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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways and Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

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

DATE: November 14, 2007

RE: "Clean Michigan Initiative" Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan
Application for \$1 million.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Department of Planning and Environment requests that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ratify the County Administrator's signature on the \$1 Million Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Application to State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" program for the Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project.

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. 06-0134 to adopt the proposed amendment to the Brownfield Plan for Washtenaw County approving tax increment financing incentives for the City of Saline's The Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Project. Subsequently, an application was prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" program for \$1 million (50% grant and 50% loan) to provide grant and loan funds for clean-up, 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 ratifying the attached Resolution authorizing the application for a State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Clean Michigan Initiative" \$1 million Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan.

The application is requesting a one time, \$1 million grant and loan (\$500,000 grant and \$500,000 loan) to provide funds to assist with clean-up necessary to move the aforementioned brownfield site into a viable redevelopment. If successfully awarded the requested grant amount, it will reduce the amount of tax increment financing previously approved by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners by \$500,000, thus lessening the burden on relative taxing jurisdictions. In accomplishing the objectives of the grant and loan, 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 Saline). These funds will be used as an incentive to help create increased economic development and reduce public health risk by eliminating contaminant pathways 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 and loan award totaling \$1 million.

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 Saline, in pursuing sustainable land use practices by remediating and redeveloping 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" Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Application for \$1 million.

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

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 5, 2007

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 to move brownfield sites into a viable redevelopment, and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has applied for a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan to provide clean-up funds for The Banks of Saline Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. Successful award of this grant and loan will reduce the amount of Tax Increment Financing for this project by \$500,000; 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 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 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 and Loan 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
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Budget
Business Unit 1766084602

| | <u>Current Budget</u> | <u>Revised Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue: | | | |
| 54000 State Revenue | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Total | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Expenditure: | | | |
| 80000 Other Services | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| Total | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |