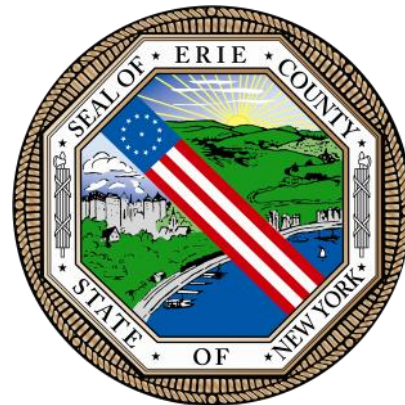


# **STATUS UPDATE**

## **American Rescue Plan Funding Allocated to Erie County**



March 6, 2025

# American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

## Erie County received \$178.4 M of President Biden's ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

- Funds could be used to replace lost revenue and/or respond to public health/economic impacts of the pandemic, but also for water, sewer, and broadband projects.
- All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024\*
- All funds must be spent by December 31, 2026.

\* As of December 31, 2024, 100% of these SLFRF funds have been obligated.

# ARPA SLFRF Funds

**As directed by County Executive Mark Poloncarz and authorized by the County Legislature, funds are being administered as follows:**

• Environment & Planning/Sewers	\$ 128.93 Million
• Parks, Recreation and Forestry	\$ 13.10 Million
• Dept of Public Works	\$ 24.71 Million
• Economic and Workforce Development	\$ 6.62 Million
• Investments in Health	<u>\$ 5.08 Million</u>
	<b>\$ 178.44 Million</b>

**Specific projects and uses of the ARPA funds are highlighted on the following pages**

# Department of Environment & Planning

**DEP is administering \$128.9M (72%) of Erie County's ARPA SLFRF funds as follows:**

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| • DSM/Erie County Sewer Districts       | \$63.97M |
| • General Infrastructure Projects       | \$10.95M |
| • Affordable Housing                    | \$20M    |
| • ErieNET Broadband Open Access Network | \$34M    |

# ARPA UPDATE – ECSD Sewer Infrastructure

- \$63.97M obligated for improvements to Erie County Sewer Districts (ECSD's).
- Over \$56M has been spent as of 12/31/24.
- Upgrades include:
  - Collection Systems
  - Pumping Stations
  - Treatment Plants



*Sanitary sewer lining work in the Town of Clarence (ECSD No. 5)*

# ARPA UPDATE – ECSD Collection Systems

## Collection System Upgrades - \$18.8M

- Over 319,000 feet (60 miles) of collection system pipe rehabilitated or replaced
- Hundreds of manholes and lateral connections addressed
- New collection system maintenance facility for the Central Region operations



*Sanitary sewer replacement work in the Town of Cheektowaga (ECSD No. 1)*



# ARPA UPDATE – ECSD Pumping Stations

## Pumping Station Upgrades - \$9.4M

- Over 5,200 linear feet of the existing 30-inch diameter Depew Pumping Station force main replaced
- Various improvements at 7 other Pumping Stations in ECSD No 4 and No 6.



*Force main replacement work in the Village of Depew (ECSD No. 4)*

# ARPA UPDATE – ECSD Treatment Plants

## Treatment Plant Upgrades - \$35.7M

- \$3.3M at the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)
  - Blowers, IT/electrical, roofing improvements
- \$7.8M at the Lackawanna WRRF
  - Digester/solids handling, roofing, disinfection improvements
- \$1.1M at the East Aurora WRRF
  - Control building improvements
- \$0.8M for Blasdell WRRF closure
- **\$22.7M for Southtowns AWTF**
  - **(next page)**



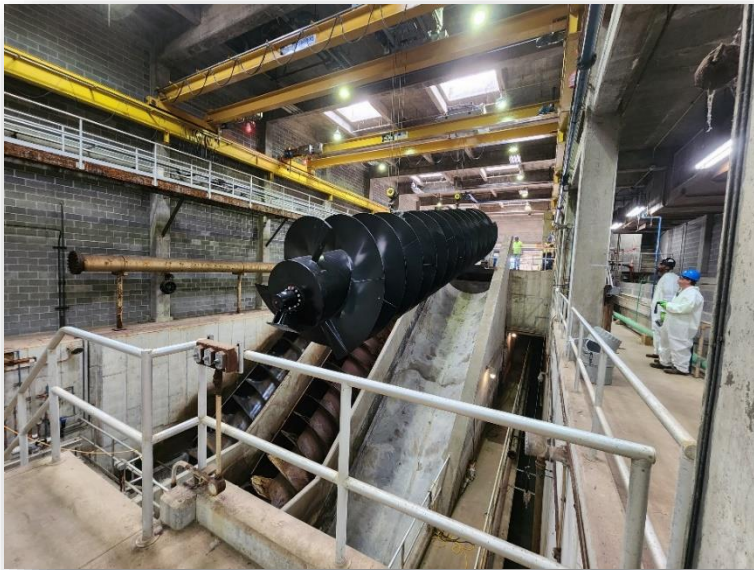
*Blower replacement work at the Big Sister Creek WRRF  
(ECSD No. 2, Town of Evans)*



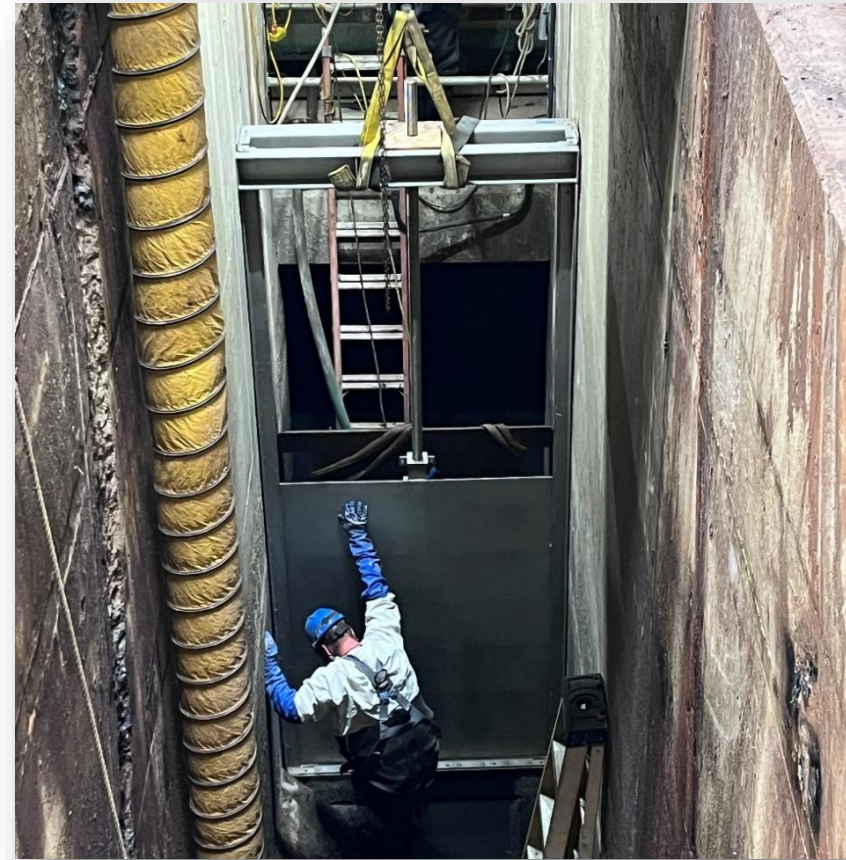
# ARPA UPDATE – Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF)

**\$22.7M of SLFRF Funds invested**

- Incinerator, 3 screw pumps, roof/HVAC, influent screens
- Phase 1 expansion upgrades



*Screw pump replacement work*



*Influent screen replacement work*



# Southtowns AWWTF Phase 1 Upgrades



*Phase 1 includes new electrical substation, effluent pumping station, chlorine contact tank, outfall repairs, and associated improvements (ECSD No. 3, Town of Hamburg)*

# ARPA UPDATE – General Infrastructure

## Water/Sewer

	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>% Complete</u>
• Evans – Ag Park Water Tower/Main	\$1.84M	100%
• Springville – N. Central Ave Water Main	\$457K	100%
• Lancaster - Harold Place Sewer	\$212K	100%
• Akron - Skyline Drive Waterline	\$174K	100%
• Tonawanda (C) - Water Line Replacement	\$198K	100%
• Rural Outreach Center Facility	\$400K	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.2M</b>	



Rural Outreach Center, Town of Aurora



Harold Place Sewer Replacement, Lancaster



New Water Tank and Tower, Agribusiness Park - Town of Evans



# ARPA UPDATE – General Infrastructure Parks

	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>% Complete</u>
• Isleview Park Enhancement Project	\$1.2M	0% *
• Miracle League (Grand Island) Upgrade	\$1M	50%
• Olmsted South Park/MLK	\$400K	75%
• Botanical Gardens Expansion * Construction to begin in 2025	\$5.0M*	0% *
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.6M</b>	



*Proposed new entrance to Isleview Park, Town of Tonawanda*



*Rendering of Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Expansion, Buffalo*

# ARPA UPDATE – Affordable Housing

## \$13.5M for In-Fill Single-Family, Owner-Occupied units on Vacant Lots

- Up to 25 Lots in Buffalo – actual # still TBD
- 5 lots in Cheektowaga proceeding, spring 2025 Construction
- Modular and ‘Stick Built’ units – Groundbreaking in April
- In discussions about adding lots in Tonawanda and Lackawanna



*Typical vacant In-Fill lot in the City of Buffalo*



*Modular home under construction on Central Ave, Lackawanna*



# ARPA UPDATE – Affordable Housing

## \$6.5M to Support Multi-Family Rental Projects

- \$5.5M for Affordable Multi-Family Development
  - Total Development Costs - \$313.9M
  - Total # of affordable units - 703
- \$1.0M for New and Emerging Developers
  - Total Development Cost - \$26.8M
  - Total # of Affordable Units - 48



*Harlem Villa Commons (rendering)- Cheektowaga- Former site of the Polish Villa Restaurant*



*875 Lafayette (rendering) - Former Gates Circle Hospital*

# ARPA UPDATE – Affordable Housing

## \$5.5M for Affordable Multi-Family Development

<b>Victoria Place</b> 45 Victoria Blvd, Kenmore ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$16 m Total Units: 37 Type: Senior- Adaptive Re-Use	<b>Hillview Commons/ Tonawanda Hsg. Auth.</b> Dodge/Gibson/Hinds Streets, City Tonawanda ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$25.9 m Total Units: 52 Type: Senior- New Construction	<b>875 Lafayette, Former Gates Hospital Site</b> 875 Lafayette St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$34.8 m Total Units: 80 Type: Adaptive Re-Use
<b>Manhattan Village, BestSelf</b> 389 Manhattan Ave, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$28 m Total Units: 66 Type: Homeless, New Construction	<b>Deaconess Apartments</b> 600 Northhampton St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$38.6 m Total Units: 68 Type: Mixed-use New Construction	<b>Juniper Homes</b> 5355 Rogers Road, Hamburg ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$33.9 m Total Units: 65 Type: Senior, homeless/frail elderly New Construction
<b>273 Hickory</b> 273 Hickory St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$15 m Total Units: 39 Type: Mixed-use Adaptive Re-Use	<b>1762 Main Street</b> 1762 Main St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$3.3 m Total Units: 8 Type: Mixed-use Adaptive Re-Use	<b>Lackawanna Life Center Residential Units</b> 64 Wasson Ave, Lackawanna ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$6.4 m Total Units: 40 Type: Seniors, disabled and at-risk homeless- New Construction
<b>Chalmers Apartments at Highland Park</b> 129 Holden Ave, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$71.7 m Total Units: 175 Type: New Construction	<b>Harlem Villas</b> 1085 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga ARPA Funding Awarded: \$500,000 Total Project Cost: \$39.7 m Total Units: 73 Type: Family and Homeless Veterans, New Construction	<b>Total ARPA Funds: \$5.5 million</b> <b>Total Development Cost: \$313.9 million</b> <b>Total Number of Affordable Units: 703</b>

# ARPA UPDATE – Affordable Housing

## \$1.0M for New and Emerging Developers

<p><b>Sacred Heart</b> 198 Emslie St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$250,000 Total Project Cost: \$6,135,781 Total Units: Units: 16 Type: Adaptive Re-Use, Mixed Use</p>	<p><b>Loads of Love</b> 59-61 Laurel Street, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$250,000 Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000 Total Units: 5 Type: New Construction, Mixed Use</p>	<p><b>Park 75</b> 1175 Delaware Ave, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$275,000 Total Project Cost: \$16,800,000 Total Affordable Units: 18 Type: Adaptive Re-Use, Mixed Income</p>
<p><b>The Gibson: Creative Art Space &amp; Apartments</b> 232 Gibson St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$150,000 Total Project Cost: \$610,870 Total Units: 3 Type: Adaptive Re-Use, Mixed Use</p>	<p><b>Hopkins Manor</b> 696 Hopkins St, Buffalo ARPA Funding Awarded: \$75,000 Total Project Cost: \$275,000 Total Units: 6 Type: Adaptive Re-Use</p>	<p><b>Total ARPA Funds: \$1 million</b> <b>Total Development Cost: \$26.8 million</b> <b>Total Number of Affordable Units: 48</b></p>

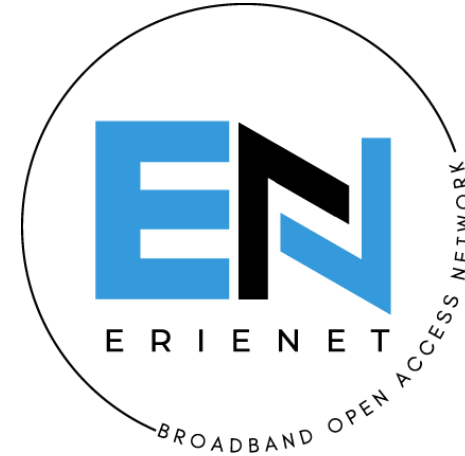


*\$250,000 was awarded to partially fund the redevelopment and adaptative reuse of the former Sacred Heart Church and Rectory into 16 units of affordable housing.*

# ARPA UPDATE – ErieNET Broadband Network

## ErieNET LDC established, mission is to:

- Create a foundation to address the broadband needs of unserved areas in Erie County
- Improve services in underserved areas of the community
- Enable world-class broadband investment and deployment countywide.



Intent is to create a self-sustaining network where enterprise, carrier, and other customers that desire to manage and control their own broadband networks pay a fee for access to the ErieNet fiber-optic network.

Unlimited bandwidth provided by the dark fiber will be available directly to “anchor institutions,” including schools, colleges/universities, hospitals/health care, public safety facilities, government offices, industry, and libraries.

Focus is now on partnerships with ‘final mile’ service providers and enterprise entities, encouraging the use of the ErieNet backbone to expand competitive services, promote cybersecurity and create efficiencies throughout the county.



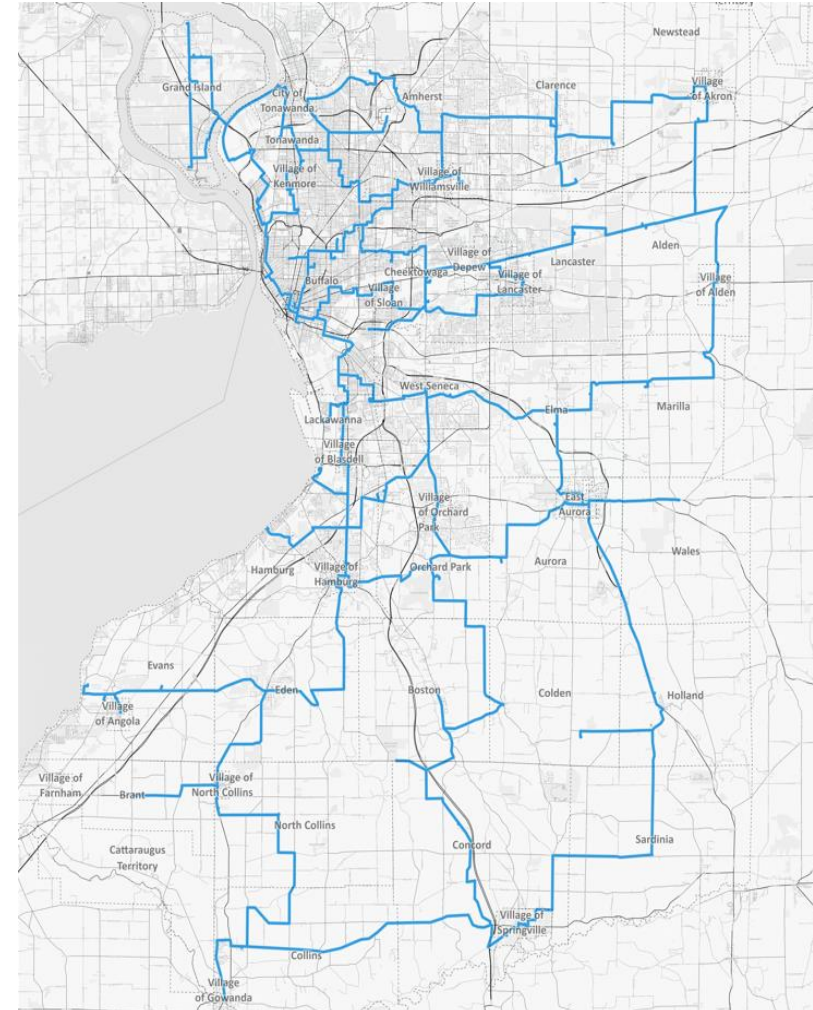
# ARPA UPDATE – ErieNET Broadband Network

**County committed \$34M of ARPA SLFRF funds for the construction of a 400+ mile Open Access ‘Middle Mile’ broadband network throughout Erie County**

- Construction has begun and ‘Make Ready’ work on utility poles is underway. Awaiting additional pole clearances from National Grid and NYSEG.

## ErieNET LDC Board of Directors:

- Thomas Baines, Esq – Chair of the Board
- John Mills - Erie County Legislator
- Timothy Meyers - Erie County Legislator
- Jeremy Toth, Esq - Erie County Law Dept
- Jason Keding, Assoc of Erie County Governments
- John Spears - Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
- Elizabeth Freas – Erie1 BOCES
- Marth Buyer, Esq – Telecommunications Law
- Mark Cornell - Erie County Budget Office
- Daniel Castle - Erie County DEP
- Micheal Breeden - Erie County DISS





# ARPA UPDATE – ErieNET Broadband Network

Status as of December 31, 2024:

- **\$11M** has been spent to date for organizational operating systems, design, construction, fiber optic cable, sales/marketing, engineering, and legal/accounting services
- 'Make-Ready' work underway on approx. 13,000 existing utility poles.
- Point of Presence (PoP) in Rath Bldg completed.

Schedule for 2025-2026:

- ErieNet continues to build partnerships with ISP's for the NYS ConnectAll Affordable Housing Grant. These ISP partners will create choice and reduce cost for residential services.
- Expand sales/marketing, secure customers.
- Connect to the Convention Center, schools, universities, emergency services, and other priority 'anchor institutions'
- Expand construction as pole clearances are obtained.



# ARPA SLFRF Funds Invested in Erie County Parks

**\$13.1M of ARPA Funds invested in Erie County Parks:**

Parks Expanded Capital Program:	\$2.7M
Parks/DPW Expanded Capital Program	\$6.7M
Parks/DPW (Highways) Capital Program	\$3.2M
Wendt Beach Sewer Line Replacement	\$489K



*Emery Park Renovated Shelter*



*Emery Park Renovated Shelter (interior)*

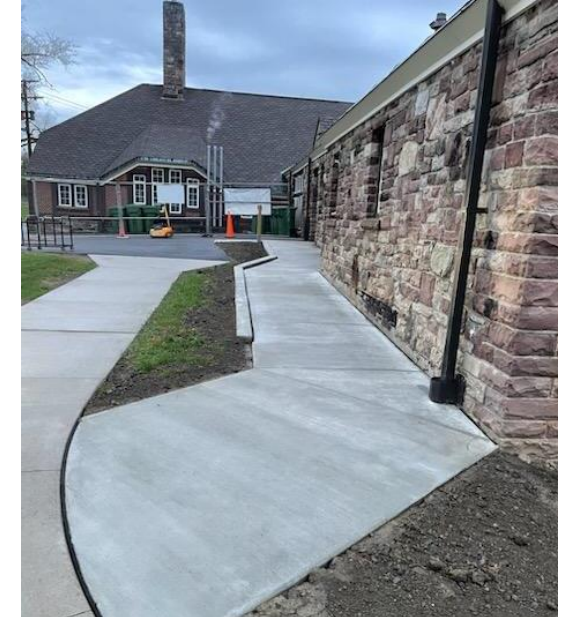


# ARPA Update – PARKS

## Parks Expanded Capital Program: \$2.7M

ARPA Funds supported systemwide capital projects including:

- Casino accessibility upgrades at Chestnut Ridge Park
- Restroom renovations at Chestnut Ridge Park, Ellicott Creek Park
- Casino improvements at Como Lake Park, Ellicott Creek Park
- Restoration work on the historic Como Lake Park Lighthouse
- Golf Course Improvements at Grover Cleveland Park, Elma Meadows
- Parking Lot improvements at Seneca Bluffs, Wendt Beach
- Electric charging station at Akron Falls Park
- Playgrounds at Akron Falls Park and Ellicott Creek Park
- Lodge Upgrades at Chestnut Ridge Park (McKinnon Lodge)



*Chestnut Ridge Casino Accessibility Improvements*



*Como Lake Park Lighthouse*



*Chestnut Ridge Park Restroom*



*Como Lake Casino Improvements*



*Chestnut Ridge Park Restroom*



*Akron Falls Park playground*

# ARPA Update - PARKS

## Parks/DPW Expanded Capital Program: \$6.7M

- Projects include Schenck House Renovation, Wendt Mansion and Stables design & renovations, Ellicott Creek Park and Emery Park shelter upgrades, parking lot upgrades at Emery, Como Lake, and Chestnut Ridge parks.

### Schenck House Renovations:

#### BEFORE



*Schenck House, 2023*

#### AFTER



*Schenck house (exterior), 2024*



*Schenck House (interior), 2024*

The Schenck House, located at the Grover Cleveland Golf Course, is considered one of the oldest extant stone structures in the City of Buffalo. The restoration will ensure the historic building is accessible for public use for decades to come. **Ribbon cutting planned for 2025.**



# ARPA Update - PARKS

## Parks/DPW (Highways) Expanded Capital Program: \$3.2M

- Projects include new parking lots at Chestnut Ridge Park, Wendt Beach Park, and Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park (Seneca Bluffs construction planned for 2025), and park road improvements at Chestnut Ridge.

### Chestnut Ridge Parking Lot



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

### Wendt Beach Parking Lot



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

## Wendt Beach Sewer Line Replacement: \$489K



# ARPA FUNDS – Department of Public Works

**\$24.7M of ARPA Funds invested in Erie County Infrastructure Improvements:**

- |                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| • Convention Center Facade          | \$4.5M |
| • Harlem Highway Barn New Build     | \$5M   |
| • Capital Overlay Countywide        | \$5M   |
| • Rath Microgrid                    | \$8M   |
| • Sandridge Water Tower Replacement | \$1M   |
| • ECC City Roof                     | \$1M   |
| • Mech Elec Plumb Misc. Improv B&G  | \$210K |

# ARPA Update – DPW Infrastructure Projects

## Convention Center Façade: \$4.5M

- Removal of existing marquee and maintenance repairs to the existing façade including whole-building power-washing, concrete panel repairs as well as installation of a new facade along Franklin St. with a new cladding system to cover the existing concrete panels.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## Harlem Highway Barn New Build: \$5M

- New facility will improve the efficiency of operations year-round, especially in the winter plowing season. The Lancaster location is central to the district and will allow quicker access to roads, while providing modern facilities.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**





# ARPA Update – DPW Infrastructure Projects (Highways Division)

Capital Overlay Countywide: \$5M



Genesee Mill Overlay



East River Mill Overlay



Wehrle Mill Overlay



Gunnville Mill Overlay



Partridge Mill Overlay



Salt Mill Overlay



Huth Mill Overlay

# ARPA Update – DPW Infrastructure Projects

## Rath Microgrid: \$8M

- Reliable, cost-effective alternative for backup power generation at the Rath Building. The system will replace the existing backup generator and includes an 85kW solar array. The Microgrid system is designed to provide uninterrupted power in the event of power loss from the grid and allow the County to participate in demand response that will aid the grid during extreme weather while providing remuneration for these services.



*Rath Building Microgrid Project Installation*

**Sandridge Water Tower Replacement: \$1M**

**ECC City Roof: \$1M**

**Mech Elec Plumb Misc. Improvements B&G: \$210K**

# ARPA FUNDS – Economic and Workforce Investments

## Small Business Promotion: \$1.9M

- Small business promotion programs including a shop local advertising campaign and a shop local gift card program (#Shop716), where individuals received a bonus \$20 when then bought a \$20 gift card to be used at local small businesses



## Erie County Healthcare Careers Program: \$1.6M

- Training program to prepare low-income individuals for healthcare jobs with advancement opportunities. Nearly 700 residents were enrolled and progressing through healthcare careers training in the following programs: LPN, CNA, RN, Phlebotomist, Medical Assistant, Medical Technician.



## Erie County Hazard Pay: \$3M

- Hazard pay for essential and front-line workers who kept services running while much of the country was in lockdown.



# ARPA FUNDS – Investments in Health

## COVID19 Mitigation: \$4.1M

- Funding dedicated to vaccination efforts including booster shots. Expenses included the rent of a warehouse that has been configured for vaccine and support material storage with ultra-cold freezers.



## Office of Health Equity: \$974K

- Established an Office of Health Equity with a dedicated and professional public health staff that focuses specifically on health equity issues and the social determinants of health. The Office prepares annual reports to guide public health spending and efforts in the community



# Erie County ARPA Overview



- **100%** of ARPA SLFRF Funds allocated to Erie County were obligated prior to December 31, 2024 deadline.
- Generational investment in Erie County infrastructure, broadband access, and affordable housing creates jobs and economic development opportunities.
- ARPA SLFRF funding leveraged millions more in direct/indirect investments and accelerated the completion of high priority projects.
- ARPA funds will benefit every municipality in Erie County

***None of these investments would be possible without support from President Joe Biden, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the Erie County Legislature, and Erie County Sewer District Boards of Managers***