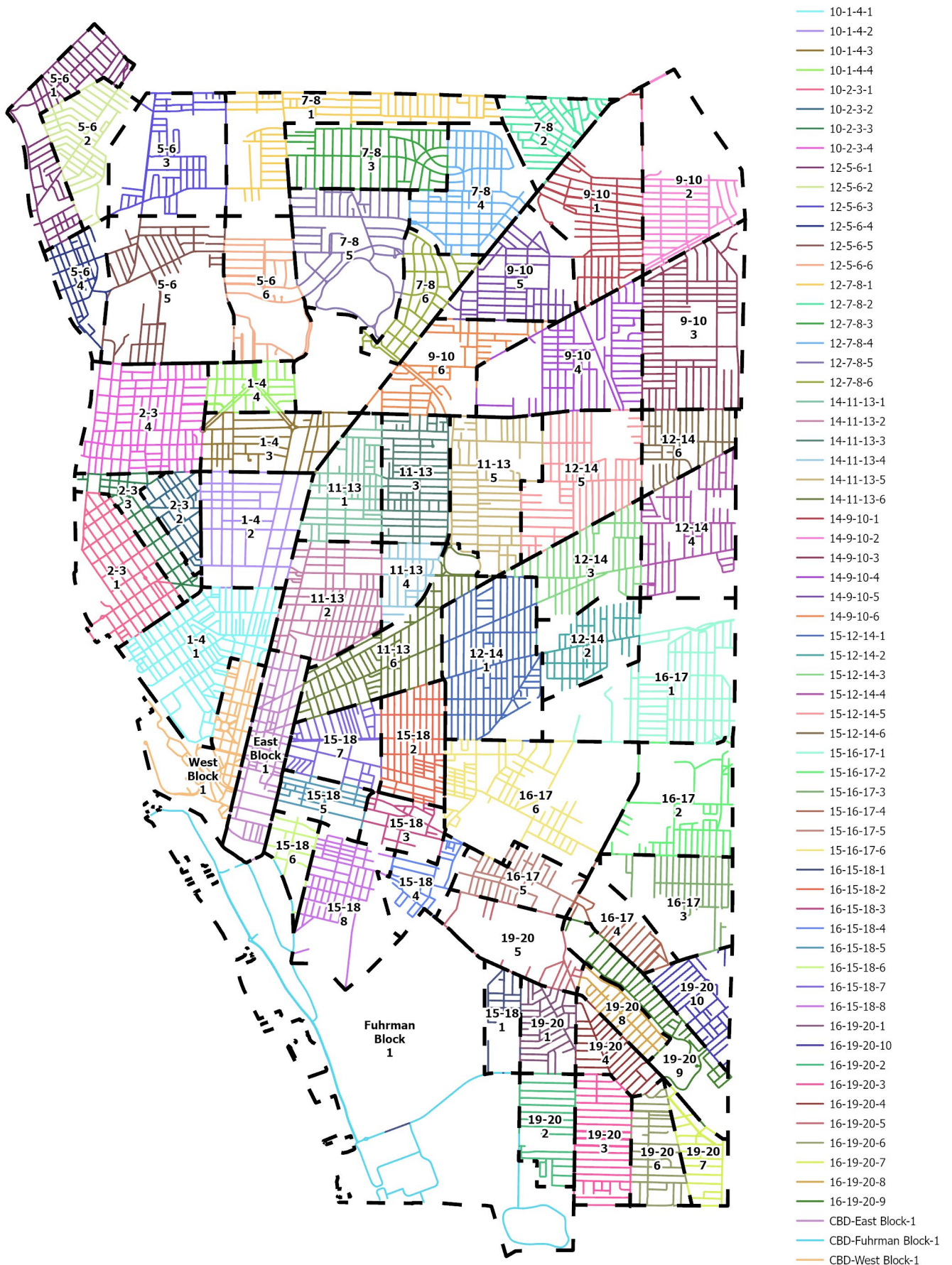
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PRIMARY	Memorial Dr	William St	Broadway	0.909000831
PRIMARY	Michigan Ave	Main St	Ganson St	4.284414201
PRIMARY	Military Rd	Amherst St	Kenmore Ave	2.234790933
SECONDARY	Miller Ave	Walden Ave	Broadway	0.541863936
SECONDARY	Mills St	Broadway	Genesee St	0.680277206
PRIMARY	Mineral Springs Rd	Seneca St	City line	0.87307414
SECONDARY	Moselle St	E Delavan Ave	Walden Ave	1.316948228
PRIMARY	N Division St	Main St	Michigan Ave	0.328227976
SECONDARY	N Legion Dr	Southside Pkwy	Cazenovia St	0.910429755
SECONDARY	N Oak St	Goodell St	Ellicott St	0.194320724
PRIMARY	N Ogden St	Broadway	William St	0.94110253
PRIMARY	N Parade Ave	Fillmore Ave	E Parade Ave	0.166368189
SECONDARY	Nevada Ave	E Ferry St	Genesee St	0.34244273
SECONDARY	New Babcock St	William St	Clinton St	0.735663197
SECONDARY	Newfield St	Vulcan St	Ontario St	0.503825502
PRIMARY	Niagara Falls Blvd	Kenmore Ave	Main St	0.288154465
PRIMARY	Niagara Sq			0.220897558
PRIMARY	Niagara St	Vulcan St	E Eagle St	5.541064252
PRIMARY	Normal Ave	Hampshire St	Pennsylvania St	0.925718042
PRIMARY	North St	Richmond Ave	Main St	0.657145223
SECONDARY	Northampton St	Main St	Fillmore Ave	1.425547125
SECONDARY	Norwood Ave	Summer St	Lafayette Ave	1.071168561
SECONDARY	Nottingham Ter	Elmwood Ave	Amherst St	1.107103977
PRIMARY	Oak St	E Tupper St	Seneca St	1.041102706
SECONDARY	Oakland Pl	Summer St	Bryant St	0.288350438
SECONDARY	O'Connell Ave	Louisiana St	Fitzgerald St	0.497063691
PRIMARY	Ohio St	Michigan Ave	Fuhrmann Blvd	1.467858618
PRIMARY	Ojibwa Cir	Lakefront Blvd	Waterfront Cir	0.214077685
SECONDARY	Olympic Ave	E Delavan Ave	Kensington Ave	0.936985808
PRIMARY	Ontario St	Niagara St	Kenmore Ave	1.312396317
SECONDARY	Orleans St	Winspear Ave	End S	0.963725386
SECONDARY	Paderewski Dr	Emslie St	Memorial Dr	0.765272827
SECONDARY	Page St	Lawn Ave	Race St	0.104372065
SECONDARY	Parkdale Ave	W Ferry St	Forest Ave	0.861895904
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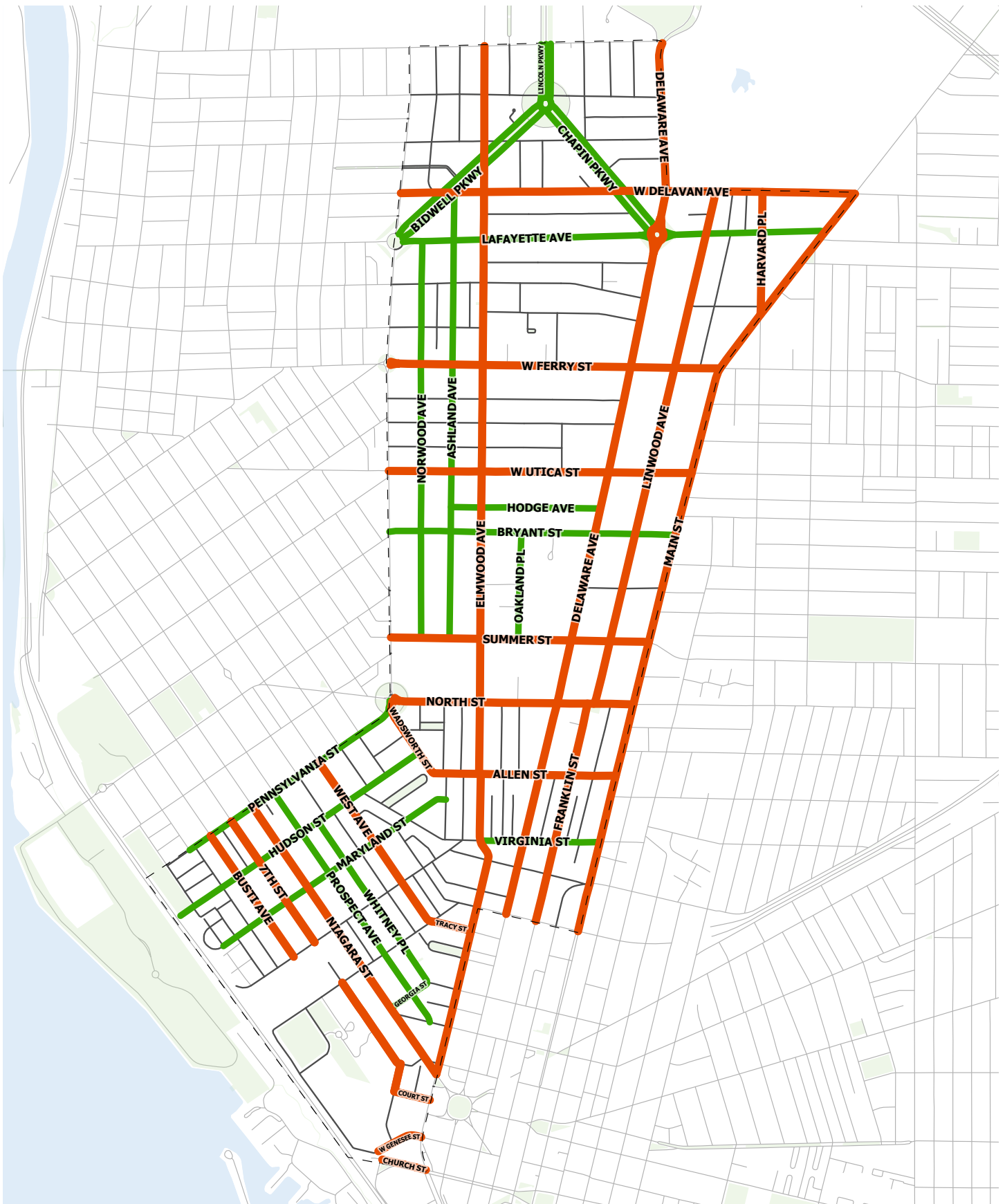
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PRIMARY	Parkside Ave	Humboldt Pkwy	Starin Ave	1.74793705
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PRIMARY	Pearl St	W Tupper St	Upper Terrace St	0.979396767
SECONDARY	Peckham St	Jefferson Ave	Memorial Dr	0.954741512
SECONDARY	Pennsylvania St	Richmond Ave	Lakeview Ave	0.684281392
PRIMARY	Perry Blvd	Erie St	Pearl St	0.184298641
PRIMARY	Perry St	Michigan Ave	Hamburg St	0.698501571
SECONDARY	Pine St	Broadway	Swan St	0.534577475
PRIMARY	Plymouth Ave	Hampshire St	Pennsylvania St	0.925312359
SECONDARY	Poplar Ave	Doat St	Walden Ave	0.251870404
PRIMARY	Porter Ave	LaSalle Park	Richmond Ave	1.123093609
SECONDARY	Potomac Ave	Niagara St	Richmond Ave	0.859826096
PRIMARY	Potters Rd	Abbott Rd	City line	0.721436385
PRIMARY	Prospect Ave	Niagara St	Pennsylvania St	1.055496017
SECONDARY	Prospect Ave	W Huron St	Pennsylvania St	0.750001586
SECONDARY	Race St	Military Rd	Page St	0.257202115
SECONDARY	Ramsdell Ave	Elmwood Ave	Delaware Ave	0.449323301
SECONDARY	Rano St	Tonawanda St	Crowley Ave	0.459473101
PRIMARY	Red Jacket Pkwy	McKinley Pkwy	Abbott Rd	0.292545355
SECONDARY	Reiman St	Greene St	City line	0.510522426
SECONDARY	Rhode Island St	Busti Ave	Richmond Ave	1.035469799
PRIMARY	Richard Dr	William St	S Ogden St	0.290392463
PRIMARY	Richmond Ave	North St	Forest Ave	1.921081644
SECONDARY	Riley St	Main St	Humboldt Pkwy	1.156322469
PRIMARY	River Rock Dr	Hertel Ave	Rano St	0.30252395
SECONDARY	Riverside Ave	Ontario St	Rano St	0.249184342
SECONDARY	Riverside Ave	Niagara St	Tonawanda St	0.201721655
SECONDARY	Robie St	Parkside Ave	Main St	0.237778284
SECONDARY	Rodney Ave	Main St	Hill St	0.541967844
SECONDARY	Roehrer Ave	Dodge St	E Ferry St	0.630411238
SECONDARY	Roesch Ave	Tonawanda St	Kenmore Ave	0.765287163
PRIMARY	S Division St	Main St	Jefferson Ave	1.104948853
SECONDARY	S Division St	Jefferson Ave	Smith St	0.53590441
PRIMARY	S Elmwood Ave	Upper Terrace St	W Tupper St	0.729740358
SECONDARY	S Legion Dr	Southside Pkwy	Cazenovia St	0.90321275
SECONDARY	S Michigan Ave	Fuhrmann Blvd	End	0.087198979
PRIMARY	S Ogden St	Thielman Dr	Mineral Springs Rd	1.494835149
PRIMARY	S Park Ave	Michigan Ave	Dorrance Ave	4.291477716

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SECONDARY	Saint Clair St	Ohio St	South St	0.204574879
SECONDARY	Saint Lawrence Ave	Delsan Ct	N Parker Ave	1.322093237
SECONDARY	Sanders Rd	Delaware Ave	Hobmoor Ave	0.768943121
SECONDARY	Scott St	Michigan Ave	Louisiana St	0.383251786
PRIMARY	Seneca St	Oak St	City line	4.592614674
PRIMARY	Ship Canal Pkwy	Tifft St	Commerce Dr	1.009635825
SECONDARY	Shoshone St	Taunton Pl	Hertel Ave	0.402478968
PRIMARY	Skillen St	Vulcan St	Military Rd	0.823014
PRIMARY	Smith St	Seneca St	South Park Ave	0.606925112
SECONDARY	Smith St	Broadway	Fillmore Ave	1.448839186
PRIMARY	South St	Ohio St	Hamburg St	0.369171052
SECONDARY	Southside Pkwy	S Park Ave	Seneca St	0.943644671
SECONDARY	Sprenger Ave	Genesee St	Doat St	0.4763542
SECONDARY	Stanley St	Bailey Ave	Greene St	0.231653958
PRIMARY	Starin Ave	Parkside Ave	Kenmore Ave	0.416751704
SECONDARY	Starin Ave	Amherst St	Parkside Ave	0.836064694
SECONDARY	Stevenson St	Abbott Rd	Seneca St	0.463090542
SECONDARY	Suffolk St	E Delavan Ave	Winspear Ave	1.805983483
PRIMARY	Summer St	Richmond Ave	Main St	0.696278154
PRIMARY	Swan St	Main St	Seneca St	1.381470026
PRIMARY	Sycamore St	Oak St	Walden Ave	2.812049971
PRIMARY	Tacoma Ave	Delaware Ave	Starin Ave	1.290663544
SECONDARY	Tacoma Ave	Starin Ave	Shoshone St	0.432508848
SECONDARY	Taunton Pl	Virgil Ave	Shoshone St	1.477823342
SECONDARY	Templeton Ter	Erie St	End	0.053535982
PRIMARY	Tifft St	Fuhrmann Blvd	McKinley Pkwy	2.255123607
PRIMARY	Tonawanda St	Niagara St	Vulcan St	2.242483023
PRIMARY	Tracy St	West Ave	Elmwood Ave	0.109394483
PRIMARY	Treehaven Rd	Bailey Ave	Croy Ave	0.200066676
PRIMARY	Upper Terrace St	W Seneca St	Main St	0.22726852
SECONDARY	Vanderbilt St	Greene St	Goethe St	0.428411524
SECONDARY	Vermont St	Busti Ave	Richmond Ave	0.944834377
SECONDARY	Villa Ave	Delaware Ave	Hobmoor Ave	0.773176464
SECONDARY	Virginia St	Elmwood Ave	Jefferson Ave	0.991113025
PRIMARY	Vulcan St	Niagara St	Kenmore Ave	0.954171754
PRIMARY	W Chippewa St	S Elmwood Ave	Main St	0.276389667
SECONDARY	W Cleveland Dr	Eggert Rd	City line	0.213247893
PRIMARY	W Delavan Ave	Niagara St	Main St	2.084681609

Street Type (P/S)	Street Name	Starting Point	Ending Point	Miles
PRIMARY	W Eagle St	S Elmwood Ave	Pearl St	0.219256291
PRIMARY	W Ferry St	Thruway	Main St	1.900828522
PRIMARY	W Genesee St	4th St	Franklin St	0.397867784
PRIMARY	W Huron St	S Elmwood Ave	Main St	0.275968961
PRIMARY	W Mohawk St	S Elmwood Ave	Main St	0.222976422
PRIMARY	W Seneca St	Franklin St	Main St	0.115116656
PRIMARY	W Swan St	Main St	Franklin St	0.115980994
PRIMARY	W Tupper St	Main St	S Elmwood Ave	0.280908128
PRIMARY	W Utica St	Massachusetts Ave	Main St	1.254491296
PRIMARY	Wadsworth St	North St	Allen St	0.21847475
PRIMARY	Walden Ave	Genesee St	City line	1.89450598
PRIMARY	Washington St	Goodell St	Perry St	1.36077557
SECONDARY	Washington St	Goodell St	High St	0.374307786
SECONDARY	Waterfront Cir	Lakefront Blvd	Lakefront Blvd	0.204207044
SECONDARY	Weiss St	Dingens St	Clinton St	0.409972405
PRIMARY	West Ave	Forest Ave	Carolina St	2.648979399
SECONDARY	Whitney Pl	Georgia St	Hudson St	0.524787619
PRIMARY	Wilkeson Way	La Riviere Dr	Erie St	0.095065933
PRIMARY	William L Gaiter Pkwy	E Delavan Ave	Kensington Ave	0.8473899
PRIMARY	William St	Broadway	Richard Dr	4.513757624
PRIMARY	Winspear Ave	Main St	Bailey Ave	1.179275245
SECONDARY	Wohlers Ave	Dodge St	E Ferry St	0.630202139
SECONDARY	Woodside Ave	S Park Ave	Potters Rd	0.940728968
SECONDARY	Wyoming Ave	E Delavan Ave	Kensington Ave	0.71315029
SECONDARY	York St	Porter Ave	Richmond Ave	0.430397568

PLOW DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS



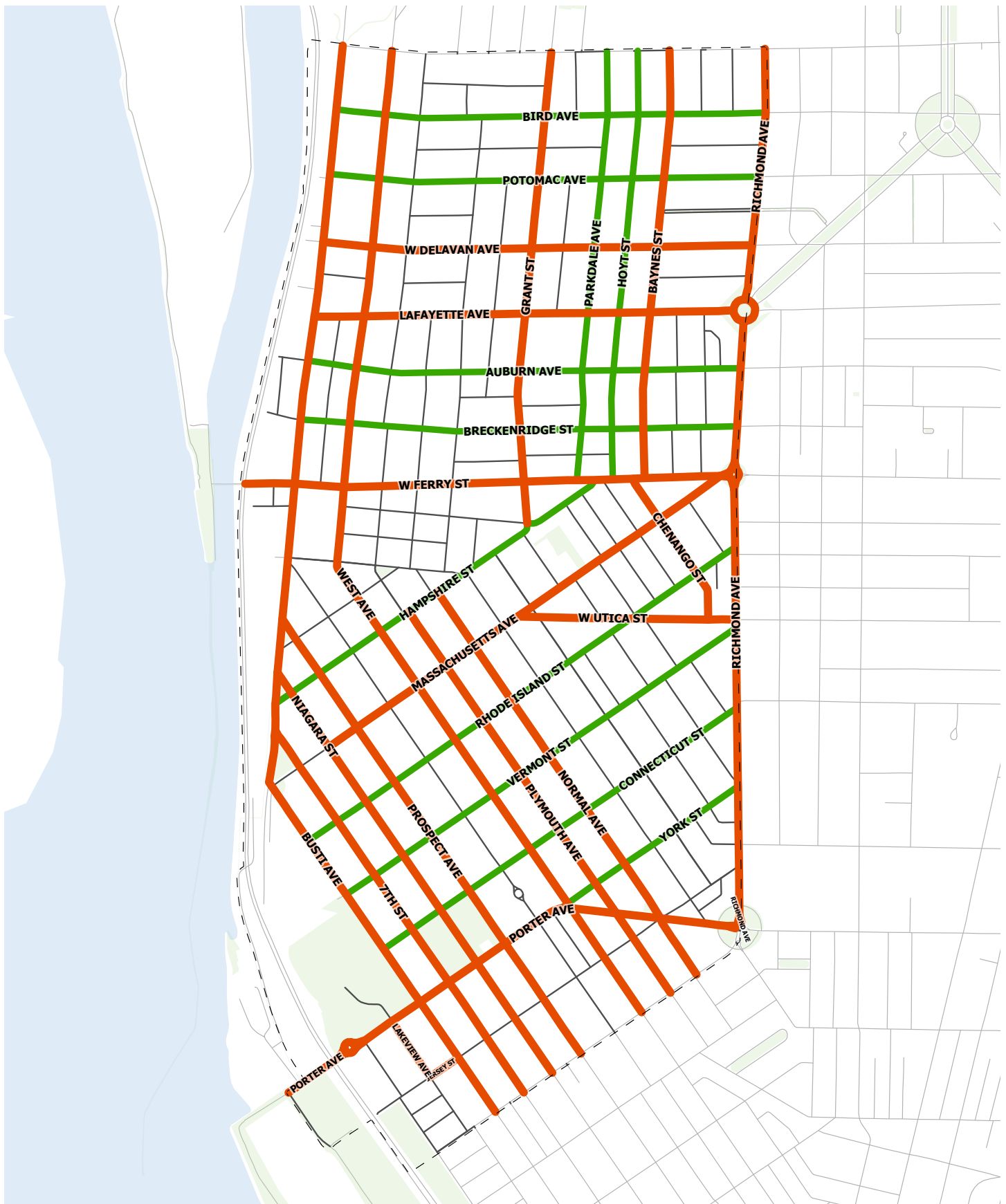


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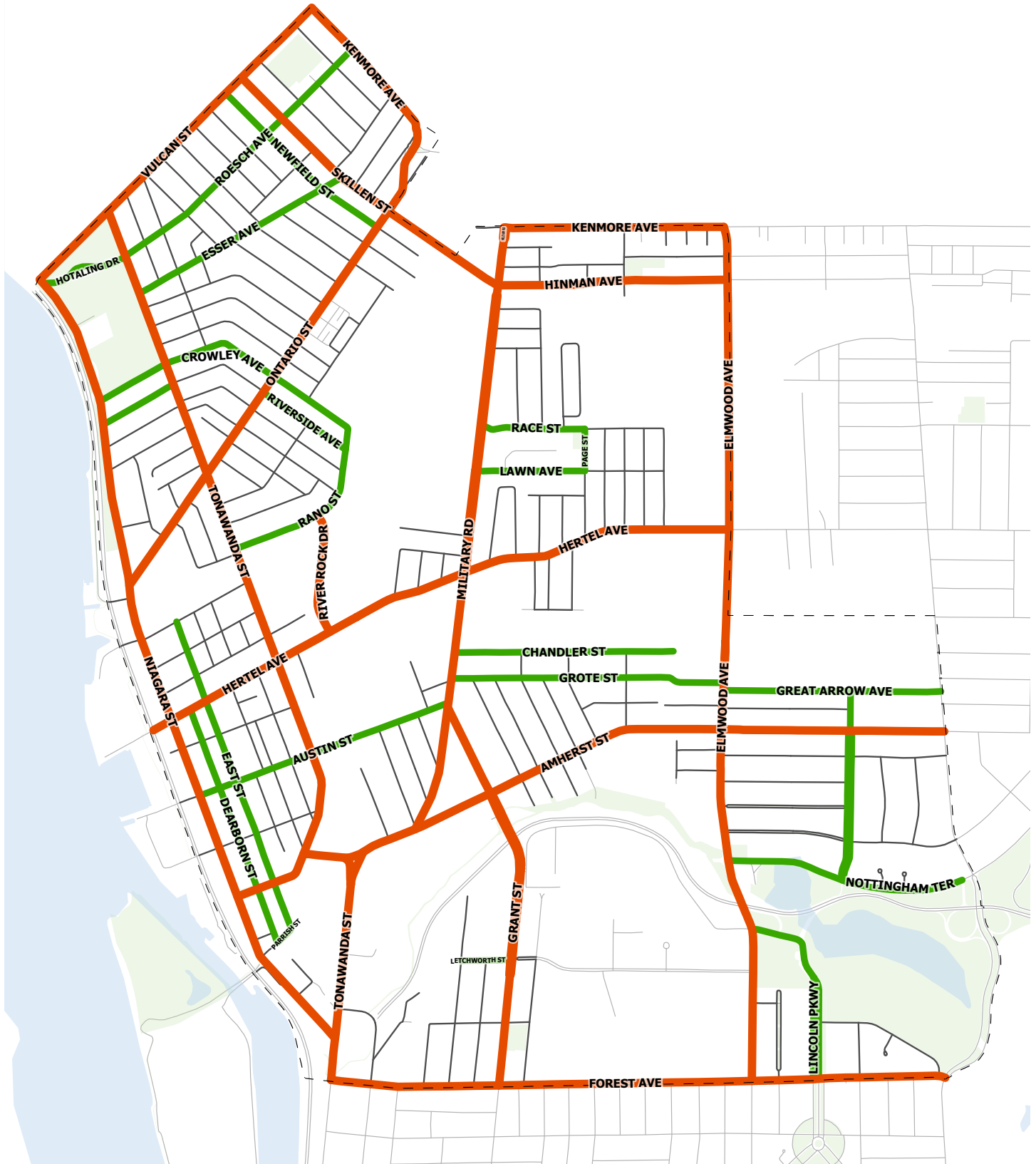


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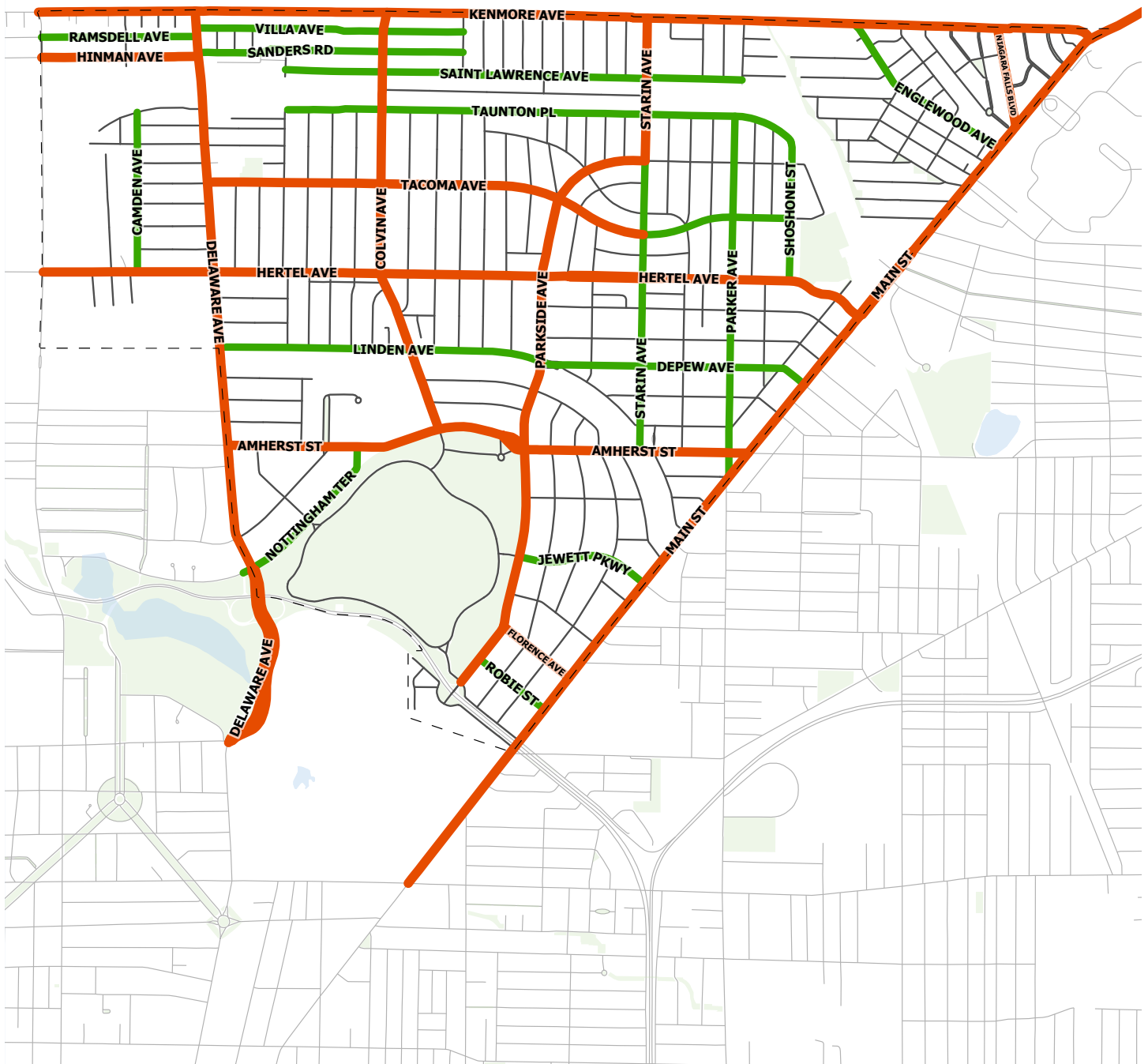


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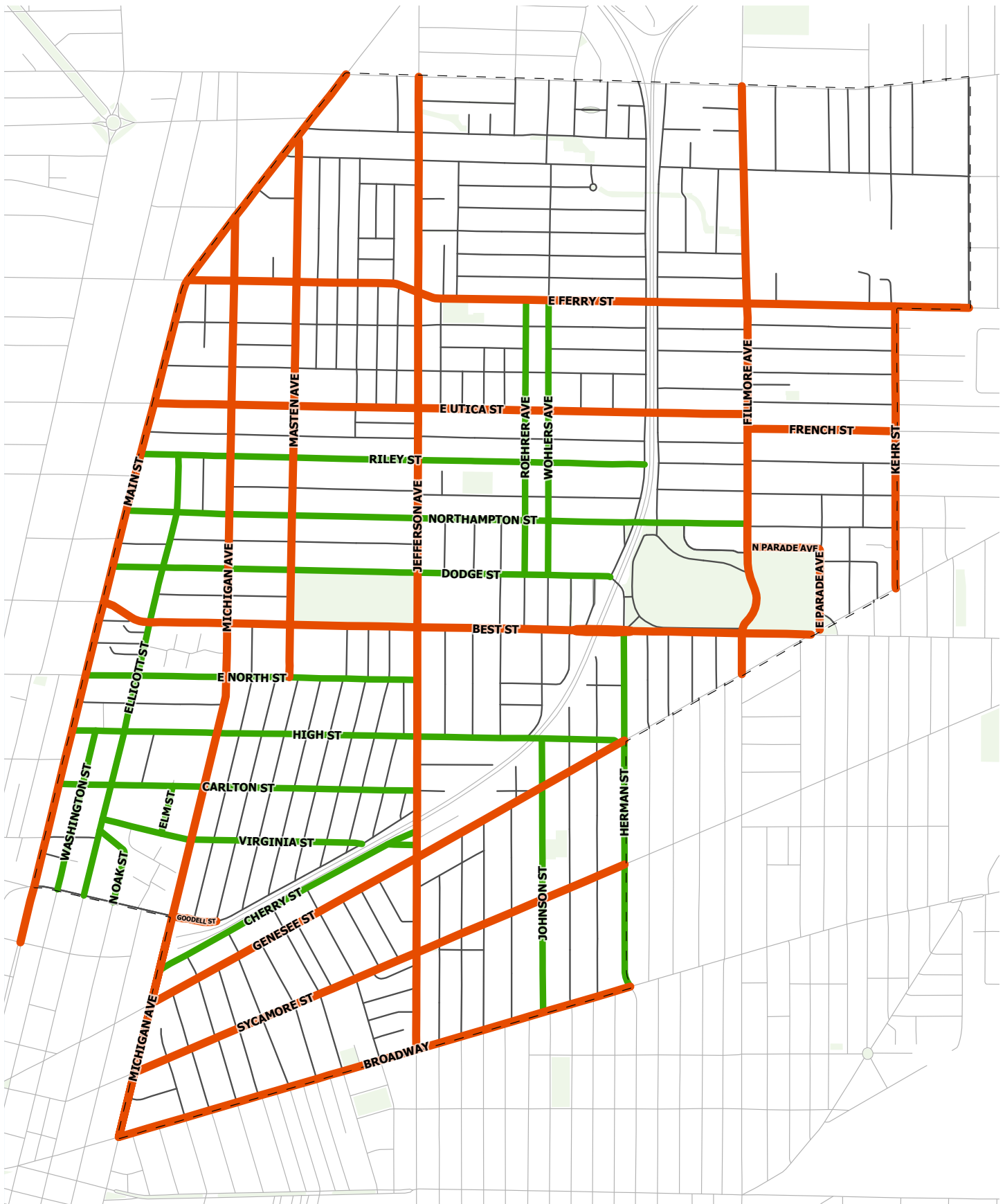


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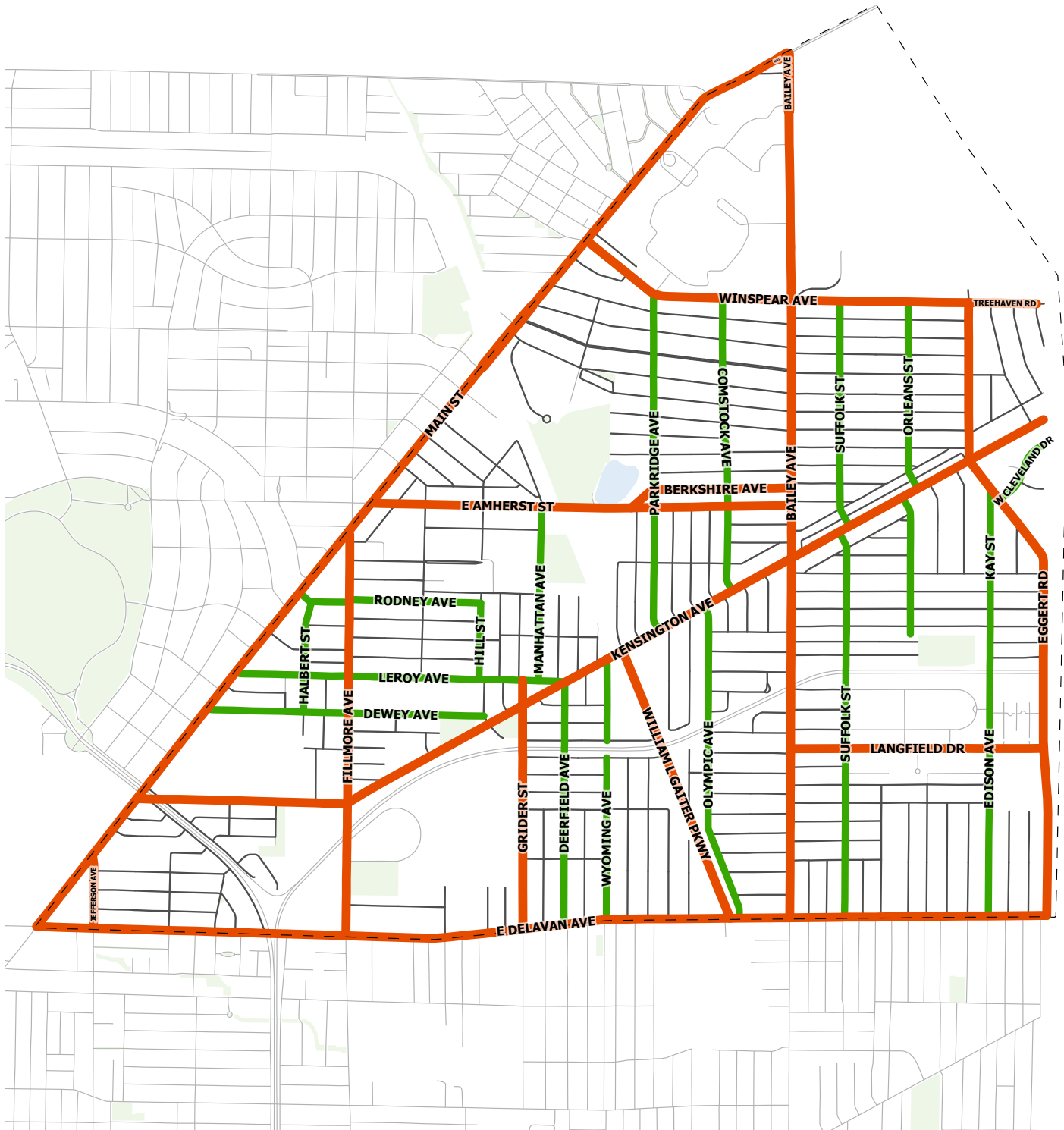


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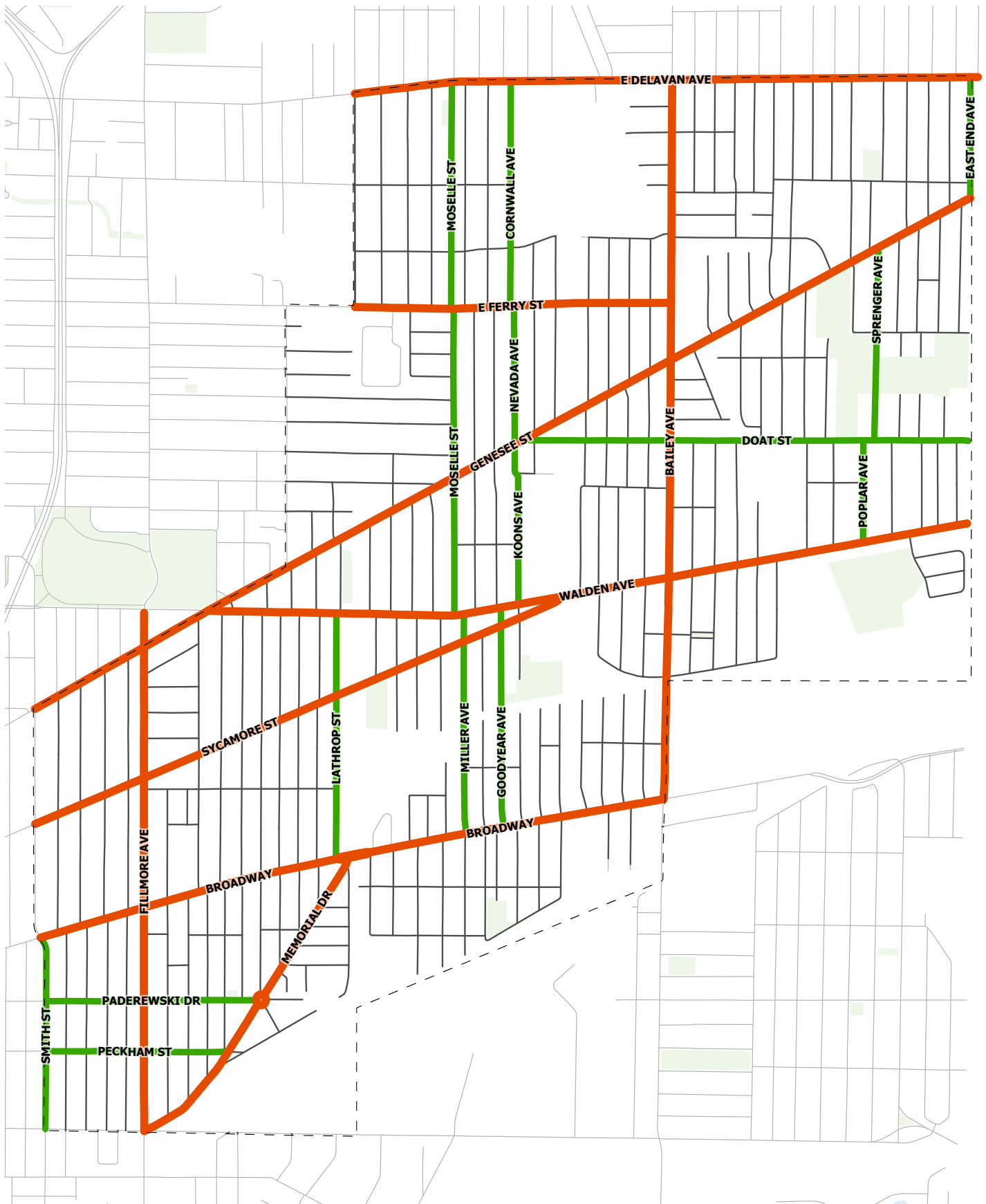


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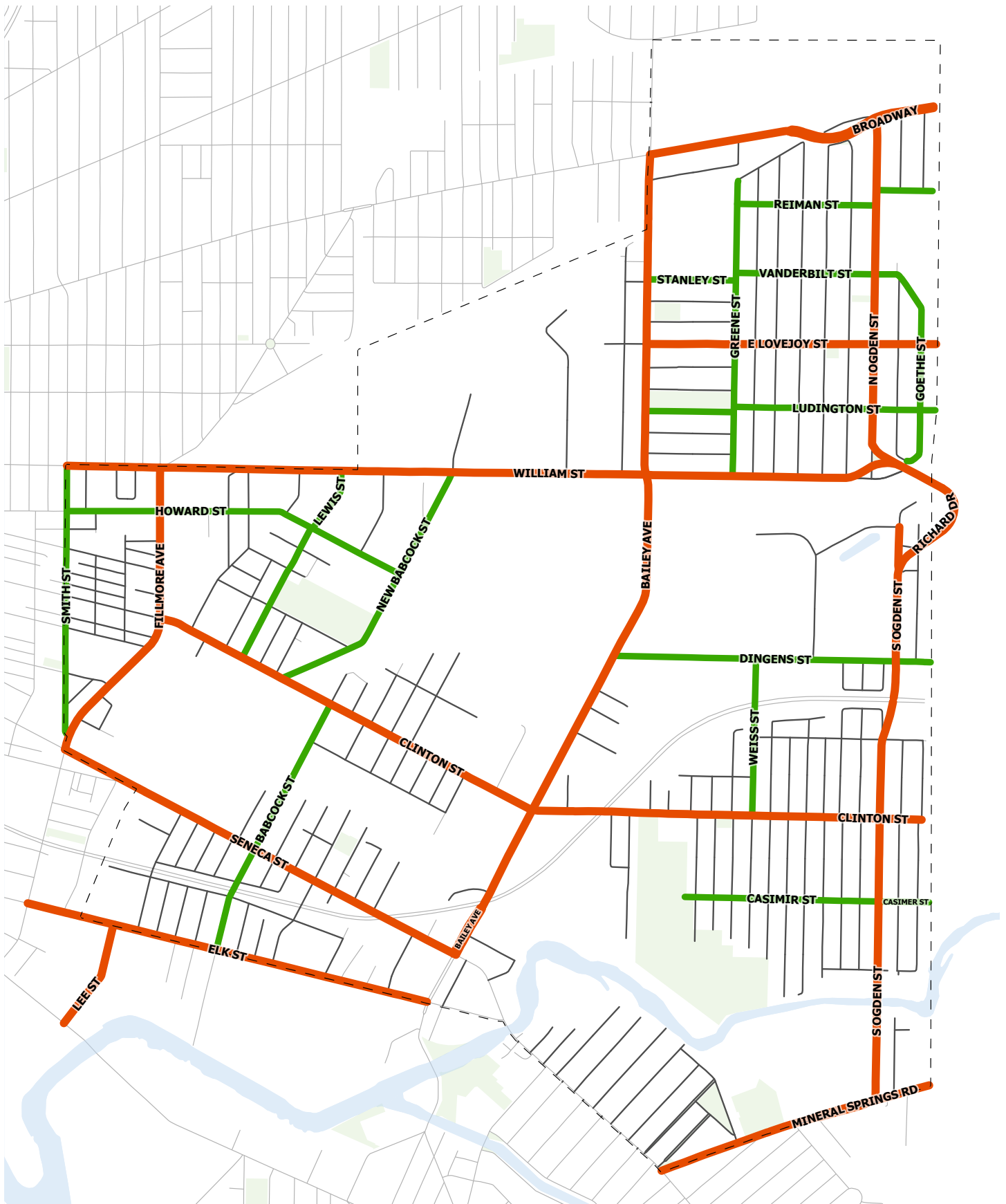


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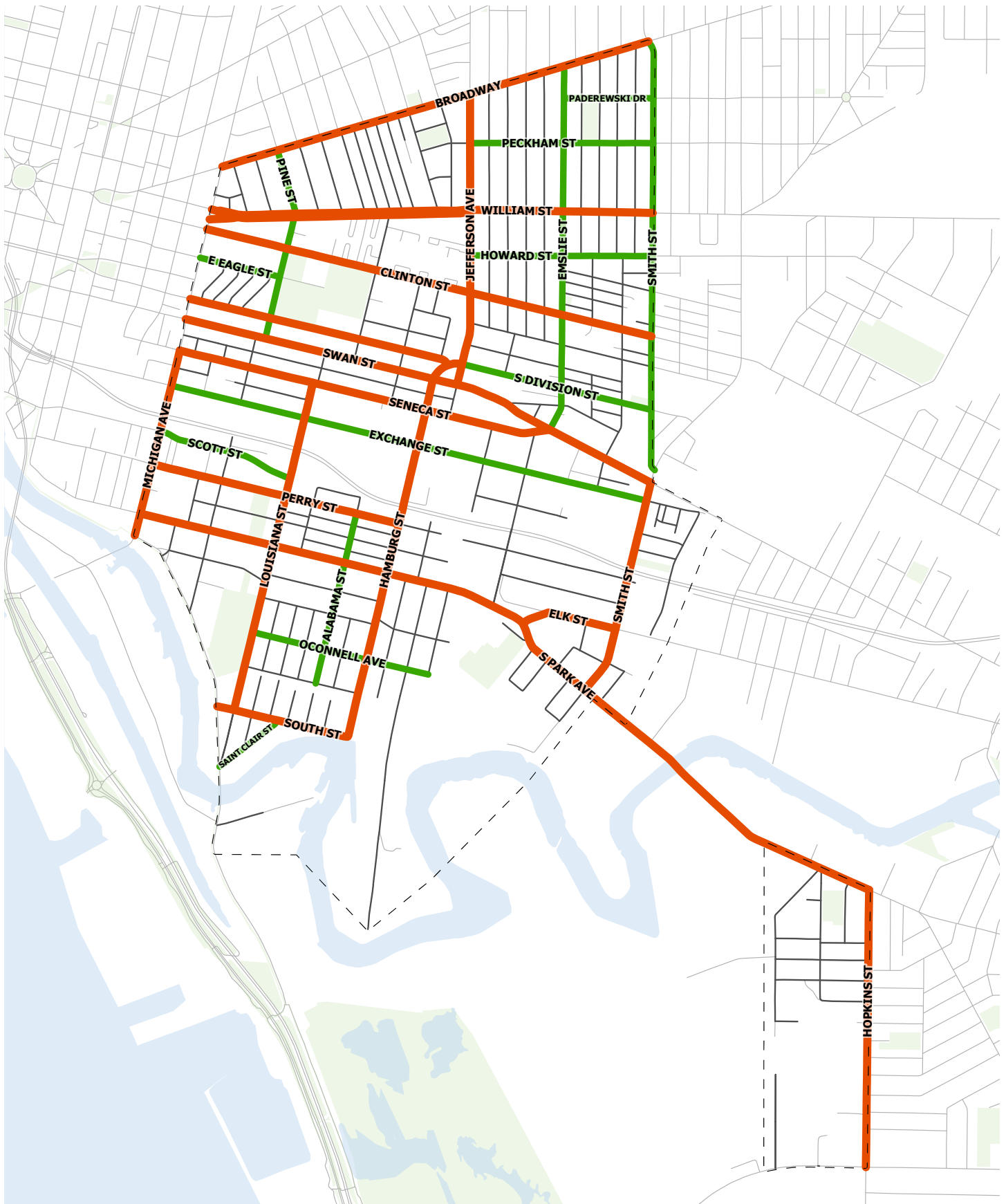


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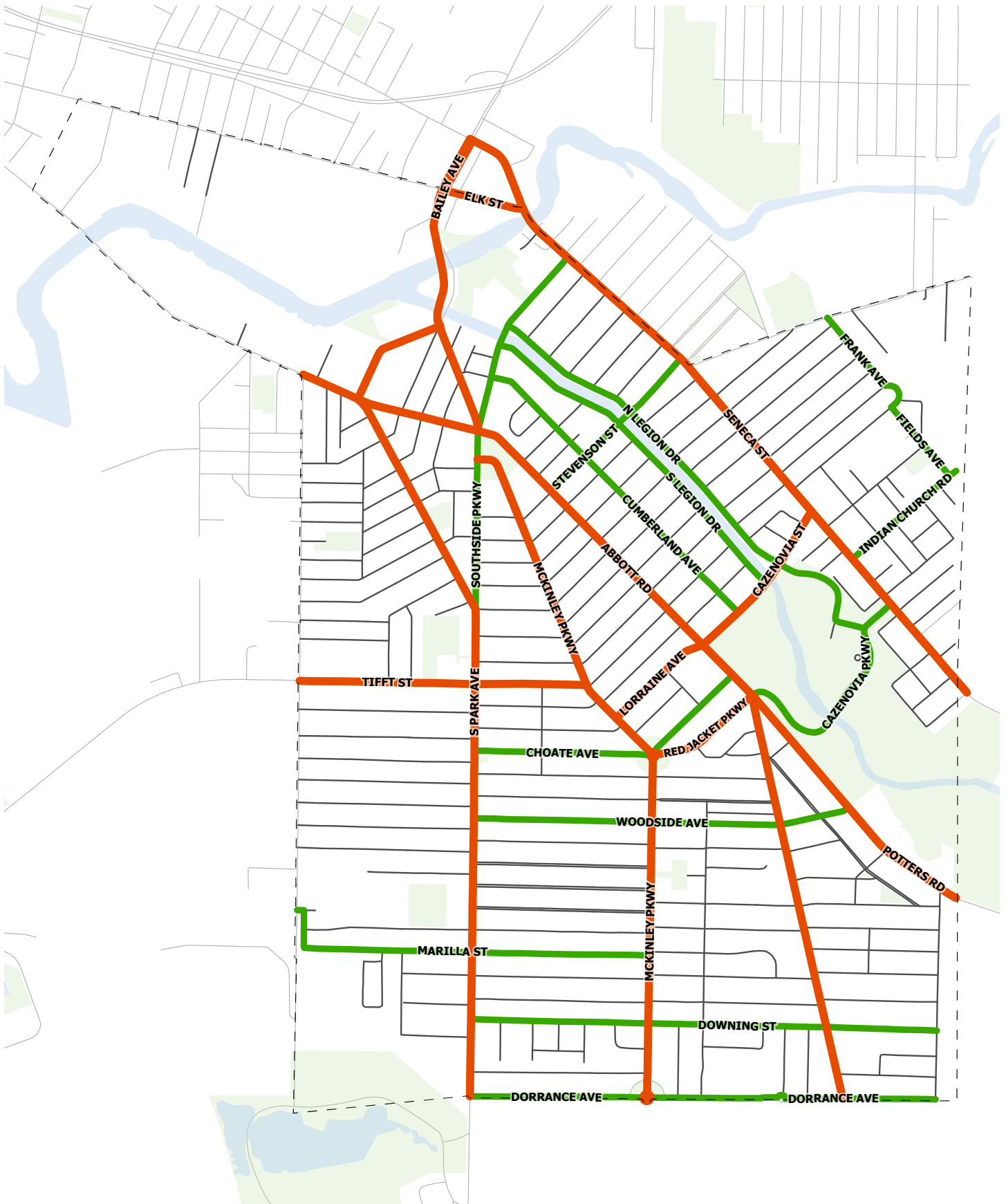


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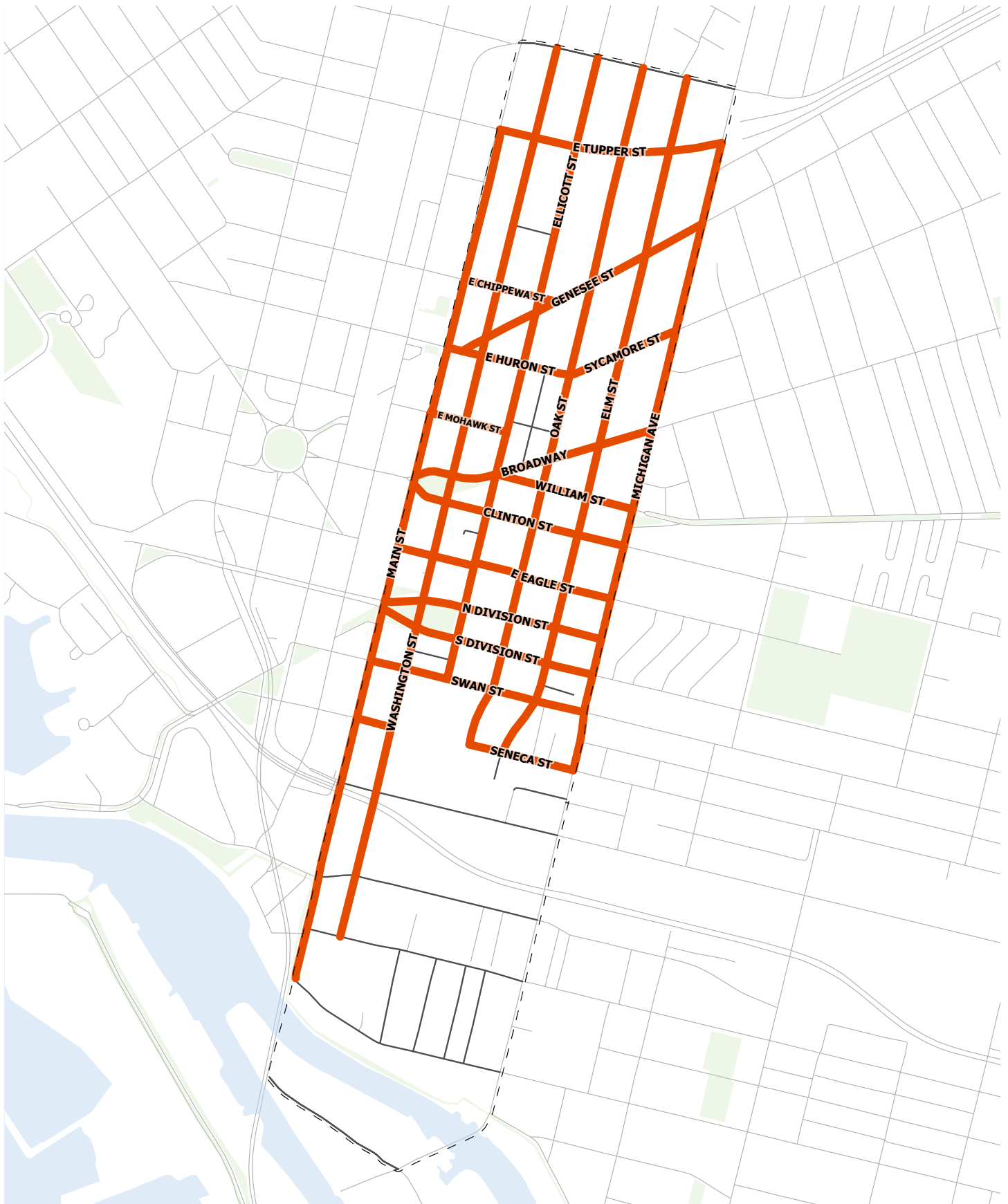


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PLOW East Side Block

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PLOW FUHRMAN BLVD

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PLOW West Side Block

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EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER DESIGNATED LOCATIONS

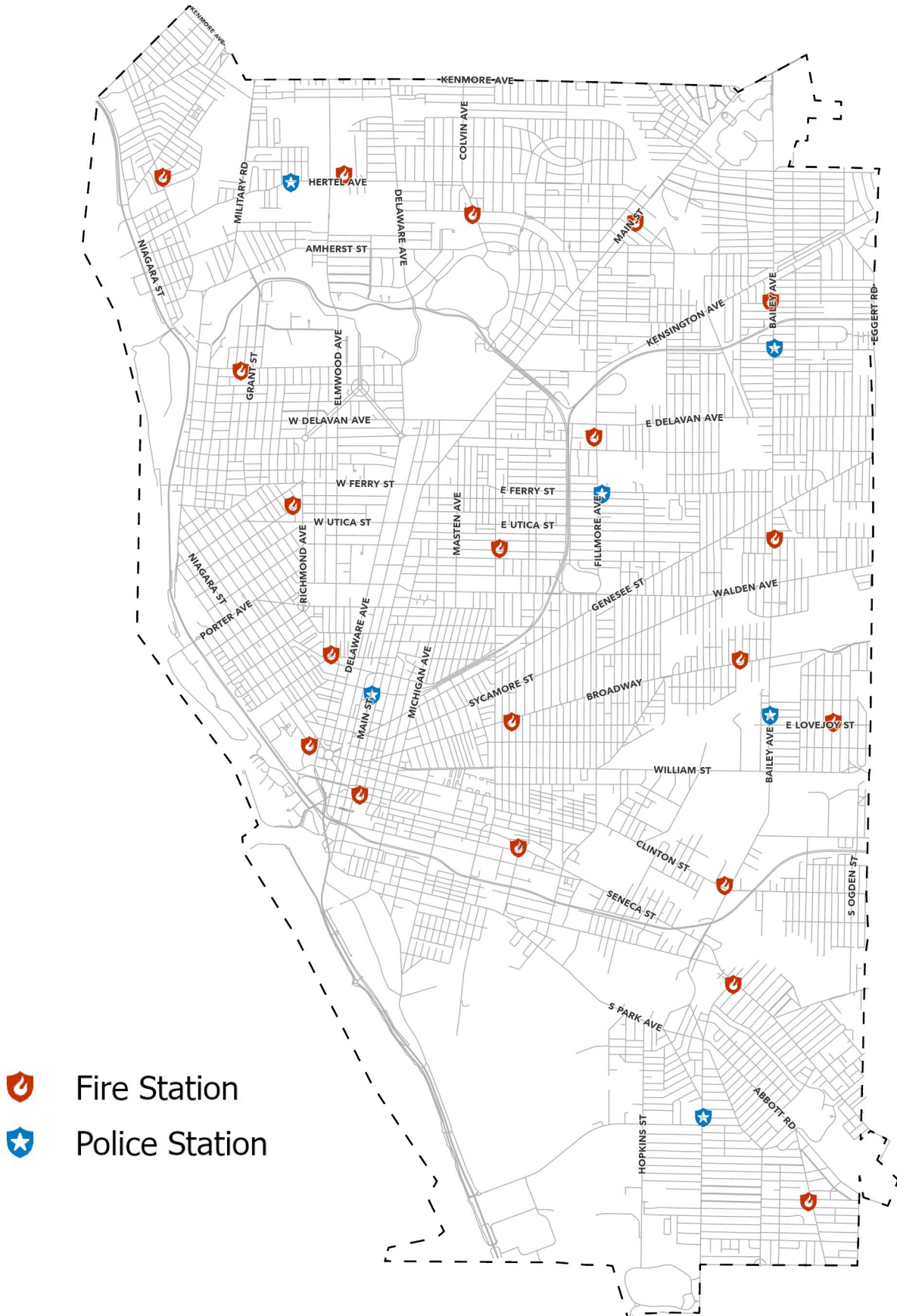


EMERGENCY WARMING CENTER DESIGNATED LOCATIONS

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DISTRICT	CONTACT	PHONE
JFK Community Center	114 Hickory St, 14204	Ellicott	Erica Browning	716-852-0409
Tosh Collins Community Center	35 Cazenovia St, 14210	South	Joanne Steinwandle	716-828-1445
Peter Machnica Community Center	1799 Clinton St 14206	Lovejoy	Vanico El Amin	716-824-5397
Gloria J. Parks Community Center	3242 Main St, 14214	University	Roseanne Scibilia	716-832-1010
Northwest Buffalo Community Center	155 Lawn Ave, 14207	North	Larry Pernick	716-445-7559
Delavan-Grider Community Center	877 E. Delavan Ave, 14215	Masten	Candace Moppins	716-896-7021
West Side Community Services	161 Vermont St, 14213	Niagara	Crystal Selk	716-884-6616
Lincoln Fieldhouse	10 Quincy St, 14212	Fillmore	Greg Pierce	716-893-8465
North Buffalo Community Center	203 Sanders Rd, 14216	Delaware	Larry Pernick	716-445-7559



BUFFALO FIRE DEPT. & POLICE DEPT. LOCATIONS





BUFFALO POLICE DEPT. HEADQUARTERS
68 COURT ST. BUFFALO, NY 14202
716-851-4444

A – DISTRICT

(716) 851-4409
1847 SOUTH PARK AVENUE BUFFALO, 14220
CHIEF PAUL K. MULLEN

B – DISTRICT

(716) 851-4403
695 MAIN STREET
BUFFALO, 14203
CHIEF TOMMY L. CHAMPION

C – DISTRICT

(716) 851-4412
693 EAST FERRY STREET
BUFFALO, 1421
CHIEF THELMA E. JONES

D – DISTRICT

(716) 851-4413
669 HERTEL AVENUE
BUFFALO, 14213
CHIEF JOSEPH A. FAHEY

E – DISTRICT

(716) 851-4416
2767 BAILEY AVENUE
BUFFALO, 14215
CHIEF TODD C. McALISTER

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NEIGHBORHOOD
ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

(716) 851-4411
1435 BAILEY AVENUE
BUFFALO, 14206
CAPTAIN SHARESE SALEH

SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT

425 SOUTH PARK AVENUE
BUFFALO, 14206
CHIEF AARON YOUNG

K-9 KENNELS

300 LOUISIANA STREET
BUFFALO, 14204
LIEUTENANT E. BAKER

PADEREWSKI STREET FACILITY

385 PADEREWSKI DRIVE
BUFFALO, 14204
LIEUTENANT R. MERCURIO



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716-851-5333

SERVICE STATION

716-855-8722
Court & Stats

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

716-851-5707
312 City Hall

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

65 Court Street

FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

716-851-4515
Dillon Building
68 Court Street

FIRE COMMUNICATIONS

716-851-5510
332 Ellicott Street

FIRE BOAT E.M. COTTER

155 Ohio Street

DOWNTOWN

- Engine 1 – Ladder 2 716-855-9790
132 Ellicott & South Division

DISTRICT 1

- Engine 2 716-886-0925
376 Virginia & Elmwood
- Engine 3
601 Broadway & Monroe
- Engine 21 / Ladder 6 / Rescue 1 716-881-9803
1229 Jefferson & Kingsley
- Engine 19 716-886-9216
209 Forest Ave. & Hawley
- Engine 37 – Ladder 4 716-886-8886
500 Rhode Island & Chenango

DISTRICT 2

- Engine 26 716-877-9336
703 Tonawanda & Progressive
- Engine 36 - Ladder 13 716-877-9453
860 Hertel Ave.
- Engine 38 716-877-9243
398 Linden & Colvin

DISTRICT 3

- Engine 23 716-851-5913
3226 Bailey Ave.
- Engine 31 – Ladder 14 716-851-9679
2044 Bailey Ave.

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- Engine 33 716-896-9025
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- Engine 34 – Ladder 7 716-836-9570
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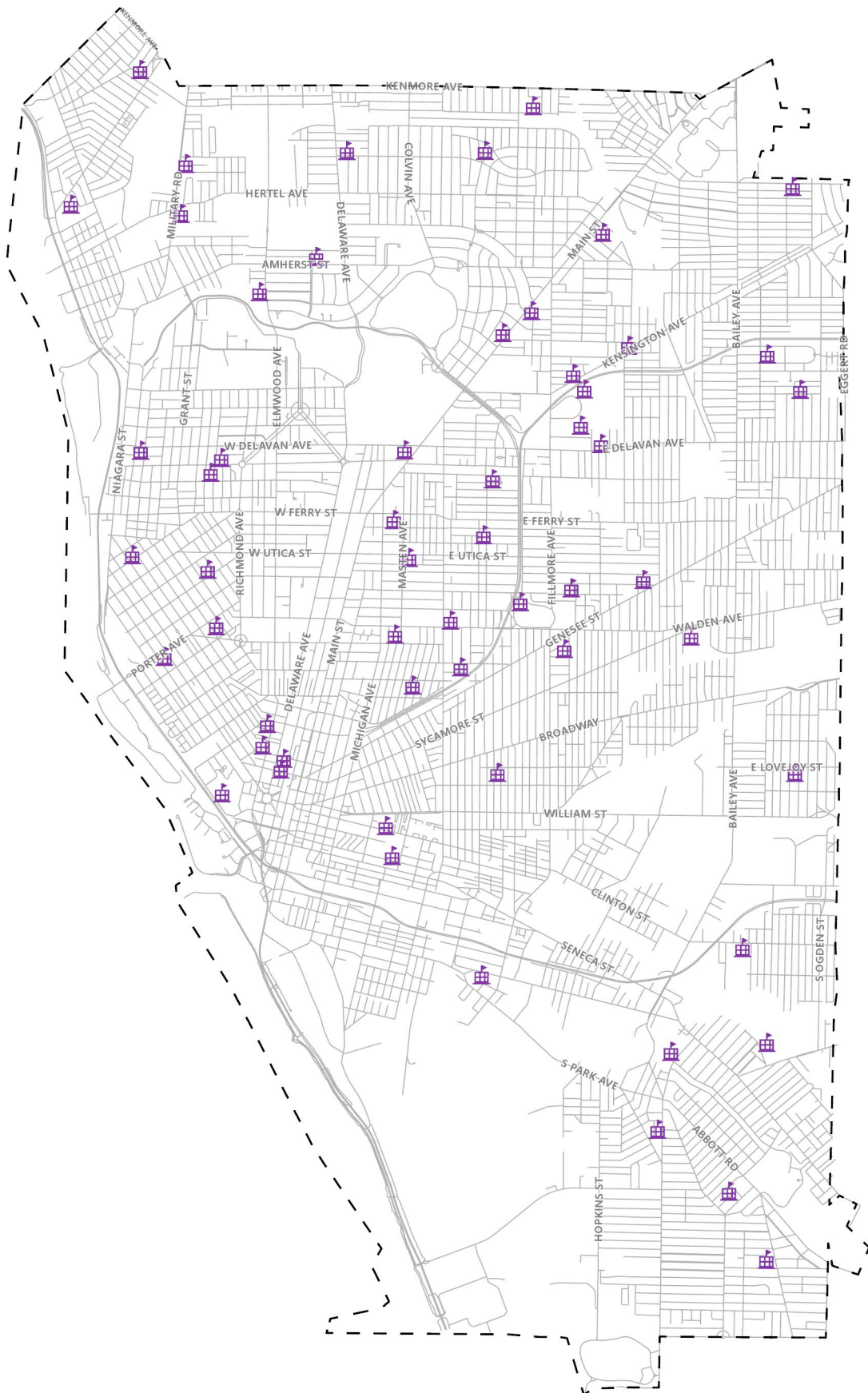
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- Engine 4 716-825-8919
939 Abbott & Hollywood
- Engine 22 716-896-9101
1528 Broadway (near Wick)
- Engine 32 – Ladder 5 716-855-8819
700 Seneca (near Swan)
- Engine 10
30 Ganson Street

DISTRICT 5

- Engine 25 – Ladder 10 716-825-9210
497 Southside & Seneca
- Engine 28 716-896-9778
1170 Lovejoy (at Gold)
- Engine 35 – Ladder 15 716-825-9348
1512 Clinton St. & Bailey

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATIONS



BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

SCHOOL	NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
3	D'Youville Porter Campus	255 Porter Avenue	14201
6	Buffalo Elementary School of Technology	414 S. Division Street	14204
17	Early Childhood Center #17	1045 W. Delavan Avenue	14209
18	Dr. Antonia Pantoja Community School of Academic Excellence	750 West Avenue	14213
19	Native American Magnet	97 W. Delavan Avenue	14213
27	Hillery Park Elementary	73 Pawnee Parkway	14210
30	Frank A. Sedita Elementary	21 Lowell Place	14213
31	Harriet Ross Tubman School	212 Stanton Street	14212
32	Bennett Park Montessori	342 Clinton Street	14204
33	Bilingual Center	157 Elk Street	14210
37	Marva J. Daniel Futures Preparatory Academy	295 Carlton Street	14204
42	Occupational Training Center	75 W Huron Street	14214
43	Lovejoy Discovery School	161 Benzinger Street	14206
45	International School	141 Hoyt Street	14213
48	School #48@39	487 High Street	14211
50	North Park Community School	780 Parkside Avenue	14216
53	Community School #53	329 Roerher Avenue	14208
54	Dr. George Blackman School of Excellence	2358 Main Street	14214
59	Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet	1 Martin Luther King Jr. Park	14211
59 Annex	Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet Annex	50 A Street	14211
61	Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction	453 Leroy Street	14215
64	Frederick Law Olmsted	874 Amherst Street	14216
65	Roosevelt Early Childhood Center	249 Skillen Street	14207
67	Discovery School	911 Abbott Road	14220
69	Houghton Academy	1725 Clinton Street	14206
72	Lorraine Elementary School	71 Lorraine Avenue	14220
74	Hamlin Park Claude & Ouida Clapp Academy	126 Donaldson Road	14208
76	Herman Badillo Bilingual	315 Carolina Street	14201
79	Pfc. William J. Grabiarz School of Excellence	225 Lawn Avenue	14207
80	Highgate Heights Academy	600 Highgate Avenue	14215
81	School 81	140 Tacoma Avenue	14216
82	Early Childhood Center #82	230 Easton Avenue	14215
84	Erie County Health Care Center for Children	462 Grider Street	14215
89	Dr. Lydia T. Wright School of Excellence	106 Appenheimer Street	14214
92	B.U.I.L.D. Academy	340 Fougeron Street	14211
93	Southside Elementary School	430 Southside Parkway	14210

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

SCHOOL	NAME	ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
94	West Hertel Elementary	489 Hertel Avenue	14207
95	Waterfront Elementary	95 Fourth Street	14202
97	Harvey Austin School	1405 Sycamore Street	14211
99	Stanley Makowski ECC	1095 Jefferson Avenue	14208
131	The Academy School @ 4	756 Saint Lawrence Avenue	14216
156	Frederick Law Olmsted @203	319 Suffolk Avenue	14215
192	Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts	450 Masten Avenue	14208
195	City Honors School @ Fosdick Masten Park	186 E. North Street	14204
197	Math, Science & Technology Preparatory School 9-12	666 E. Delavan Avenue	14215
198	International Preparatory School @ 202	110 14th Street	14213
206	South Park High School	150 Southside Parkway	14220
207	Lafayette International Community High School	370 Lafayette Avenue	14213
208	Riverside Academy	51 Ontario Street	14207
212	Leonard DaVinci High School	167 E. Utica	14201
301	Burgard High School	400 Kensington Avenue	14214
302	Emerson School of Hospitality	70 W. Chippewa Street	14202
304	Hutchinson Central Technical High School	256 S. Elmwood Avenue	14201
305	McKinley High School	1500 Elmwood Avenue	14207
309	East Community High School	820 Northampton Street	14211
355	Buffalo School of Culinary Arts	75 W Huron Street	14202
357	Pathways Academy @ East	820 Northampton Street	14211
363	Lewis J. Bennett H.S. of Innovative Technology	2885 Main Street	14214
366	Research Laboratory H.S. for Bioinformatics & Life Sciences	2495 Main St @Tri-Main	14214
415	Middle Early College High School	2885 Main Street	14214

ROUTE 5 CLOSURE PROCEDURES

(PART 1 OF 2 OF CHART)

Location #	Location	Action	Responder **
1	I-190 / RTE 5 Interchange	Close traffic to RTE 5 WB	Primary: Buffalo Dispatch- 851-4549
			Secondary: NYSTA - (800)842-2233
			Tertiary: Troop T - (800)842-2233
			Long Term: NYS Thruway
2	RTE 5 @ Church St.	Lower gate at RTE 5 / Church St. (1)	Primary: Buffalo Dispatch- 851-4549
			Secondary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Tertiary: NYSDOT - 649-2157
			Long Term:
3	Ohio St. / Ganson St.	Close Traffic to Fuhrman Blvd.	Primary: Buffalo Dispatch- 851-4549
			Secondary: Buffalo DPW
			Tertiary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Long Term: Buffalo DPW
4	Wilkeson Pointe Roundabout	Lower gates (2)	Primary: Buffalo Dispatch- 851-4549
			Secondary: Buffalo DPW
			Tertiary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Long Term:
5	Tift St. Roundabout	Lower gates (2)	Primary: Buffalo Dispatch- 851-4549
			Secondary: Buffalo DPW
			Tertiary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Long Term:
6	Ridge Road	Lower gate (1)	Primary: Lackawanna Dispatch - 822-4900
			Secondary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Tertiary:
			Long Term:
7	Route 5 Mainline EB at Ridge Road	Lower gate (1) and Lackawanna PD close Mainline with vehicles	Primary: Lackawanna Dispatch - 822-4900
			Secondary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Tertiary:
			Long Term: NYSDOT - 649-2157
8	Route 5 Mainline EB at Lake Ave	Close at RTE 5 / Lake Ave and U-turnTraffic	Primary: Hamburg Dispatch - 648-5111
			Secondary: Troop A - (585)343-2200
			Tertiary: Erie County Sheriff - 858-2903
			Long Term: NYSDOT - 649-2157
9	Closure at RTE 5 / RTE 179 WB, Detour traffic from RTE 5 EB to RTE 179 EB	Close RTE 5 EB at RTE 179 with (1) Gate	Primary: Hamburg Dispatch - 648-5111
			Secondary: Hamburg PD / NYS DOT
			Tertiary:
			Long Term: NYSDOT - 649-2157

ROUTE 5 CLOSURE PROCEDURES

(PART 2 OF 2 OF CHART)

Contacted By	Ramp Gate	MPT*	Comments
NITTEC 847-2070		◆	Buffalo Dispatch: calls Buffalo PD - District "B" to close ramp. Thruway will provide MPT devices for long term closures with NYSDOT assistance, if necessary.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Buffalo Dispatch: calls Buffalo PD - District "B" to close ramp gate.
NITTEC 847-2070		◆	Buffalo Dispatch: calls Buffalo PD- District "A" to close, Buffalo DPW provides devices/BPD provides Police Vehicle, if necessary.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Buffalo Dispatch: calls Buffalo PD- District "A" to close gates to EB and WB Route 5 at sandpile entrances.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Buffalo Dispatch: calls Buffalo PD- District "A" to close gates.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Lackawanna Dispatch: calls Lackawanna PD to close gate, if unavailable Lackawanna Fire Department to close.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Lackawanna Dispatch: calls Lackawanna PD to close gate, if unavailable Lackawanna Fire Department to close.
NITTEC 847-2070		◆	Hamburg Dispatch: calls Hamburg PD and Woodlawn FD to close Route 5 at Lake Ave. NYSDOT provided MPT devices to Woodlawn FD for long term closures.
NITTEC 847-2070	◆		Hamburg Dispatch: calls Hamburg PD to assist DOT with closure points. RTE 5 EB traffic is detoured to RTE 179 EB and RTE 179 WB traffic is detoured to RTE 5 WB

* MPT: Maintenance and Protection of Traffic

NFTA PRIORITY CLEARING BUS ROUTES

STREET NAME	EXTENT	BUS ROUTE(S) SERVED
Niagara Street	Franklin to Niagara Square	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 20, 25, 40
Niagara Square	Entire Circle	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 20, 25, 40
Niagara Street	Niagara Square to Vulcan Rd	5, 12, 32, 32, 35, 40
Vulcan Street	Niagara St to Skillen St	3, 5
Tonawanda St	Vulcan St to Ontario St	5
Ontario St	Tonawanda to Duston Circle	5
Kenmore Ave	Military Rd to Main St	5
Court St	Pearl St to Lafayette Square	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 20, 25, 40
Elmwood Ave & S Elmwood	Niagara St to Kenmore Ave	3, 20
Tracy St	Elmwood Ave to Carolina St	3
West Ave	Carolina St to Hudson St	3
Hudson St	West Ave to Plymouth Ave	3
Plymouth Ave	Hudson St to Hampshire St	3
West Ave	York to Hudson St	3
York St	West Ave to Normal Ave	3
Normal Ave	York St to Hampshire St	3
Hampshire St	Plymouth Ave to Arkansas St	3
Grant St	Hampshire St to Military Rd	3
Military Rd	Hinman to Grant St	3
Skillen St	Vulcan St to Military Rd	3
Ferry St	Niagara St to Richmond Ave	12
Richmond Ave	Ferry St to W Utica St	12
Utica St	Richmond Ave to Fillmore Ave	12
Fillmore	Main St to Seneca St	12, 23
Ferry St	Michigan Ave to Bailey Ave	12, 13
Bailey Ave	S Park Ave to Main St	23
Langfield Dr	Bailey Ave to Eggert Rd	12
Eggert Rd	Langfield Dr to Winspear Ave	12
Winspear Ave	Eggert Rd to Main St	12
Main St	City line at Longleat Dr to Edward St/Goodell St	5, 8, 12, 13, 19, 23, 34, 44, 48
S Park Ave	Bailey Ave to Smith St	23
Smith St	S Park Ave to Seneca St	23
Hertel Ave	Marina Vista Apt to Main St	23, 35
Washington St	Scott St to Chippewa St	6, 8, 14, 16, 24, 42
Chippewa St	Washington St to Genesee St	16, 24

STREET NAME	EXTENT	BUS ROUTE(S) SERVED
S Division St	Franklin to Michigan St	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 24, 25, 40, 42
Ellicott st	Carlton St to S Division	6, 8, 14, 16, 24, 42
Genesee St	Ellicott St to City line at End	16, 24
N Division St / Church St	Elm St to Franklin St	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 15, 20, 25, 40
Pearl St	Marine Dr to Edward/Goodell St	3, 5, 8, 11, 20, 25, 40
Clinton St	Lafayette Square to City line at Cochrane St	2
Franklin St	W Seneca St to Niagara St	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 20, 25, 40
Delaware Ave	Niagara Square to City line at Kenmore Ave	11, 25
Delavan Ave	Niagara St to City line at End	18, 26
Lafayette Ave	Niagara St to Herkimer St	26
Herkimer St	Delavan Ave to Lafayette Ave	26
Michigan Ave	Ferry St to Utica S	13
Grider St	Ferry St to Kensington	13
Kensington Ave	Grider St to Bailey Ave to City line at Century Rd	13
Main-Bailey Loop	Bailey Ave to Main St	13, 19, 44
Amherst St	Niagara St to Bailey Ave	32
Berkshire Ave	Amherst St to Bailey Ave	32
Carlton St	Michigan Ave to Main St	16
Michigan Ave	High St to Genesee St.	16
Abbott Rd	Bailey Ave to City line at Dorrance Ave	14
Hayward St	S Park Ave to Fulton St	18
Fulton St	Louisiana St to Hayward St	18
High St	Main St to Michigan Ave	16
S Park Ave	Michigan St to Smith St	14, 16
Scott St	Washington St to Michigan Ave	14, 16, 42
Michigan Ave	Scott St to S Park Ave	14, 16, 42
Broadway /Lafayette Square	City line at Goethe to Court St.	1, 2, 4
Church St	Franklin St to Lower Ter	6, 15
Lower Terrace	Church St to Seneca St	6, 15
Seneca St	Lower Terrace to Franklin St	6, 15
Elm St	Swan St to N Division St	15
Huron St	Washington St to Oak St	6
Sycamore St	Oak St to Walden Ave	6
Walden Ave	Genesee St to City line at Randolph Ave	6, 22
Michigan Ave	Swan St to S Division St	15
Swan St	Elm to Seneca St	15

STREET NAME	EXTENT	BUS ROUTE(S) SERVED
Seneca St	Swan St to City line at Wildwood	15
Michigan Ave	Clinton St to William St	2
William St	to Bailey Ave	1, 2
S Park Ave	Bailey/Abbott to City line at Baker Alley	16
Best St	Main St to Genesee St	22
Summer St	Richmond Ave to Main St	22
Richmond Ave	Summer St to Porter/North	22
Porter Ave	I90 NB Ramp to Richmond Ave	22
Lovejoy St	Bailey Ave to City line at Goethe Loop	1
Marine Dr	Erie St to Washington St	8, 24
Erie St	Marine Dr to Lakefront Blvd	8, 24
Lakefront Blvd	Erie St to La Riviere Dr	8, 24
La Riviere Dr	Wilkeson Way to Lakefront Blvd	8, 24
Wilkeson Way	La Riviere Dr to Erie St	8, 24
Colvin Blvd	Hertel Ave to City line at Kenmore Ave	11
Jefferson Ave	Delavan Ave to S Division St	18
Hamburg St	S Division St to Seneca St	18
Seneca St	Hamburg St to Van Rensselaer St	18
Van Rensselaer St	Seneca St to S Park Ave	18
Hamburg St	S Park ave to Republic St	18
Republic St	Louisiana St to Hamburg St	18
Louisiana St	to Ohio St	18, 42
Perry St	Michigan Ave to Louisiana St	42
Ohio St	Louisiana to Fuhrmann Blvd	42
Fuhrmann Blvd	Ohio St to Tifft St	42
Tifft St	Fuhrmann Blvd to NB Skyway ramp (circle)	42
4th St	Porter Ave to Jersey St	22
Jersey St	4th St to Lakeview Ave	22
Lakeview Ave	Porter Ave to Jersey St	22

CRITICAL CITY SERVICES FACILITIES

LOCATION	ADDRESS
Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus	640 Ellicott Street
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center	665 Elm Street
Buffalo General Medical Center	100 High Street
Oishei Children's Hospital	818 Ellicott Street
Buffalo Veterans Affairs Medical Center	3495 Bailey Avenue
Erie County Medical Center	462 Grider Street
Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	565 Abbott Road
Sisters of Charity Hospital	2157 Main Street
Buffalo City Impound Lot	166 Dart Street
Buffalo Sewer Authority	90 W Ferry Street
Buffalo Water Authority	2 Porter Avenue
Spectrum	355 Chicago Street
FeedMore WNY	91 Holt Street
National Fuel	365 Mineral Springs Road
National Grid	144 Kensington Avenue

NEW YORK STATE - CITY ASSIST PLOW ROUTES



2025-2026 WINTER SNOW PLAN





The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Category: Communication
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City Snow Plan 2025-2026

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Disability Advisory Committee - Report and Recommendations

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Disability Advisory Committee - Report and Recommendations

Background

The Disability Advisory Committee was reinstated in 2024 after being originally introduced in the City Charter in 2003. Currently, the Committee consists of 10 dedicated individuals, each with a personal connection to the disability community. This ensures that all forms of disability are represented when engaging in dialogue with various departments. There is currently one open position, and we are actively working to fill this vacancy.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee meets every other month on the last Wednesday of the month, as stipulated in the City Charter. While the Charter requires a minimum of four meetings per year, we aim to hold six meetings annually with our every-other-month meeting strategy.

Activities and Progress

Since its reinstatement, the Committee has been meeting with various stakeholders, including City officials and department representatives, to discuss critical disability-related issues. Although we have only held three meetings so far (the most recent of which did not meet quorum), we have made significant strides in addressing important concerns.

We have had productive discussions with the following representatives:

- Councilman Nowakowski
 - Department of Public Works
 - Department of Buildings
 - Buffalo Fire Department
 - Buffalo Police Department
 - City Engineers
- And more.

These meetings foster engaging dialogue, allowing us to ask questions, provide input, and hear responses and recommendations from City departments.

Ongoing Projects and Initiatives

The Committee has been actively working on the following initiatives:

- **Reinstallation of Handrails** at the front of City Hall
- **Creation of Handicapped Pickup and Drop-off Zones** at the South Elmwood location

- Ensuring that **festivals and events do not block accessible routes**
- Promoting **effective communication between people with disabilities and Buffalo Fire/Police Departments**
- **Raising awareness for individuals with invisible disabilities**
- **Monthly Spotlight for Disabled Residents**
- Developing **safer evacuation plans** for individuals with disabilities
- **Creation of the Disability Advisory Committee Website**
- Addressing issues related to **medical cabs**
- Advocating for **more accessible and affordable housing**

Recommendations for the City of Buffalo

The Committee would like to make the following recommendations to further support and enhance the accessibility of our City for individuals with disabilities:

1. **Representation on Boards:** Make it a requirement that each City board includes at least one member with a disability.
2. **Stronger Enforcement of Accessibility at City Events:** Although accessibility features are included in contracts, stronger enforcement is needed to ensure City events remain accessible and do not obstruct curb cuts or other essential routes.
3. **Accessible and Affordable Housing:** Continue and expand discussions about creating more accessible and affordable housing in the City.
4. **Medical Cab Services:** Investigate changes to medical cab services and their rates to ensure affordability and reliability.
5. **Disability Education Programming:** Implement City-sponsored programs focused on disability education for both residents and City employees.

Conclusion

The Disability Advisory Committee remains committed to making Buffalo a more inclusive and accessible city for all. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with City departments and officials to address the needs of individuals with disabilities, and we look forward to continuing our work to improve accessibility and quality of life for all residents.

Thank you for your attention and support. We are eager to continue our partnership with the Mayor and Common Council to make Buffalo a more equitable and accessible community for everyone.



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R. Wyatt, Concerns Regarding Condition of University Heights Lofts

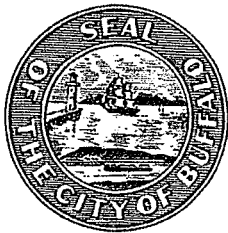
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February 24, 2025

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Queens Village, NY 11428

Dear Mr. Cranden:

My name is Rasheed N.C. Wyatt, University District Council Member for the residents at the University Heights Lofts, located on Minnesota/Lisbon Aves. Yesterday (February 23, 2025), I saw a Facebook post regarding the conditions as the University Lofts which you own. The resident was complaining about a leaky ceiling she has been dealing with for years! After visiting her apartment and seeing it with my own eyes, I could not believe it! I was at the grand opening of these lofts 8 years ago and had high hopes for this development.

Since that time, it seems the quality of management and maintenance has fallen off dramatically with complaints being threatened with retaliation. This is not the type of housing I supported for my residents. Also, that same day, I took a tour for myself throughout the building speaking to different residents and being appalled by their comments from management.

I will be attending an emergency meeting to be held by the residents on Wednesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm. at the loft's community room and I am requesting someone from your office be there to address each issue.

This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I think this was an exceptional project with great promise. It is my hope, working with my office and residents, we can restore their trust in your company to provide the quality of life every human being deserved with their families.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact my office at (716) 851-5165.

Rasheed N.C. Wyatt
University District Council Member

"Unity in University"



Community Development Committee

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: September 8, 2026 2:00 PM
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Department: Common Council
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Prepared By:
Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000434



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-101

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt

Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt

Sponsors: Chair Joseph Golombek Jr

DOC ID: 26515 I

Golombek - Opposition to Wind Turbines in Lake Erie

Whereas the State of New York has enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (the Climate Act), which mandates that 70 percent of the state's electricity be generated by renewable resources by 2030 and 100 percent by 2040;

Whereas while wind energy has been identified as an essential component of the Climate Act's renewable energy goals, significant questions remain regarding the environmental, economic, and community impacts of offshore wind turbine projects in freshwater bodies such as Lake Erie;

Whereas the New York State Independent System Operator (NYISO) has reported that the Western New York grid zone is already 89 percent carbon emission-free in its electricity generation, highlighting the region's leadership in clean energy production;

Whereas NYISO has also identified a critical lack of transmission infrastructure capable of transporting electricity from Western New York to downstate areas that remain heavily reliant on fossil fuels;

Whereas the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) determined in 2022 that this is not the appropriate time to pursue offshore wind projects in Lake Erie due to various economic and logistical challenges;

Whereas recent developments in the offshore wind industry, including global supply chain issues, inflation, and the suspension of the Icebreaker Wind project near Cleveland, Ohio, underscore the significant hurdles facing such initiatives; and

Whereas unresolved questions and concerns regarding the potential impacts of offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie include:

- Disturbance of toxic industrial wastes in the lake bed, endangering drinking water and aquatic ecosystems;
- Disruption of migratory pathways and behaviors of economically vital fish species;
- Negative effects on tourism and recreation;
- Unclear contributions to the Climate Act's emissions reduction goals;
- Radar interference impacting maritime safety, recreational boating, search and rescue operations, and border security;
- Release of microplastics and toxic chemicals, such as BPA and PFAS, from wind turbine materials;
- Risks of oil spills from turbines and maintenance challenges during Lake Erie's ice-covered periods;
- Noise and vibrations affecting aquatic life and the enjoyment of Lake Erie by residents and visitors;
- Impacts on migratory flyways of birds, bats, and butterflies;
- Effects on historic sites, such as shipwrecks and lighthouses;
- Potential conflicts with the Public Trust Doctrine and the rights of the Seneca Nation of Indians to administer water quality standards; and
- Economic impacts, including increased electricity rates for local residents and reduced property values along the shoreline;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Buffalo Common Council-

1. Opposes any efforts to construct offshore wind turbines in Lake Erie until such a time that we can be assured that the placement of and the use of these turbines is not hazardous to the environment;

2. Calls upon the New York State government and relevant agencies to prioritize the exploration of alternative renewable energy solutions which do not pose risks to Lake Erie's ecosystem, economy, and communities; and
3. Directs that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Tim Kennedy, Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that the concerns of the Buffalo community are heard and addressed.

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AGENDA ITEM 25-83

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Sewer

Category: Communication

Prepared By: Sean Depue

Initiator: Sean Depue

Sponsors:

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BSA Audit Findings Regarding Annual Report

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January 13, 2025

Contacts:

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT CONCLUDES BUFFALO SEWER AUTHORITY USED CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BSA accounting work was “clear” and “transparent”

BUFFALO, NY – On January 8, 2025, members from the Buffalo Sewer Authority Board of Directors were provided, and unanimously approved, the annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024.

The independent audit was performed by Drescher & Malecki LLP a certified public accounting firm. The audit found “no deficiencies or irregularities” of any kind and the accounting and financial work of Buffalo Sewer staff was “clear” and “transparent”.

“We are extremely proud of the strong internal controls and checks and balances that we have instituted in order to be good financial stewards in our enormous responsibility of maintaining public health and safety in our community,” said Charles Riley, Executive Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, Buffalo Sewer Authority. “Our team has been doing a phenomenal job in monitoring and tracking our finances and just as important, planning for our future needs, especially as we embark on the \$1 billion Queen City Clean Waters initiative in the coming years.”

Among some of the highlights from the 2023-2024 financial report to the Board and public included:

- An investment of approximately \$38 million in Green Infrastructure, Smart Sewers, and Facility enhancements to enhance stormwater infrastructure;
- Complied with Federal requirements governing the use of \$850,000 of American Rescue Plan funds received from the City of Buffalo.
- A \$575,000 grant from U.S. Department of Labor to support the Authority’s workforce development program that develops the skills of local residents from underserved communities;
- The adoption of a five-year capital plan that will result in approximately \$268 million in capital projects during the 2024-2025 fiscal year, including

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approximately \$176 million for the Bird Island Treatment Facility and approximately \$92.3 million for the installation of innovative green, smart, and gray sewer system infrastructure as part of the QCCW initiative; and

- For the 37th consecutive year, Buffalo Sewer was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (“GFOA”) for its financial report in 2023. Buffalo Sewer will once again submit for the award for its 2024 report.

For more information about the audit, please visit:
<https://buffalosewer.org/about/transparency/financial/>.

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About the Buffalo Sewer Authority: Buffalo Sewer is a New York State public benefit corporation created in 1935 to “relieve the Niagara River, Buffalo River, and Lake Erie from pollution by the sewage and waste of the city and relieving city from inadequate sanitary and stormwater drainage and for the sanitary disposal or treatment of the sewage thereof.” Buffalo Sewer may accept, treat and dispose of the sewage and waste of all municipal corporations in Erie County.



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AGENDA ITEM 26-000436



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-1648

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Brandon Barksdale
Initiator: Brandon Barksdale
Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski
DOC ID: 28470 G

Nowakowski, Rivera - Naming RCWJCP Loop to Mary McLean Wilson Trail

Whereas, the Ralph Wilson Conservancy has requested that the Buffalo Common Council consider naming the new pedestrian loop at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park as “The Mary McLean Wilson Trail”;

Whereas, Mary McLean Wilson has been a longtime biker and walker of the former LaSalle Park and has maintained a personal connection to the park over many years;

Whereas, Mary McLean Wilson, as a lifetime Trustee of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, has provided steadfast support for the City of Buffalo and the redevelopment of Ralph Wilson Park;

Whereas, it is fitting that the City of Buffalo recognize Mary McLean Wilson’s contributions to our community and accessible, public spaces;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Buffalo Common Council hereby:

1. Formally approves the naming of the new pedestrian loop at Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park as “The Mary McLean Wilson Trail;”
2. Requests that the Department of Public Works to install any and all park signage to reflect this naming and all relevant agencies to update their records and directories to reflect the naming of the loop to “The Mary McLean Wilson Trail;”
3. Directs the City Clerk to create a notice of intention for a public hearing to name the proposed loop “The Mary McLean Wilson Trail;”
4. Directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services, City Planning Board, Department of Assessment and Taxation, Division of Engineering of the Department of Public Works, and the main branch of the United States Post Office in Buffalo, NY

HISTORY:

09/30/25 Common Council **ADOPTED**

Adopt and send remainder to CD

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Mary McLean Wilson Trail - 1.5 MI



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Permission to Name RCWJCP loop to Mary Wilson Trail

From Katie Campos <kcampos@rwparkbuffalo.org>

Date Tue 9/9/2025 2:20 PM

To Councilmember Nowakowski - Fillmore <mnowakowski@buffalony.gov>; Yarborough, Phyllis M. <pyarborough@buffalony.gov>; Weronski, Jacob H <JWeronski@buffalony.gov>

 1 attachment (22 MB)

2023.03.07_Mary McLean Wilson_Loop Options_1.5 Mile.pdf;

Dear Council Member Nowakowski and Team,

The Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy respectfully requests your endorsement of our request to rename the new pedestrian loop at Ralph Wilson Park, "The Mary Wilson Trail." Please see attached rendering.

Mary Wilson is a longtime biker and walker of the former LaSalle Park, and we are excited to request that the City of Buffalo Common Council consider officially renaming the new loop in her honor. Mary, lifetime Trustee of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the wife of the late Ralph Wilson is incredibly supportive of our community and this project, and we are excited to request to honor her in this way.

Please let me know if you have time to meet to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Katie Campos

Katie Campos
Executive Director
Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy
716.479.4124



Ralph Wilson Park
Conservancy



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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 25-113

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Initiator: Clayton Ballard Hoyt
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt
DOC ID: 26526 G

Wyatt - Requesting DPW for EV Infrastructure Plan

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Whereas, the City of Buffalo recognizes the importance of transitioning to sustainable energy solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change;

Whereas, the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) plays a critical role in achieving these sustainability goals, requiring robust EV infrastructure to support city residents, businesses, and municipal operations;

Whereas, a comprehensive EV infrastructure plan is necessary to identify and address site work for EV charging stations across the city, including on city-owned properties, ensuring equitable access and strategic placement of charging facilities;

Whereas, the transition of municipal vehicles to electric power is an essential component of the city's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and lead by example in adopting green technologies;

Whereas, such a plan must include updates on progress toward the conversion of the city's vehicle fleet to electric power and the associated timeline and budget considerations;

Whereas, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Administration and Finance are key stakeholders in the planning and implementation of EV infrastructure and fleet transition strategies; and

Whereas, a timely submission of this plan will allow the Council to make informed decisions on the city's sustainability initiatives;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Buffalo Common Council-

1. Requests the Department of Public Works and the Department of Administration and Finance to collaboratively develop and submit an official EV infrastructure plan to the Council within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this resolution;
2. Directs that the requested plan shall include a detailed inventory of proposed and existing EV charging sites across the city, including locations on city-owned properties;
3. Requires the plan to provide site work and construction timelines for EV charging infrastructure projects;
4. Calls for a comprehensive strategy to ensure equitable access to EV charging stations for all city residents;
5. Requests updates regarding the transition of city-owned vehicles to EV, including timelines, budget allocations, and identified challenges;
6. Resolves that upon submission, the plan shall be reviewed by the Council, and further recommendations or actions shall be determined as necessary to advance the city's EV and sustainability objectives;
7. Directs the City Clerk to submit copies of this resolution to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Administration and Finance, and any other relevant parties to facilitate its implementation.

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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Tess Rine
Initiator: Tess Rine
Sponsors: Council Member Nowakowski, CD Committee Member Everhart
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AGENDA ITEM 24-2022

Everhart, Nowakowski – Comprehensive Communication Strategy for Combating Public Dumping

Whereas, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been collaborating with Council Member Nowakowski and Council Woman Everhart to develop a public information campaign addressing the issue of public dumping;

Whereas, this campaign has a dual purpose:

1. To educate residents on available options for trash removal, including Pick-and-Pay services, Bulk Trash Days, drop-off centers, shredding events, the public dump; and
2. To deter violators by emphasizing that public dumping is being monitored and will result in consequences, protecting the beautification and quality of life in our neighborhoods;

Whereas, Council Member Nowakowski and Council Woman Everhart continue to work closely with DPW to address the pervasive and harmful issue of public dumping;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that

Council Member Nowakowski and Council Member Everhart request the Department of Public Works attend the December 3, 2024, Community Development Committee Meeting to:

1. Provide a detailed breakdown of the trash removal options available to residents;
2. Present a cost analysis for additional pickups, including overtime expenses; and
3. Share pricing and markup estimates for the proposed public dumping signage project.
4. Directs the City Clerk to submit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Public Works.

HISTORY:

11/26/24 Common Council ADOPTED

Adopted resolves, sent remainder to Community Development Committee

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Department: Council Central Staff
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Taisha St. Jean
Initiator: Taisha St. Jean
Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski
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M. Nowakowski-BENLIC Update for Community Stakeholders

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Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

To: Jocelyn Gordon, Executive Director, BENLIC
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: November 26, 2024
Subject: **BENLIC Update for Community Stakeholders**

Dear Jocelyn:

On April 15, 2024 at the Old First Ward Community Center, your team and the Office of Strategic Planning unveiled plans to bring several single-family homes to the Old First Ward neighborhood, in the Fillmore District. This meeting generated good questions, conversation, and ultimately excitement for many in the community. However, the recent public discourse surround BENLIC's project at large has raised serious concerns about its feasibility and timeline.

As the Council Member for this affected neighborhood, I share the cost concerns voiced by city and county leaders. At the same time, I believe we owe our constituents a clear and honest update on whether this project is moving forward and where it stands. These homes represent more than just new buildings—they are opportunities for working families in our community to achieve stability and for vacant lots to be revitalized. Without progress, delays like these erode public trust and the optimism that the announcement sparked. My obligation is to be ahead of this, and to be transparent with the community.

To that end, I would like to extend an invitation for you and your team to attend the Community Development meeting happening on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 2 PM** to provide a comprehensive update on the project. This meeting will be an ideal forum to share updates with the residents of the Old First Ward and the broader community, address their questions, and clear up any miscommunication.

I look forward to working together on this important matter. Please contact my office at **(716) 851-4138** or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov to confirm your attendance so I may inform the residents and relevant stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Mitchell P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member



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AGENDA ITEM 24-2002

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Miscellaneous

Prepared By: Taisha St. Jean

Initiator: Taisha St. Jean

Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

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M. Nowakowski - Audit of City-Owned Properties to Ensure ADA Compliance

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Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

To: Christopher Scanlon, Acting Mayor
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: November 21, 2024
Subject: **Audit of City-Owned Properties to Ensure ADA Compliance**

Dear Mayor Scanlon:

Following our productive conversation on the **October 30th, 11:00 AM** meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, I am writing to propose a collaboration to assess our city's public facilities for ADA compliance but more importantly functionality. This effort would advance Buffalo's commitment to accessibility by ensuring our public buildings meet both the regulatory standards and functional needs of our residents and visitors with disabilities.

Proposed Objectives and Scope

Through our collaboration, a comprehensive audit of Buffalo's public facilities and the development of a Program Access Plan, or Transition Plan, to address any deficiencies from the assessment is focused on accessibility that benefits us all. To analyze our entrances, restrooms, elevators, signage, and parking, to ensure functionality and ease will address diverse needs across the spectrum. It is understood that such an audit is comprehensive and will take a substantial amount of time, but working together with our Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is a worthy endeavor of city owned facilities.

Recognizing that disabilities vary—whether physical, sensory, cognitive, or developmental—the audit will identify areas where city facilities may better support each individual's ability to access and navigate our spaces effectively and independently. A Transition Plan will serve as an outline for the strategy and timeline by which we will work towards removing any accessibility barriers in Buffalo's public facilities.

Incorporating ADA Standards and Recommendations

As we embark on an audit, it's important to distinguish between and understand the ADA's mandatory standards and recommend best practices. By addressing both, we not only achieve regulatory compliance but also enhance functionality and usability. Incorporating recent advancements in assistive technology—such as touchless entry, digital navigation aids, and enhanced visual and auditory accommodations—will make our facilities more responsive to the diverse needs of our community members. Additionally, we aim to adopt best practices

implemented by other municipalities, including reevaluating plans on a five-year schedule, implementing a tracking system to monitor progress, and preparing an annual accomplishments report to communicate important updates to the public.

Funding and Collaboration Opportunities

To ensure this initiative's success, I recommend we pursue grant opportunities and federal funding to support the audit and subsequent upgrades. Our collaboration with ADA compliance experts, local advocates, stakeholders, and city departments including the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities can strengthen the effect of this effort, helping Buffalo become a model of accessible, functional public spaces that accommodate everyone. Collaboration will also ensure that the Transition Plan is a comprehensive program that covers all areas effectively and meets the needs of those affected by accessibility barriers, as well as engage new technology we may not recognize that is out there. Engaging with these groups will also provide valuable insights into daily accessibility experiences, ensuring our upgrades are both compliant and practical.

Path Forward

As a first step, we might consider forming a working group with members from the advisory committee, along with experts in accessibility, to guide this audit. Upon its completion, we can create a timeline for any necessary upgrades, prioritizing buildings where functional access is most limited.

Thank you for your dedication to making Buffalo a city that strives to serve all its residents with dignity and respect. As a Council Member, and now Acting Mayor your commitment to the disability community and these initiatives has not wavered. I believe this effort will greatly improve the quality of many lives. I look forward to collaborating on this effort to build a more inclusive city that is both accessible and fully functional for every resident.

I am requesting that this item be filed for the Community Development meeting on December 17, 2024, where I will ask the chairman to open the item for advocates to speak. Additionally, I respectfully request the attendance of the DPW Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Buildings.

Thank you for your time and collaboration on this important project. For questions, I can be reached at (716) 851-4138 or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell P. Nowakowski". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mitchell P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member



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Initiator: Sean Depue
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AGENDA ITEM 24-1863

P. Reese, Concerns Future of the Buffalo Animal Shelter

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October 23, 2024

Honorable Joseph Golombek, Jr.
Buffalo City Hall
65 Niagara Square
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: *Future of the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter*

Dear Councilmember Golombek:

Thank you for your past efforts to promote the welfare of Buffalo's companion animals. I would like to request an opportunity to speak to the Community Development Committee on the topic of the future organization and operation of the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter. Please let me know how to proceed.

Very truly yours,

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Peter A. Reese



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AGENDA ITEM 24-1452

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Nowakowski: VIA Communication on Middle Main Project

Honorable Body: Please see the attached communication regarding the VIA and the Middle Main Project.

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July 16, 2024

Councilmember Mitch Nowakowski
65 Niagara Square, Room 1401
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Councilmember Nowakowski:

Visually Impaired Advancement (VIA) is a Buffalo-based non-profit that has served people who are blind/visually impaired within the eight counties of Western New York for over a century. VIA is also a large training center that not only sees heavy traffic from those who are blind/visually impaired, but we also employ many blind/visually impaired individuals at our 1170 Main Street campus.

The reason I bring this to your attention is because of the Middle Main Project slated to break ground in 2025. Since we are located on Main Street, our business will be directly impacted by the construction. Blind/visually impaired individuals rely heavily on their environment being free of obstructions while they are ambulating from bus stops, train stops, utilizing van services, utilizing the auditory crossing signals, etc. Our number one priority is the safety and independence of the blind/visually impaired community. I would welcome the opportunity to reiterate the importance of clear and steady communication regarding any obstacles that may cause a safety concern as a result of the upcoming construction project.

I would welcome the chance to provide more information on VIA and our concerns to any of the committees or employees that are involved with the Middle Main Project. I can be reached by telephone at 716-888-4558 or by e-mail at rzylinski@viawny.org.

Sincerely,

Raymond Zylinski
Education and Development Coordinator
Visually Impaired Advancement





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Nowakowski- Letter Requesting Update on Sinatra Development at Canalside

Honorable Body please see the attached communication.

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A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF

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Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

To: Nick Sinatra, CEO, Sinatra and Company
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: July 18, 2024
Subject: **Sinatra Development at Canalside**

Dear Mr. Sinatra,

I am writing to request an update on the Heritage Point development in Canalside, which has unfortunately experienced significant delays. As you are aware, these chronic delays have raised substantial concerns in the Fillmore District as well as the rest of the City.

Community partners, residents, and various organizations have been in communication with the Fillmore District Office, expressing their frustrations regarding the prolonged construction. These delays have not only affected the immediate neighbors but also disrupted programming, quality of life, and prompted concern from many residents. Currently, this project is at a standstill. It is crucial that we address these issues expeditiously and transparently to maintain the trust of our community, so that Canalside can continue to progress into a wonderful and inviting area.

I understand that Sinatra & Co. has identified a \$10 million funding gap in the project and is working to secure another \$4 million loan from New York State in order to cover this shortfall to resume work. With taxpayer resources invested and sought to complete this project, action and update is critical.

According to Pamm Lent, a spokesperson for the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, the project is still slated to be completed in 2025. The pause in construction is untenable, and we must work together and to find a viable solution that will allow us to move this forward.

Please provide a comprehensive update on the progress of Heritage Point on September 10, 2024 at 2:00 PM in Community Development Committee in Council Chambers, detailing the steps being taken to address the funding gap and the anticipated timeline for resuming and completing construction. It is essential that we keep our community informed and work collaboratively to overcome these challenges.

Thank you once again for your attention to this issue and I look forward to your response. For questions, I can be reached at (716) 851-4138 or by email at mnowakowski@buffalony.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell P. Nowakowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'N'.

Mitchell P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member



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From: Stan Martin <
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 3:48 PM
To: Depue,Sean C.
Cc: CouncilStaff
Subject: Request to be on the 6/18 Agenda at 2PM
Attachments: Schroth et al-Why an FDA Ban on Menthol Is Likely to Survive a Tobacco Industry Lawsuit (1) (1).pdf

Dear Buffalo Common Council, Community Development Committee,
My name is Stan Martin and I am a resident of the City of Buffalo, NY. In preparation for the upcoming Community Development Committee (CDC) meeting on 6/18/2024 at 2PM. I would like to place the following topic on the agenda "23-1976, CCSTAFF - R.Wyatt- Federal, State, and Local Authority Tobacco ". In addition, I'd like to enter as evidence the attached document.

As a follow-up to the CDC, 4/9 meeting there were several action items which are listed below that were never addressed and are on the record. In addition, these issues weren't addressed at the 6/4 CDC meeting either:

1. Counsel "Karen Gordan" was given 30 Days to research if the Buffalo Common Council as a Municipality has the power and authority to develop legislation that would end the sale of menthol flavored tobacco in the city of Buffalo, NY.
2. In addition, as stated on the record. CDC will explore the possibility of implementing conditions on deli/retail stores that restrict the sale of menthol flavored tobacco;
3. CDC will consider developing a Resolution that calls on NYS to ban the sale of menthol tobacco, which would be signed by the Buffalo Common Council.
4. Tobacco Action Group members requested a meeting between the Buffalo Common Council, including the Public Health Law Center to further discuss this matter as well.

Regards,
Stan Martin

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Why an FDA Ban on Menthol Is Likely to Survive a Tobacco Industry Lawsuit

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Keywords

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The 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (hereinafter, Tobacco Control Act or the Act) provided the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with broad authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing, and distribution of tobacco products to protect public health.¹ The Act banned flavored cigarettes yet exempted menthol cigarettes.¹ This exemption was coupled with a directive that the FDA seek a report and recommendation from the Tobacco Product Scientific Advisory Committee (TPSAC) as a first order of business concerning the effect of menthol cigarettes on public health, with an emphasis on children and adolescents and racial/ethnic minority groups, particularly African Americans.¹ The 2011 TPSAC report concluded that removing menthol cigarettes from the US market would benefit public health.² A subsequent FDA evidence review and addendum in 2013 concluded it was “likely that menthol cigarettes pose a public health risk above that seen with non-menthol cigarettes.”³ Mounting evidence supports the detrimental effects of menthol cigarettes on population health, yet the FDA had not publicly pursued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) or a final rule after issuing 2 advance notices of proposed rulemaking (ANPRMs; an ANPRM is a preliminary step in the regulatory process) on a potential ban on menthol cigarettes in 2013 and on flavors, including menthol, in 2018.

In October 2018, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb noted that it was “a mistake for the agency to back away on menthol.”⁴ On November 15, 2018, the FDA made a historic announcement that outlined a plan to ban menthol combustible tobacco products.⁵ Afterward, market analysts and tobacco industry representatives speculated that a menthol ban would never go into effect or would be delayed by years of litigation.⁶⁻⁸ Although the FDA has yet to publish a menthol product standard, tobacco companies are likely to challenge such a rule in court. We provide an overview of potential industry arguments and the scientific evidence supporting a menthol product standard.

Why Regulate Menthol?

Menthol is added to cigarettes to produce a cool, minty flavor with anesthetic properties that mask the harshness of tobacco smoke, making it easier to tolerate, especially for novice smokers.^{2,9} Menthol cigarettes comprise roughly one-third of the US tobacco cigarette market, and its market share has been increasing despite declining cigarette consumption, which is overwhelmingly attributed to decreases in nonmenthol cigarette use.^{10,11} These population trends are consistent with the TPSAC’s conclusion that menthol in cigarettes increases initiation and progression to tobacco smoking and decreases the likelihood of smoking cessation.^{3,12}

FDA Authority to Regulate Menthol

Section 907 of the Act authorizes the FDA to regulate menthol by issuing a product standard that would require tobacco companies to alter the content of their products. To establish a standard “appropriate for the protection of public health,” the FDA must consider scientific information concerning (1) the risks and benefits to the population as a whole, including users and nonusers; (2) the likelihood that existing users of tobacco products will stop using such products; and (3) the likelihood that those who do not use tobacco products will start using such products. The Act further requires the FDA to consider information about the proposed

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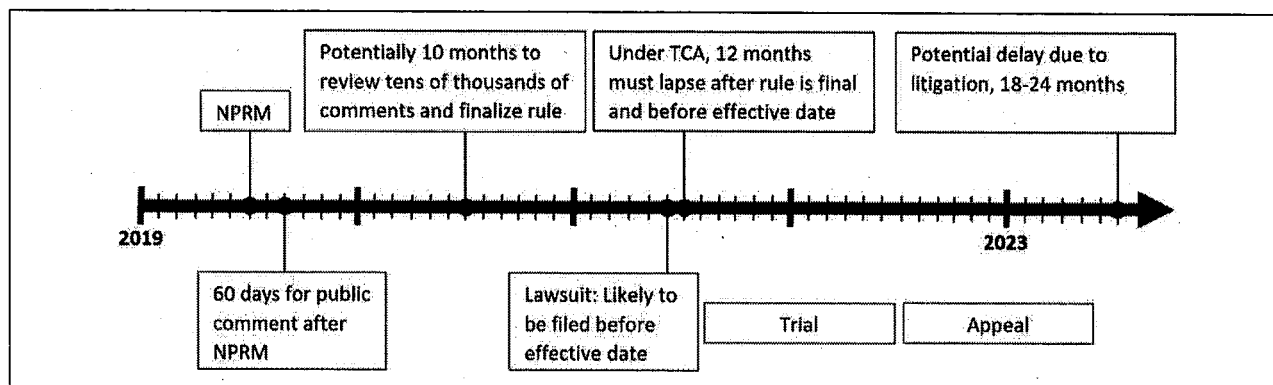


Figure. Approximate timeline for issuance of a final rule and potential litigation, assuming a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) is issued on July 1, 2018. Abbreviation: TCA, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.¹

standard's "technical achievability" and any "countervailing effects of the tobacco product standard... such as the creation of a significant demand for contraband."¹ Issuing an NPRM and a final rule banning menthol may take up to 2 years, absent litigation (Figure).

Potential Tobacco Industry Arguments

The structure and text of the Act sets up 2 plausible arguments that the tobacco industry is likely to pursue. These arguments have been raised in statements to the press and in comments by RAI Services Company ("Reynolds") and Altria Client Services ("Altria") responding to the March 2018 ANPRM on flavors.^{6,7,13,14}

Appropriate for the Protection of Public Health

After the FDA's announcement in November, Altria's general counsel said, "a total ban on menthol cigarettes or flavored cigars would be an extreme measure not supported by the science and evidence."⁶ Although comments by Reynolds and Altria on the ANPRM raise numerous arguments, we address the 2 issues most likely to be featured in a lawsuit. Both Reynolds and Altria claim there is a consensus on the notion that menthol cigarettes are not more toxic than nonmenthol cigarettes.^{13,14} Although all cigarettes are effectively associated with premature morbidity and mortality for a substantial proportion of long-term users at the individual level,^{5,15-17} menthol cigarettes are more harmful than nonmenthol cigarettes at the population level, because they facilitate smoking initiation and nicotine dependence and impede cessation.^{2,3,18} Population-level effects are the FDA's target for regulatory action.¹⁸ On other key issues, Reynolds and Altria arrive at conclusions that are diametrically opposed to the findings of the TPSAC, the 2013 FDA report, and most independent scientific researchers. In short, their interpretation of the science is that menthol smoking is not associated with (1) increased initiation and progression to regular cigarette smoking, (2) increased dependence, and (3) reduced success in smoking cessation.^{13,14}

It is worth noting that Reynolds' first step in combating an FDA regulation of menthol took place before the TPSAC report was finalized. Early in 2011, a Reynolds affiliate attempted to discredit the TPSAC's report on menthol through litigation by alleging that 3 of its members had conflicts of interest.¹⁹ The lawsuit was successful in a district court, but it was reversed on appeal in 2016.¹⁹ This and other strategies presaged by Reynolds' and Altria's ANPRM comments evoked the industry's decades-old strategies of disputing unfavorable science, planting doubt, and manufacturing conflicts of interest.²⁰⁻²²

Reynolds' ANPRM comment relies on 4 studies published by its own paid consultants.¹⁴ Altria uses a strategy of elevating the level of proof required in scientific analysis to *causation* rather than *association*, arguing there is no "causal relationship between the use of menthol in cigarettes and smoking initiation... [;] between the use of menthol in cigarettes and increased dependence... [; and] between the use of menthol in cigarettes and smoking cessation."¹³ However, the Act does not require causation, and the framework laid out by the 2011 TPSAC report highlights equipoise as the relevant requirement, in line with other government reviews.^{2,23} Thus, the relevant inquiry is whether pursuing a product standard is at least as likely to protect public health as taking no action. The weight of the evidence on the public health effect of menthol cigarettes is above equipoise, meeting many of the principles used to inform causal inference (eg, temporal relationship, consistency, coherence).²⁴

The FDA will likely counter the tobacco industry's arguments by relying on a strong consensus of leading scientists. Independent reviews support the notion that menthol cigarettes increase the number of persons who initiate and progress to smoking by making it easier to start and become addicted.^{11,12,25,26} Indeed, nearly 90% of all smokers start before age 18.²⁷ In addition, teenage smokers start smoking with menthol cigarettes at disproportionately high rates.²⁷⁻²⁹ Once addicted, smokers of menthol cigarettes are more likely to remain long-term customers because menthol cigarette smokers have greater difficulty quitting than smokers of

nonmenthol cigarettes.^{3,12,25} In addition, the tobacco industry has historically—and successfully—targeted menthol cigarettes to groups that now smoke menthol at disproportionately high rates,^{28–30} including adolescents, women, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer and questioning persons, African Americans, and Hispanic persons.¹¹

Since publication of the 2013 FDA report, Villanti et al¹² found that studies on menthol “bolster and augment earlier findings regarding the deleterious relationship between menthol cigarette use, youth smoking initiation, and nicotine dependence.” This comprehensive 2017 review of the scientific evidence found “more than sufficient evidence to establish a positive relationship between menthol cigarettes and (1) increased youth smoking initiation, (2) increased nicotine dependence, and (3) decreased adult cessation.”¹² These conclusions track the Act’s standard and contradict the tobacco industry’s main contentions. Moreover, despite decreases in the use of nonmenthol cigarettes, research indicated that the market share of menthol cigarettes has grown in recent years—increasing among young adults and remaining constant among adolescents and adults—heightening the importance of addressing menthol cigarettes.^{11,12}

Given the weight of the scientific evidence favoring a menthol ban, a court is likely to find that a regulation banning combustible menthol tobacco products is appropriate for the protection of public health. Although scientific debate outlined previously over menthol is likely to play a pivotal role in determining the outcome of the case, the tobacco industry will likely use the threat of illicit trade to undermine and distract from this part of the analysis.

Countervailing Effects of Demand for Contraband

The FDA must consider “information concerning the countervailing effects of the tobacco product standard on the health of adolescent tobacco users, adult tobacco users, or non-tobacco users such as the creation of a significant demand for contraband.”¹ This standard is lenient because it merely requires the FDA to consider the effect of illicit trade on a proposed product standard.¹ A court would likely reason that illicit trade should warrant striking down a product standard only if the magnitude of illicit trade is so substantial that the product standard would no longer protect public health. Notably, the Act did not conclude that the threat of illicit markets is a reason to refrain from regulation; rather, it empowered the FDA to protect against such a threat.^{1,31} For example, Section 920 of the Act grants the FDA authority to implement a track-and-trace program to combat illicit trade.¹

Reynolds and Altria argue that a ban on menthol cigarettes would increase the demand for illicit menthol cigarettes and lead to consequences such as (1) a flood of unregulated cigarettes on the market; (2) increased sales to young persons; (3) smokers making their own menthol cigarettes; (4) criminalizing smoking preferences, with a disproportionate effect on African Americans, and increasing criminal

activity; and (5) a loss of tax revenue and Master Settlement Agreement payments.^{13,14} This litany of arguments is not surprising. The tobacco industry consistently uses the specter of illicit trade as a tool to combat various types of regulation, including regulations on graphic warning labels, tax increases, and restrictions on flavors.³¹ Comparisons between tobacco industry estimates of illicit trade and estimates of independent researchers show that industry estimates are likely to overestimate actual behavior.^{32,33} Industry figures are also consistently characterized by a lack of transparency in describing methodologies and presenting findings.³² Nevertheless, the 5 arguments warrant attention.

1. Flood of unregulated cigarettes on the market. A menthol ban may actually decrease illicit trade. In the United States, a large portion of illicit trade involves cross-border sales whereby bootleggers exploit price disparities by buying cigarettes in states with low taxes and trafficking them to localities with substantially higher prices.³⁴ For this tax-driven interstate marketplace, the supply of low-cost cigarettes is abundant. With some of the highest cigarette prices nationwide, New York City may be the largest market for contraband cigarettes in the United States.³⁵ In New York City, 48% of cigarette smokers smoke menthol cigarettes.³⁶ Virginia is the most common source of cigarettes trafficked into New York City.³⁷ One study found that more than 80% of the illicit cigarettes found in the South Bronx are Newport menthol cigarettes,³⁸ a phenomenon that is also prevalent in Harlem.³⁹ In the event of a ban on menthol cigarettes, the supply for what is likely the most commonly bootlegged cigarette brand in New York City would evaporate, potentially resulting in an overall decrease in New York City’s illicit market.

Without traditional sources of legally taxed, domestic menthol cigarettes, traffickers would have to find new illicit sources. Illicit domestic production is likely to pose substantial financial and legal risks to the producers. Reliance on international sources is likely to increase the costs of evading US customs and other law enforcement authorities. Although some menthol cigarette smokers would likely seek out illicit menthol cigarettes, one study suggests that most menthol cigarette smokers would be unlikely to pay a premium for menthol cigarettes or contend with logistical obstacles to obtain them.⁴⁰

Even if sources of illicit menthol cigarettes emerge, it would be improbable for illicit production and distribution to rival the current consumption of menthol cigarettes, estimated at 4.5 billion packs in 2016.^{41,42} Contrary to industry predictions, after Nova Scotia implemented a menthol ban in 2015—the first Canadian province to do so—there was no surge in illicit menthol cigarettes.⁴³ (Canada implemented a national ban on menthol cigarettes in 2017.) Furthermore, to the extent that menthol cigarette smokers quit or migrate to other sources of nicotine, such as nonmenthol cigarettes or electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), the demand for illicit menthol tobacco products would decline.

In addition to creating a track-and-trace system, the FDA can disrupt trafficking into the United States through inter-governmental cooperation. For example, the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations can coordinate with US Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to improve enforcement at certain ports of entry and other strategically selected points. The FDA can also coordinate with state attorneys general to pressure shipment companies (eg, UPS, FedEx) to increase compliance with a ban on online cigarette sales.⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶

2. Increased sales to young persons. The theory that a menthol ban will lead to an increase in cigarette sales to young persons is premised on several assumptions. First, it is based on a faulty assumption that the volume of illicit menthol cigarettes will increase. Second, it assumes that increasing the distribution of illicit cigarettes outside of regulated retail outlets will increase access to tobacco products for young persons. There is no evidence that this is likely to happen. Third, it fails to consider trends in tobacco use among young persons^{47,48} and data on the effect of the FDA's 2009 ban on flavored cigarettes.^{49,50} These data suggest that although a ban on menthol-flavored cigarettes may contribute to a migration of young persons to e-cigarettes—in which menthol presumably would be allowed as a flavor under an FDA product standard^{51,52}—it will likely reduce the overall probability of tobacco use among young persons.

3. Smokers making their own menthol cigarettes. Internal tobacco industry documents reveal that, in terms of chemistry, manipulating menthol is challenging because of its high volatility, and tobacco companies worked for decades to optimize menthol yields, filing numerous patent applications since the 1960s.⁹ It is not credible to speculate that home-made menthol cigarettes can approximate commercially available products or that people will "DIY" (ie, make their own menthol cigarettes) on a large scale.

4. Criminalizing menthol cigarettes and increased criminal activity. Reynolds' contention that a menthol ban will "criminalize smoking preferences," with a disproportionate effect on African Americans (eg, police arresting young African Americans, inflaming racial tensions, and leading to violence), is phrased ambiguously. However, statements made by Reynolds' surrogates suggest that it is part of a strategy calculated to stoke fear that a menthol ban will lead to conflict, and inevitably violence, between police and black teenagers.⁵³ This opposition strategy, however, is not founded in any empirical data and ignores basic realities about tobacco control enforcement. The FDA's product standard would not criminalize anything. Rather, it would cut off the supply of menthol combustibles at a manufacturing level. The notion that consumers, especially African American consumers, would be the target of FDA enforcement actions is unfounded given that civil penalties are issued to retailers, not consumers, for violating FDA regulations related to tobacco.

Furthermore, no evidence indicates that a menthol ban would increase African American participation in illicit markets.

Reynolds argues that a menthol ban would result in an overall increase in criminal activity through an increase in illicit sales, an increase in sales to adolescents, and an increase in other criminal activity that may be funded by profits from illicit tobacco sales. These predictions are speculative, and although the FDA should consider them seriously, these predictions do not appear to be compelling reasons for the FDA to refrain from banning menthol cigarettes.

5. Loss of tax revenue and Master Settlement Agreement payments. Reynolds and Altria contend that a ban on menthol cigarettes would result in a dramatic loss of tax revenue and Master Settlement Agreement payments. Indeed, the FDA must consider the current and future costs and benefits of a rule.⁵⁴ Altria estimates that \$63 billion is generated annually from excise taxes, payments from the Master Settlement Agreement and Previously Settled State Agreements, sales taxes, and taxable corporate and personal income from tobacco-related businesses and jobs.¹³ A portion of this \$63 billion is from sales of menthol cigarettes. Altria also describes how a menthol ban would have a negative effect on tobacco growers and retailers.¹³ However, neither Altria nor Reynolds refer to the total economic cost of smoking, which is approximately \$326 billion annually, including \$170 billion⁵⁵ in direct medical care for adults and \$156 billion²⁴ in lost productivity caused by premature death and exposure to secondhand smoke. A court is unlikely to be persuaded that lost revenue weighs against a menthol ban in light of the overwhelming total economic costs of smoking.

Overall, it seems unlikely that the tobacco industry will articulate persuasive arguments that illicit trade would nullify the public health benefits of a menthol ban. As a result, illicit trade seems unlikely to shift a court's assessment of the weight of the scientific evidence.

Likely Delay Due to Litigation

A legal challenge to a ban on menthol cigarettes is likely to delay implementation of the product standard. First, the industry will likely argue that the FDA should be blocked from implementing the rule. To do so, the tobacco industry plaintiffs must establish that they are likely to prevail on the merits, they are likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, that a balance of hardships weighs in their favor, and that the public interest favors an injunction.⁵⁶ Even if a court finds that the FDA is likely to prevail on the merits, other factors may weigh in favor of an injunction. Second, industry lawyers may argue that a trial, possibly by jury, must decide which side has more credible experts. Depending on the judge assigned to the case, among other factors, the duration of the pretrial period and a trial, if necessary, can vary widely. Regardless of which side prevails at trial, appeals typically will follow, adding months or years to the process. Although implementation of a rule before a

trial or during an appeal is possible, it is far from certain. Overall, the legal process may play out over several years.

Conclusion

The FDA's plan to ban combustible menthol cigarettes has the potential to save lives. However, given menthol cigarettes' sizable market share, the tobacco industry is likely to oppose the move in court. The weight of the scientific evidence supporting a menthol ban, including several independent evidence reviews, has only grown stronger during the past several years. In addition, emerging evidence from menthol bans in US municipalities and Canada are likely to solidify support for such a product standard. Industry arguments about illicit trade arguments are unlikely to distract a court from the weight of the scientific evidence. Therefore, a court is likely to uphold a menthol ban as appropriate for the protection of public health.^{2,3,12,57} A more difficult question is how long litigation may delay implementation. Increases in menthol market share highlight the urgency of implementation.

One novel element of this controversy is that it would take place in the context of the FDA's comprehensive nicotine framework.⁵⁸ The cornerstone of that plan involves reducing nicotine levels in cigarettes to nonaddictive levels, leaving e-cigarettes as a less harmful source of nicotine for tobacco cigarette smokers who are unable or unwilling to quit.⁵⁹ If the FDA sets a nicotine reduction standard for combustible tobacco products after a ban on menthol cigarettes goes into effect,⁵⁹ a court may consider that both product standards (menthol and low nicotine) are part of a plan to reduce the use of combustible tobacco products, and if both steps are implemented together, the FDA can likely make an even stronger case that a ban on menthol cigarettes is a sensible part of a plan that, as a whole, is appropriate for the protection of public health.

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AGENDA ITEM 24-884

Bollman- Addressing the Impact of Geiter Done on the Seneca Babcock Community

Whereas, the company by the name of Geiter Done, located at 383 Babcock Street has been identified as a source of odor and pollution concerns affecting the Seneca Babcock community;

Whereas, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) issued a Notice of Violation letter to Geiter Done on May 13th, 2024, stating that their company was in violation of Part 360 of Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (NYCRR), which pertains to solid waste management facilities;

Whereas, these violations have contributed to a significant odor nuisance for the past year and a half in the Seneca Babcock community, leading to quality of life and pollution concerns;

Whereas, it is imperative that Geiter Done immediately take action to comply with all relevant state guidelines and regulations to mitigate these negative effects;

Whereas, it has been called into question whether Geiter Done is operating accordingly within the guidelines of their current permit; and

Whereas, attached to this resolution are nuisance logs and petitions from the Seneca Babcock community, along with the Notice of Violation sent to Geiter Done from the DEC: Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

1. Calls on Geiter Done to take immediate and effective measures to rectify all violations noted by the DEC, specifically addressing the odor and pollution concerns as per Part 360 of Title 6 of the NYCRR;
2. Calls on the Department of Public Works to review their service contract with Geiter Done;
3. Calls on the Office of Permits and Inspections to review the agreement between Geiter Done prior to their license renewal, and if necessary, add conditions;
4. Recommends that the Seneca Babcock Community Leadership Team attend the next Community Development meeting to voice their concerns and how Geiter Done has impacted their community; and
5. Calls on the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner of DPW, Commissioner of Permits and Inspections, Buffalo 311 Call Center Manager, Mayor's Office, and the WNY State Delegation.

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From: Caitlin M. Glinski <cglinski@modpac.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Councilmember Golombek – North
Cc: Kelly Powers; Nicole Kane;
Subject: Parking/Dock Access Issue on Rosalia Street

Good Morning,

I am the Human Resources Generalist at MOD-PAC, Corp. on Elmwood Avenue. I spoke with your office a couple days ago regarding an issue that we are having on Rosalia Street.

Rosalia is a nonresidential street that has direct access to our docks. We have been receiving complaints from truck drivers that due to cars being parked down the length of the street, they are unable to navigate the turn onto Rosalia. The only other access to our docks is on Ledger Street, which is residential, trucks using this route have caused issues with power line clearance and complaints from the residents.

The cars parking on Rosalia are largely Verizon Employees, who have assigned parking spaces in the lot just beside our docks, and customer cars of Gerber Collision. These cars also tend to park onto the sidewalk which causes a safety issue.

There is signage on one side of Rosalia indicating no parking between Monday 6pm and Thursday 6pm, but there is currently no signage on the opposite side of the street. We would like signage to be placed on that opposite side indicating that parking is not permitted at any time. Additionally, we would like to change the signage already posted to indicate no parking on that side of the street either. Our trucks turn down Rosalia coming from either direction on Hertel, so parking on either side is making the street impassable for them.

Please let me know what steps can be taken to implement this. If there is any further information that you require, please let me know.

Thank you for your time,



Caitlin Glinski
Human Resource Generalist
716.566.9240

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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: General Public and Misc. Communications
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Bethany Wright
Initiator: Bethany Wright
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AGENDA ITEM 24-589

Bike Ped Advisory Board - Memorializing NYS Leg to Pass SAFE Streets Act

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Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass the SAFE Streets Act

Between 2017 and 2021, New York State Department of Transportation recorded 121,807 reported automobile-involved crashes or an average of 67 crashes per day in Erie and Niagara counties with, on average, 64 people dying each year. Of the total reported crashes, 3,472 involved people walking or bicycling. According to the New York State Department of Health, annually, traffic crashes resulted in an average of \$18.6 Million in hospitalization charges in Erie County alone.

Motor vehicle crashes have a staggering toll on our community. Fortunately, New York State lawmakers this session will once again consider a series of important bills known as the SAFE Streets Act. These bills are intended to reduce collisions through road design and vehicle safety standards.

Here is a summary of some of the measures:

- Complete Street Maintenance (S2714/A01280) – Includes, when possible, complete street design features in resurfacing, maintenance, and pavement recycling projects that further enable safe access to public roads for all users.
- Complete Streets Budget Ask – Increase funding in the Department of Transportation Capital Projects Budget for Complete Streets from \$5million to \$10million.
- Stop as Yield (S1724/A04346) – Allows cyclists to treat stop lights as stop signs and stop signs as yields, reducing vehicle conflict while prioritizing pedestrian right-of-way and encouraging increased cyclist use of low-traffic, secondary roads.
- Speed Limiters for Repeat Offenders (S2643/A3986) – Requires mandatory intelligent speed assistance technology for repeat offenders.

These measures build on the previous passage of components of the Crash Victim Rights and Safety Act which included funding for complete streets projects around the state, authorized municipalities to lower speed limits to 25 mile per hour (MPH) and required additional driver's education instruction on interacting with vulnerable road users.

Crashes are not inevitable. There are things we can do to make our streets safer for everyone, no matter their mode of travel. Passing the SAFE Streets Act will save lives and make our streets safer for all.

Unanimously adopted by the City of Buffalo Common Council's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board on March 5, 2024.



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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 24-216

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope

DOC ID: 23818 E

Halton-Pope - Status Update and Further Action on Ellicott Townhouse Association Management Concerns

Whereas, the City of Buffalo Common Council, under the leadership of former Council Member Darius G. Pridgen, called for the management of the Ellicott Townhouse Association to address multiple complaints raised by residents, relating to the management and oversight of the Ellicott District's townhouse community;

Whereas, these complaints encompassed issues such as the mismanagement of homeowners' association (HOA) fees, lack of transparent communication, absence of a functional Homeowners Association, and failure to address residents' requests for repairs and other concerns promptly; and

Whereas, the initial resolution emphasized the importance of accountability, transparency, and the well-being of the residents within the Ellicott District;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Buffalo Common Council hereby:

1. Requests a detailed report on the outcomes and developments following the management of the Ellicott Townhouse Association's appearance before the Buffalo Common Council, including any measures implemented to address the residents' complaints and concerns.
2. Calls for an assessment of the current situation within the Ellicott Townhouse Association, particularly regarding the improvements in management practices, communication transparency, and responsiveness to residents' needs.
3. Encourages ongoing dialogue between the Ellicott Townhouse Association management, residents, and the Buffalo Common Council to ensure continuous improvement and satisfaction within the townhouse community.

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The City of Buffalo Common Council

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AGENDA ITEM 24-213

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Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution
Prepared By: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Initiator: Pedro Gonzalez-Ortiz
Sponsors: CD Committee Member Leah Halton-Pope
DOC ID: 23819 E

Halton-Pope - Progress and Future Directions for Fruitbelt Green Space Development Plan

Whereas, the City of Buffalo Common Council previously acknowledged the critical importance of green space for urban, environmental, and health benefits, as outlined in a resolution initiated by former Council Member Darius G. Pridgen focusing on the Fruit Belt neighborhood;

Whereas, this resolution highlighted the necessity for the City of Buffalo to capitalize on economic and environmental development opportunities through green space, especially during the city's renaissance;

Whereas, the advantages of green space in urban settings, including air quality regulation, climate moderation, energy consumption reduction, mental health benefits, and community social capital building, are well-documented and were emphasized in the initial resolution; and

Whereas, The City of Buffalo aims to be a leader in environmental policy and planning, setting an example for other cities in the U.S.;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Buffalo Common Council hereby:

1. Requests an update from the Office of Strategic Planning on the identification, highlighting, and implementation status of the Green Space Strategic Plan for the Fruit Belt neighborhood, including any progress made and challenges encountered.
2. Encourages the exploration of new opportunities and strategies to enhance and expand green spaces within the Fruit Belt neighborhood and across The City of Buffalo, ensuring these spaces are accessible and beneficial to all citizens.
3. Recommends ongoing collaboration with residents, stakeholders, and environmental experts to continually refine and improve the Green Space Strategic Plan, aligning it with the best practices and innovative approaches observed in cities nationally and internationally.

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Prepared By: Tess Rine

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Initiator: Tess Rine

Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

AGENDA ITEM 23-2202

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Nowakowski- Project Details Request - Old First Ward Community Center Parking Lot

The Honorable Common Council Body will find communication between Council Member Nowakowski and Francisco Guzman, Deputy Commissioner of Buildings.

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A COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF

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Fillmore District Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

To: Francisco Guzman, Deputy Commissioner of Buildings
From: Mitchell P. Nowakowski, Fillmore District Council Member
Date: December 20, 2023
Subject: **Project Details Request - Old First Ward Community Center Parking Lot**

Dear Francisco Guzman, Deputy Commissioner of Buildings:

I am writing to you to follow up a request. On December 14, 2022, my staff reached out to you to request information regarding the anticipated timeline for the upcoming work on the Old First Ward Community Center, with a specific focus on addressing the deteriorating condition of the parking lot.

The initial request outlined our need for details on when the proposed work is expected to commence and the anticipated completion date. Additionally, we expressed a desire for any relevant updates or factors that may impact the project timeline. To date, we have not received any acknowledgment of the receipt of our request or the requested information. My staff and I followed up twice on December 19, 2023, without any response from your end.

I understand that certain matters may require time and attention. I kindly request that you confirm the receipt of this letter and provide the requested information by Tuesday, December 26.

I look forward to your prompt response and cooperation in resolving this issue.

Sincerely,

Mitch P. Nowakowski
Fillmore District Council Member



Community Development Committee

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: September 8, 2026 2:00 PM
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Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000451



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AGENDA ITEM 23-1972

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Derek L Smith

Initiator: Derek L Smith

Sponsors: Council Member Mitchell P. Nowakowski

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Nowakowski - Pursuing the Foreclosure of 377 Main St.

Whereas, the building at 377 Main St. was formerly an iconic downtown retail establishment known as Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co. "AM&A's" but the building has sat dormant through multiple owners for over 20 years;

Whereas, a strong, vibrant city relies on a robust commercial core that attracts both residents and visitors to live, work and recreate;

Whereas, the physical infrastructure of our downtown core and its built environment is a key component to the overall economic health of the city because of the significant footprint of properties like 377 Main St;

Whereas, properties such as 377 Main Street should be contributing to the social fabric, density and significant tax revenue to support the City;

Whereas, this property is delinquent in tax and sewer payments to the City totaling \$245,984.96 since 2020 which deprives our residents of funding necessary to provide services in every part of the city, while two out-of-town landlords dispute ownership in court;

Whereas, due to 377 Main Street currently held in litigation in a New York Bankruptcy Court the City of Buffalo requests relief from the Court due to the significant and compounding taxes remaining delinquent by the current owners and its long-standing vacancy contributing to blight downtown;

Whereas, this 10-story property has the potential to be an attractive and contributing structure that could be put to a variety of successful uses while enhancing the character of downtown;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the City of Buffalo Common Council:

- 1.)** Requests the Department of Assessment and Taxation to examine and conduct a foreclosure proceeding on the property at 377 Main St. Buffalo, New York 14203 in the first quarter of 2024.
- 2.)** Requests the Department of Assessments and Taxation hold an auction for 377 Main St. and other applicable properties in the first quarter of 2024.
- 3.)** Copies of this resolution are to be sent to the Mayor's Office, the Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Real Estate.

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AGENDA ITEM 23-994

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Real Estate
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
Initiator: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
Sponsors:
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Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Community Action Organization of WNY, Inc (Edward Saunders) Located at 2777 Bailey Ave (UN)

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: Item No. 18-1971 C.C.P. 5/28/2019

In the above referenced item, Your Honorable Body approved the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and Community Centers housed in several City-owned properties. Per the terms of the lease agreement, these agreements expired three (3) years from the date of execution of each lease agreement.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning Division of Real Estate would like to extend the lease agreement between the City of Buffalo and Community Action Organization of WNY, Inc. with a place of business located at 45 Jewett Ave, Suite 150, Buffalo, New York 14214 for the use of the Community Center, commonly known as the Edward Saunders Center located at 2777 Bailey Ave for an additional three (3) years.

The terms and conditions of the agreements shall remain the same and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The lease shall be in effect for three (3) Years. The tenant shall notify the Director of Real Estate, its intent to extend this lease, no later than sixty (60) days PRIOR to the expiration of the lease term. Both parties must sign and agree to the terms of a renewal or new lease agreements.
2. Leased Premises: **2777 Bailey Ave.**
3. A nominal rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) has been assigned.
4. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all telephones, telephone services, fax, computers, internet, permits and fees associated with the use of the premises. The City shall be responsible for utilities including gas, water, sewer charges and electricity.
5. Tenant shall pay the garbage user fee and the costs for the pickup and removal of solid wastes from the premises.
6. The property is let "as is", and Tenant shall have the right, at its own expense, to remodel, redecorate or alter the same provided however, that such remodeling redecorating or altering shall have the prior written approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of the City and the Common Council.
7. All fixtures installed by Tenant shall become part of the real estate and shall remain and become the property of the City upon termination of this lease.

8. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all repairs and preventative maintenance and shall at all times keep the entire premises in a clean and healthful condition.
9. Tenant shall hold the City harmless of and free from any and all liability of whatsoever name and nature and howsoever caused in its use of the premises or in any way related to the use of the premises.
10. Tenant shall provide the City of Buffalo with proof of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage naming the City of Buffalo as an additional insured on said policy with minimal limits in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

This office recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the extension of the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and the Community Action Organization of WNY, Inc for the use of 2777 Bailey Ave., commonly known as the Edward Saunders Center, located within the City of Buffalo to include but not limited to the above terms and conditions. I am also requesting that Your Honorable Body authorize the Corporation Counsel to prepare said lease agreements and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same.

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Prepared By: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
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Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Association, Inc (Hennepin Community Center) Located at 24 Ludington (Aka 1207 Bailey Ave.) (LO)

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: Item No. 18-1971 C.C.P. 5/28/2019

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The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning Division of Real Estate would like to extend the lease agreement between the City of Buffalo and Seneca Babcock Community Association, Inc., with a place of business located at 24 Ludington., Buffalo, New York 14206 for the use of the Community Center, commonly known as the Hennepin Community Center located at 24 Ludington (aka 1207 Bailey Ave.) for an additional three (3) years.

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Community Development Committee

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AGENDA ITEM 26-000455



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AGENDA ITEM 23-1003

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Real Estate
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
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Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (Seneca Babcock Community Center) Located at 1168 Seneca St (LO)

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: Item No. 18-1971 C.C.P. 5/28/2019

In the above referenced item, Your Honorable Body approved the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and Community Centers housed in several City-owned properties. Per the terms of the lease agreement, these agreements expired three (3) years from the date of execution of each lease agreement.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning Division of Real Estate would like to extend the lease agreement between the City of Buffalo and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc with a place of business located at 1168 Seneca St., Buffalo, New York 14210 for the use of the Community Center, commonly known as the Seneca Babcock Community Center located at 1168 Seneca St. for an additional three (3) years.

The terms and conditions of the agreements shall remain the same and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The lease shall be in effect for three (3) Years. The tenant shall notify the Director of Real Estate, its intent to extend this lease, no later than sixty (60) days PRIOR to the expiration of the lease term. Both parties must sign and agree to the terms of a renewal or new lease agreements.
2. Leased Premises: **1168 Seneca St.**
3. A nominal rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) has been assigned.
4. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all telephones, telephone services, fax, computers, internet, permits and fees associated with the use of the premises. The City shall be responsible for utilities including gas, water, sewer charges and electricity.
5. Tenant shall pay the garbage user fee and the costs for the pickup and removal of solid wastes from the premises.
6. The property is let "as is", and Tenant shall have the right, at its own expense, to remodel, redecorate or alter the same provided however, that such remodeling redecorating or altering shall have the prior written approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of the City and the Common Council.

7. All fixtures installed by Tenant shall become part of the real estate and shall remain and become the property of the City upon termination of this lease.
8. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all repairs and preventative maintenance and shall at all times keep the entire premises in a clean and healthful condition.
9. Tenant shall hold the City harmless of and free from any and all liability of whatsoever name and nature and howsoever caused in its use of the premises or in any way related to the use of the premises.
10. Tenant shall provide the City of Buffalo with proof of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage naming the City of Buffalo as an additional insured on said policy with minimal limits in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

This office recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the extension of the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and the Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc for the use of 1168 Seneca St., commonly known as the Seneca Babcock Community Center, located within the City of Buffalo to include but not limited to the above terms and conditions. I am also requesting that Your Honorable Body authorize the Corporation Counsel to prepare said lease agreements and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same.

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AGENDA ITEM 23-1076

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: Real Estate
Category: Communication
Prepared By: Chrystal Moore (Jones)
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Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (George K. Arthur Community Center) Located at 2050 Genesee St (LO)

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: Item No. 18-1971 C.C.P. 5/28/2019

In the above referenced item, Your Honorable Body approved the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and Community Centers housed in several City-owned properties. Per the terms of the lease agreement, these agreements expired three (3) years from the date of execution of each lease agreement.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning Division of Real Estate would like to extend the lease agreement between the City of Buffalo and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc with a place of business located at 2050 Genesee St., Buffalo, New York 14211 for the use of the Community Center, commonly known as the George K. Arthur Community Center located at 2050 Genesee St. for an additional three (3) years.

The terms and conditions of the agreements shall remain the same and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The lease shall be in effect for three (3) Years. The tenant shall notify the Director of Real Estate, its intent to extend this lease, no later than sixty (60) days PRIOR to the expiration of the lease term. Both parties must sign and agree to the terms of a renewal or new lease agreements.
2. Leased Premises: **2050 Genesee St.**
3. A nominal rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) has been assigned.
4. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all telephones, telephone services, fax, computers, internet, permits and fees associated with the use of the premises. The City shall be responsible for utilities including gas, water, sewer charges and electricity.
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7. All fixtures installed by Tenant shall become part of the real estate and shall remain and become the property of the City upon termination of this lease.

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10. Tenant shall provide the City of Buffalo with proof of comprehensive general liability insurance coverage naming the City of Buffalo as an additional insured on said policy with minimal limits in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

This office recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the extension of the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and the Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc for the use of 2050 Genesee St., commonly known as the George K. Arthur Community Center, located within the City of Buffalo to include but not limited to the above terms and conditions. I am also requesting that Your Honorable Body authorize the Corporation Counsel to prepare said lease agreements and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same.

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AGENDA ITEM 23-1002

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
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Extend Lease Agreement Between COB and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc (Schiller Park Senior Center) Located at 2057 Genesee St (LO)

PRIOR COUNCIL REFERENCE: Item No. 18-1971 C.C.P. 5/28/2019

In the above referenced item, Your Honorable Body approved the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and Community Centers housed in several City-owned properties. Per the terms of the lease agreement, these agreements expired three (3) years from the date of execution of each lease agreement.

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning Division of Real Estate would like to extend the lease agreement between the City of Buffalo and Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc with a place of business located at 2057 Genesee St., Buffalo, New York 14211 for the use of the Community Center, commonly known as the Schiller Park Senior Center located at 2057 Genesee St. for an additional three (3) years.

The terms and conditions of the agreements shall remain the same and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The lease shall be in effect for three (3) Years. The tenant shall notify the Director of Real Estate, its intent to extend this lease, no later than sixty (60) days PRIOR to the expiration of the lease term. Both parties must sign and agree to the terms of a renewal or new lease agreements.
2. Leased Premises: **2057 Genesee St.**
3. A nominal rental fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) has been assigned.
4. Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of all telephones, telephone services, fax, computers, internet, permits and fees associated with the use of the premises. The City shall be responsible for utilities including gas, water, sewer charges and electricity.
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This office recommends that Your Honorable Body approve the extension of the lease agreements between the City of Buffalo and the Seneca Babcock Community Organization, Inc for the use of 2057 Genesee St., commonly known as the Schiller Park Senior Center, located within the City of Buffalo to include but not limited to the above terms and conditions. I am also requesting that Your Honorable Body authorize the Corporation Counsel to prepare said lease agreements and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same.

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Community Development Committee

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: September 8, 2026 2:00 PM
Final Meeting:
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution - Common Council
Prepared By:
Sponsors:
DOC ID:: # 2026-1897

AGENDA ITEM 26-000458



The City of Buffalo Common Council

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM
Department: General Public and Misc. Communications
Category: Miscellaneous
Prepared By: Bethany Wright
Initiator: Bethany Wright
Sponsors:

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AGENDA ITEM 23-1060

K. Fiedler, Ciminelli's West End Development - Waterfront Village

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 8:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Ciminelli's West End Development-Waterfront Village
Attachments: Disposition Agreement.pdf; SITE PLAN WITH FIRELANE.pdf; Fwd RE WVAC requests.msg

Can you take this to the clerk's office to be filed(email and attachments)?

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 2:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ciminelli's West End Development-Waterfront Village

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Council President Darius Pridgen-

Following up on our conversation last week, I would request that you file this letter with the City Clerk and place it on the Common Council Agenda for discussion. As you recall, because you were instrumental in protecting the rights of the Waterfront residents, the sale of the city-owned property to Ciminelli for his West End development was conditioned upon several items that were to become Deed Restrictions running with the land. I am attaching correspondence from Ciminelli's Project Manager Amber Holycross along with the Common Council resolution memorializing several key issues. The purpose of this letter is to alert you that several of these conditions precedent have been violated and I ask the Common Council to see that they are enforced. These violations include:

1. The 120' waterfront setback is the most damaging and visible violation. No structures were to be built within the 120' setback but both an electrical transformer and a huge concrete patio on the end unit owner's building protrudes significantly within the setback area.
2. Plantings within the 120' setback area are limited to 2' in height but there are numerous bushes around the end unit owner's patio that exceed 2'. Also, the light standards that Ciminelli installed exceed 2' in height.
3. The driveway on the garage side along the curb was to have been labeled "Fire Lane-No Parking". See attached letter from Amber Holycross agreeing to this and it is a condition within the Common Council's Resolution. Parking in this Fire Lane occurs repeatedly.
4. The attached Disposition Agreement approved by the Common Council prohibited awnings on exterior ground level patios unless they are retractable awnings only. However, the end unit owner has just had a fixed permanent awning installed.

It took 4 ½ years to negotiate these conditions and they were taken very seriously at the time. They are no less serious now and I appreciate your assistance in seeing that these conditions are followed since it was realized at the time by all parties that these conditions were necessary for the Common Council to approve the sale of the property.

Thank you-

Kim Fiedler
24 Marina Park S., Buffalo, NY 14202

Former Chairman Sub-Committee to WVAC

(Waterfront Village Advisory Council)



The City of Buffalo Common Council

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: 11/13/18 02:00 PM
Department: Common Council
Category: Bond
Prepared By: Malcolm Ertha
Initiator: Malcolm Ertha

ADOPTED

Sponsors: Council President, Ellicott Dist. Council Member Darius G. Pridgen

AGENDA ITEM 18-1964

DOCID: 8050 H

**Pridgen - Deciding Action for Disposition of Real Property at
240 and 260 Lakefront Blvd OCT30**

Whereas, The City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency requested the approval of The Common Council for the sale of 240 and 260 Lakefront Boulevard, Buffalo, New York (Real Property) to Lakefront Boulevard, LLC (Purchaser) or an affiliated entity formed or to be formed to hold title to the Real Property;

Whereas, The City Clerk has published a Notice of Public Hearing, as required by Section 507, Subdivision 2(d) of the "General Municipal Law";

Whereas, the Project received site plan approval by The City of Buffalo Planning Board on July 30, 2018; and

Whereas, the terms of the proposed sale of the property has been duly submitted to this Common Council by The City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (Agency): Now, therefore be it

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

- 1) The Agency is hereby authorized to transfer 240 and 260 Lakefront Boulevard to Lakefront Boulevard, LLC or an affiliated entity formed or to be formed to hold title to the Real Property for \$1,300,000 and profit sharing of 33% on all net sale revenue over \$18,300,000.

Mr. Golombek moved:

That the above item be, and the same hereby is, returned to the Common Council with recommendation for approval with conditions dated November 13, 2018; and

That the Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency ("BURA") to sell 240 and 260 Lakefront Boulevard, Buffalo, New York (Real Property) to Lakefront Boulevard, LLC (Purchaser) or an affiliated entity formed or to be formed to hold title to the Real Property, for a total of \$1,300,000 with profit sharing of 33% on all net sale revenue over \$18,300,000. The sale of 240 and 260 Lakefront Boulevard to Purchaser is subject to the following conditions to be placed by BURA into the Land Disposition Agreement and by Purchaser in the Declaration of Condominium for the Project: That

1. Parking in the fire lane is prohibited.

2. Construction of additional residential units and parking structures in the green space between Marina Park's tennis court and the townhomes along Lakefront Boulevard and Ojibwa Circle is prohibited.
3. Snow storage in the waterfront access area is prohibited.
4. Exterior balconies extending from the 2nd and 3rd floor levels, outside of the 48'x38' footprint for the townhome closest to the water and 38'x28' for the remaining nineteen town homes will be prohibited.
5. Landscaping within the 120' waterfront setback and around patios will not exceed 2' in height.
6. The installation of permanent awnings and pergolas will be prohibited however the option of the homeowner to install automatic retractable awnings or use a patio umbrella will be permitted.

Approve with Conditions.

Recommended by the Committee on Community Development _____

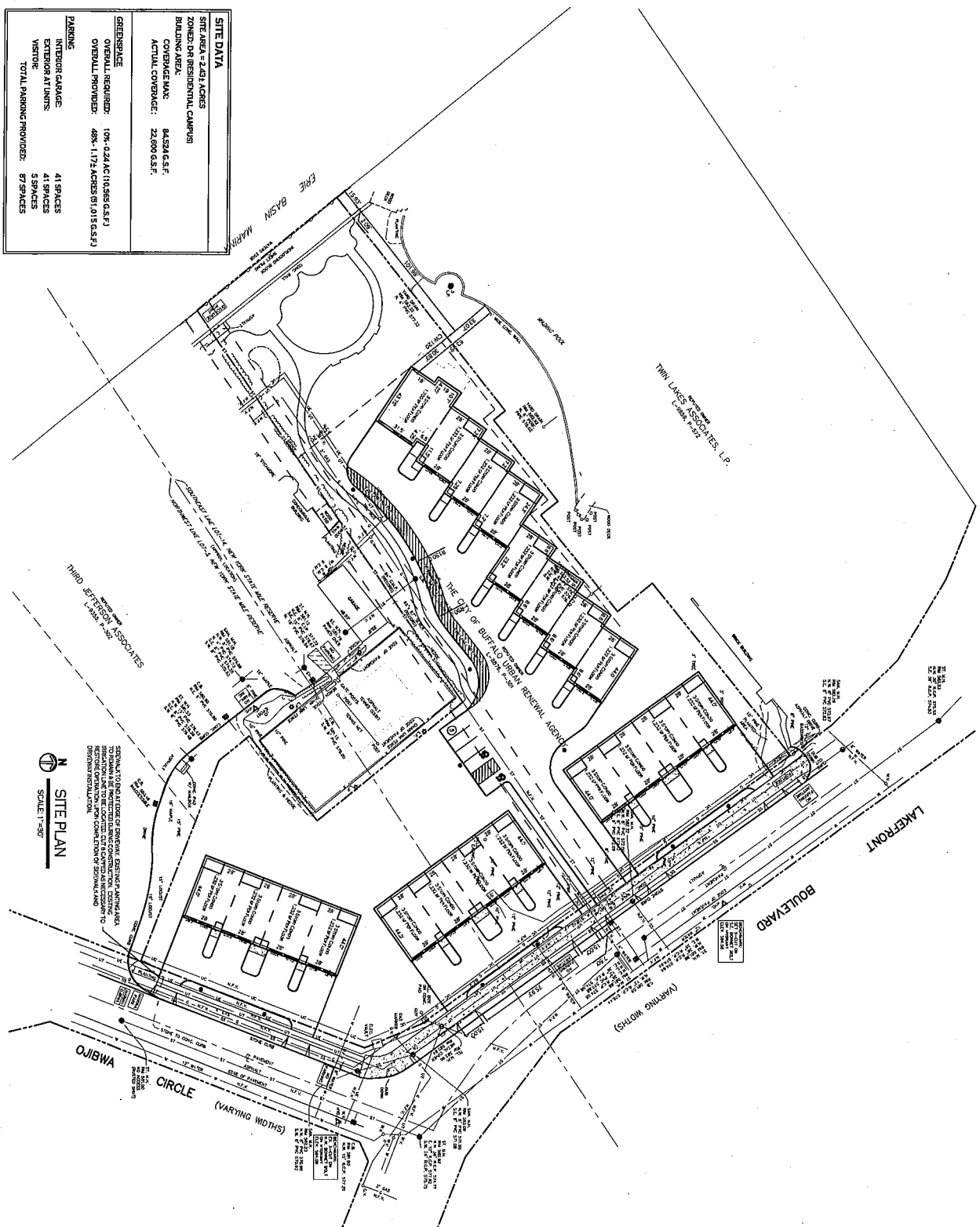
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10/30/18	Common Council	REFERRED TO CD
11/07/18	Community Development Committee	W/O REC

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

SITE DATA	
SITE AREA = 2.431 ACRES	
ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS	
BUILDING AREA:	
COVERED WALK:	84,524 G.S.F.
ACTUAL COVERAGE:	22,800 G.S.F.
GREENSPACE	
OVERALL REQUIRED:	10% - 0.24 AC (0.585 G.S.F.)
OVERALL PROVIDED:	48% - 1.174 AC (51.015 G.S.F.)
PARKING	
INTERIOR GARAGE:	41 SPACES
STREET SIDE AT DENTS:	51 SPACES
VEHICLE:	5 SPACES
TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED:	97 SPACES



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SCALE: 1"=30'

SEPARATE TO BE A LAYOUT OF EXISTING PLANTING AREA
RESERVATION LINE TO BE LOCATED 10' FROM THE PROPERTY LINE
DIMENSIONS TO BE LOCATED 10' FROM THE PROPERTY LINE

NOTES: SITE PLAN AND TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY OTHERS. CARMINA WOOD MORRIS, P.C.
ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION.

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C-100
Project No.: 15.042

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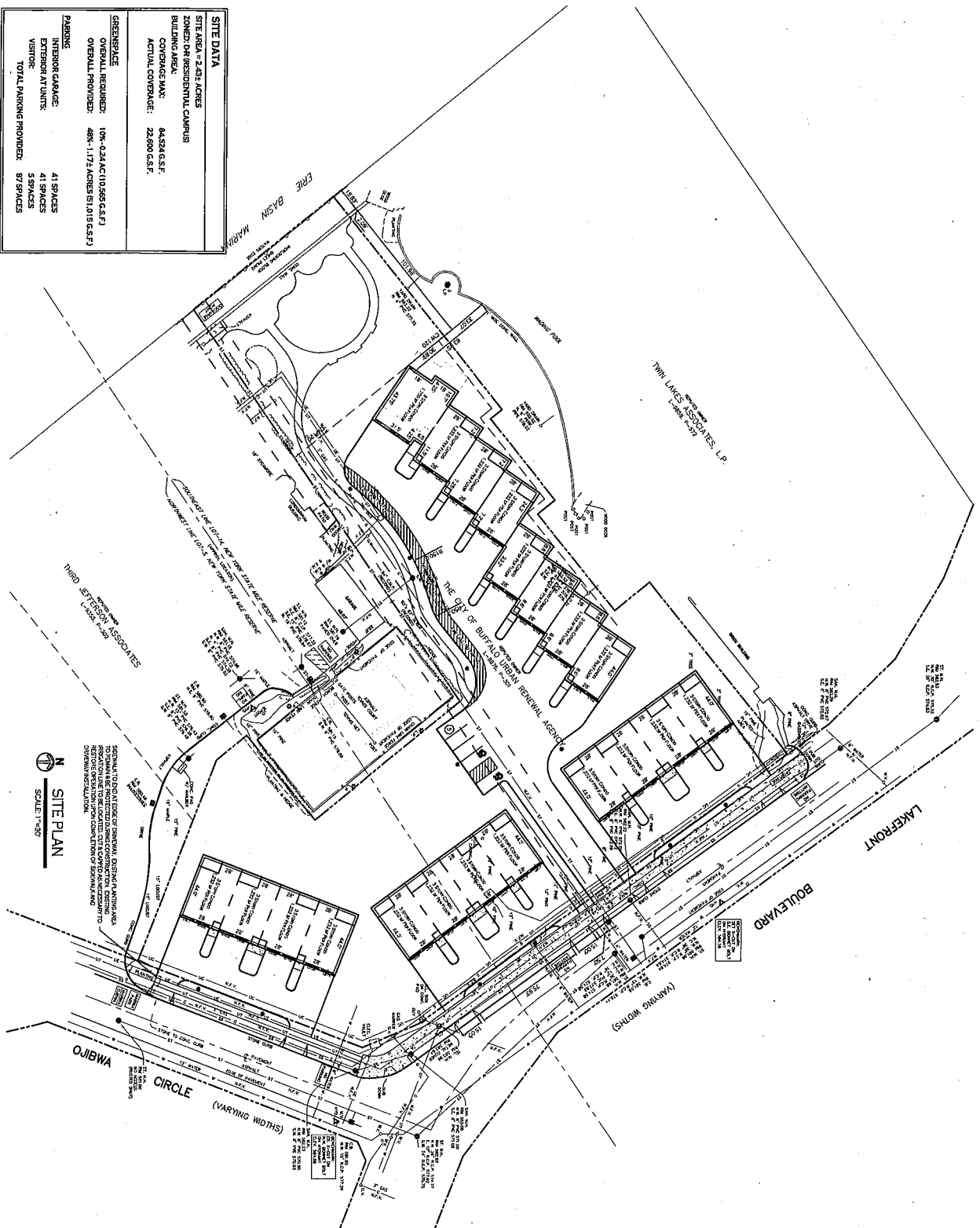
PREPARED BY:
J. D. MORRIS
DATE: 06.28.2018
DRAWN BY: J. D. MORRIS
CHECKED BY: J. D. MORRIS
APPROVED BY: J. D. MORRIS

PROJECT NAME:
New Construction
The West End
246 - 260 Lakefront Drive
Buffalo | NY | 14202
County of Erie

REVISIONS:	No.	Description	Date
Rev per Planning Dept comments	0724/2018		
Rev sidewalk limits at Marina Park PL	08/07/2018		
Rev. for CC	09/26/2018		
Revised End Drive	10/03/2018		



SITE DATA	
SITE AREA: 2.45 ACRES	
ZONED: DP RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS	
BUILDING AREA:	84,524 G.S.F.
COVERAGE MAX:	22,600 G.S.F.
ACTUAL COVERAGE:	22,600 G.S.F.
GREENSPACE	
OVERALL REQUIRED:	10% - 0.24 AC (10,560 G.S.F.)
OVERALL PROVIDED:	48% - 1.17 AC (51,015 G.S.F.)
PARKING	
INTERIOR GARAGE:	41 SPACES
EXTERIOR AT/UNITS:	41 SPACES
VISITOR:	5 SPACES
TOTAL PARKING PROVIDED:	87 SPACES



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SITE PLAN
SCALE 1"=50'

SEPARATE TO BE AT EDGE OF SHEDDING DISTANCE IN ANIMAL AREA
RESIDENTIAL TO BE LOCATED SITUATION TO BE CONSIDERED TO
OVERVIEW OF SHEDDING DISTANCE IN ANIMAL AREA

NOTES: SEE SEPARATE DRAWING FOR
PROPOSED BY OTHERS: CARMINA WOOD MORRIS P.C.
APPROVED BY: CARMINA WOOD MORRIS P.C.
PROJECT NO.: 15042

DRAWING NO.
C-100
Project No.: 15042

DRAWING NAME:
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PROJECT NAME:
New Construction
The West End
246 - 280 Lakefront Drive
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County of Erie

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No.	Date
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Community Development Committee

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: September 8, 2026 2:00 PM
Final Meeting:
Department: Common Council
Category: Resolution - Common Council
Prepared By:
Sponsors:
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AGENDA ITEM 26-000460



The City of Buffalo Common Council

1413 City Hall
Buffalo, NY 14202

Meeting: 07/28/26 02:00 PM

Department: Common Council

Category: Resolution

Prepared By: Jim Montour

Initiator: Jim Montour

Sponsors: CD Committee Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt

DOC ID: 21371 F

ADOPTED

AGENDA ITEM 23-616

Wyatt - Identifying a Location for a New DPW Facility that Best Suits the Needs of the City

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City of Buffalo construct a new facility to house various Department of Public Works services, including equipment storage, maintenance, and administrative offices;

WHEREAS, the location of this new facility will have a significant impact on the efficiency of these services, as well as the overall cost to the City of Buffalo;

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that the location of this new facility is centrally-located and accessible to all areas of the City, so that it can efficiently serve the needs of all residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, it is important to make sure that the location makes the most sense for city services, taking into consideration factors such as transportation infrastructure, proximity to other city facilities, and access to the areas that require the most attention and resources;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works to ensure that the location of this new facility is selected in a manner that is consistent with the City of Buffalo's commitment to providing the highest quality of services to all residents and businesses;

Now be it resolved that the Buffalo Common Council hereby

- 1.) calls on the Department of Public Works to ensure that the location of this new facility is centrally-located and makes the most sense for city services;
- 2.) further calls on Department of Public Works shall conduct a thorough analysis of potential locations for this new facility, taking into consideration the needs of all areas of the City, the cost of construction, and the impact on the efficiency and quality of city services;
- 3.) requests that the Department of Public Works provide regular updates to the Buffalo Common Council on the progress of this analysis, including any potential locations that have been identified and the factors that were considered in the selection process;
- 4.) affirms its commitment to working with the Department of Public Works to ensure that the location of this new facility is selected in a manner that best serves the needs of all residents and businesses in the City of Buffalo.
- 5.) directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Mayor's Office.

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PERMIT & INSPECTION SERVICES

**Commissioner's Report to the Common Council of the City of Buffalo
as per City Code §264-13(B)**

March 3, 2023

Dear Honorable Body,

The Proactive Rental Inspections legislation that was passed in November of 2020, is intended to hold landlords accountable for providing healthy homes for our residents. This legislation, which relies on interior and exterior inspections of rental units in one- and two-family houses was challenging during the pandemic. Our inspectors engaged renters in a compassionate manner and inspected interiors while navigating the pandemic. In instances when individuals were uncomfortable with interior inspections, inspectors pivoted to exterior inspections, education, and outreach. Simultaneously, the Department of Permit and Inspection Services was regearing our operations to bring departmental services online in response to the pandemic.

Throughout these challenges, the department has made a success of the PRI program. Over 4,300 inspections were done along with 195 outreach events. Most importantly, we identified the areas that need improvement to address the issue of ensuring healthy homes for our residents. As per §264-13(D), the Commissioner shall make an administrative recommendation to the Common Council. While the legislation addresses substandard rental units, it would benefit from substantive enforcement capabilities to be used with bad actors. The legislation references fines in the City Code Chapter 137, however the fines were not included in the original legislation. It is my recommendation that the following Class E fines be added to Chapter 137:

- Failure to respond to notice as required by department, §264-8(B)
- Allowing occupancy without valid Rental Registration, §264-16(A)



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Mayor of Buffalo

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Commissioner

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- Renting property without a valid Certificate of Rental Compliance, §§249-3(C), 264-20, 264-21, 264-28(A)
- Failure to clear lead hazard in specified time not to exceed 60 days, §§261-2(C), 261-6, 249-9(A)(3); 264-10(D)

Chapter 264-18 (B) Report	YEAR		
	2020	2021	2022
Number of Residential Rental Units Inspected	445	1637	2252
Number of Units Requiring Multiple Inspections	330	553	1198
Number of Units in which Lead Hazards Were Found	330	553	1198
Number of Warrants DPIS Sought	0	0	0
Number of Rental Registration Unit Certificates issued by DPIS **See Note 1**	0	0	0
Number of CRCs issued by DPIS	0	36	120
Dollars Deposited into T&A Account as per 264-15(C) **See Note 2**	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dollars Withdrawn from T&A Account as per 264-15(C) **See Note 2**	\$0	\$0	\$0
Note 1: Since the Rental Registration Program started, Rental Registration Unit Certificates have not been issued. DPIS is currently reviewing our process to determine how to issue the certificates in an efficient manner and whether those certificates benefit our residents and serve the intension of the ordinance. Note 2: See Commissioner's Recommendations associated with fines.			

Very Respectfully,

Catherine Amdur



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Halton-Pope, Concerns Re Living Conditions in BMHA-Managed Facilities

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