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TO: Wesley Prater, Chair
Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Department Head
Department of Planning and Environment

DATE: November 17, 2004

RE: Brownfields Site Remediation Grant

ACTION REQUESTED

The Department of Planning and Environment requests that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the Brownfields Site Remediation Grant application to State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality "Clean Michigan Initiative" program in the amount of \$1 million.

BACKGROUND

In May of 1999, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (WCBRA) through Resolution 99-0110, and subsequently appointed members to its Board that same year (Res. 99-0122). In February 2000, the Commissioners approved the bylaws of the WCBRA (Res. 00-0035); and in October of 2000, the Commissioners adopted the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County (Res. 00-0215).

Pursuant to the goals of the Washtenaw Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 03-0247 to adopt the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County approving tax increment financing and single business tax credit incentives for the City of Ann Arbor's Broadway Village at Lower Town Brownfield Redevelopment Project. Subsequently, a grant application was prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" program **for** a \$1 million grant to provide funds for clean-up and related activities as it relates to this project.

DISCUSSION

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissions has demonstrated its support for the sustainable redevelopment of environmentally distressed sites in Washtenaw County, as well as its commitment to collaboration with other governmental units. The Board can continue to serve the public interest by approving the attached Resolution authorizing the application for a State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality "Clean Michigan Initiative" \$1 million

grant for Brownfields site remediation. The grant application is requesting a one time, \$1 million grant to provide funds to assist with clean-up and related activities necessary to move the aforementioned brownfield site into a viable redevelopment. If successfully awarded this grant, it will reduce the amount of tax increment financing previously approved by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners by \$1 million, thus lessening the burden on relative taxing jurisdictions. In accomplishing the objectives of the grant, the County will build on existing mechanisms and networks established to leverage local dollars, encourage community involvement, assist with sustainable land-use planning, share information on environmental issues and strengthen collaborative efforts with one of our local units of government (City of Ann Arbor). This grant will be used as an incentive to help create increased economic development while eliminating contaminant pathways to public health risk through due care activities.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL

No impacts are indicated for this resolution

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The requested Board action would authorize the Administrator to accept the grant award of \$1 million. There is no impact on the county General Fund budget.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

There will be no impact on indirect costs as the grant does not allow for this expense.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES

This project will provide a strong foundation for partnerships with one of its WCBRA members, the City of Ann Arbor, in pursuing sustainable land use practices by remediating and putting back to productive use environmentally distressed areas.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This action is in conformance with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES

Attachment A Final Proposal for State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" \$1 million Brownfields Site Remediation grant.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE ON AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S "CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE" PROGRAM \$1 MILLION BROWNFIELDS SITE REMEDIATION GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 1, 2004

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has committed to collaborating with other governmental units and providing leadership for long term county-wide sustainable development and redevelopment incorporating a diversified economy, environmental protection, and social needs; and

WHEREAS, brownfield redevelopment encourages more efficient use of the land that will provide for sustainable growth, protect valued natural resources, preserve important agricultural and open space lands, while also encouraging growth and economic revitalization on environmentally distressed sites designated as brownfields; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution 99-0110, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended, established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "WCBRA") to facilitate the implementation of plans relating to the identification and treatment of environmentally distressed areas in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, there is need to provide incentives to assist with the clean-up and related activities to move brownfield site into a viable redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has applied for a Brownfields Site Remediation Grant to provide provide clean-up funds for the Broadway Village at LowerTown Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, and

WHEREAS, successful award of this grant will reduce the amount of Tax Increment Financing for this project by \$1 Million; and

WHEREAS this matter has been reviewed by the Finance Department, Corporation Counsel, Human Resources, County Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the signature of the County Administrator on the application to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" program for a \$1 Million Brownfields Site Remediation grant, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the Budget, as attached hereto and made a part here of

3. Authorizing the Administrator to Sign delegate contracts, upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

Department of Planning and Environment
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Brownfields Site Remediation Grant
Business Unit 1765046210

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue:			
50000 State Revenue	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Expenditure:			
80000 Other Services	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000