



# *Onondaga County Legislature*

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## **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA**

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**9:30 a.m.**  
**April 17, 2024**

**401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House**  
**Syracuse, New York 13202**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:
  - 1. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**
    - a. Expressing Support for Onondaga County's Application for Restore NY Funding for the Solar Street Rehabilitation Project
  - 2. **GREATER SYRACUSE LAND BANK:**
    - a. **INFORMATIONAL:** Annual Report
- C. Adjournment

May 7, 2024

Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ONONDAGA COUNTY’S APPLICATION FOR RESTORE NY FUNDING FOR THE SOLAR STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Restore New York Communities Initiative (“Restore NY”), administrated through Empire State Development, provides financial assistance to municipalities for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties—promoting neighborhood growth and community development through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures; and

WHEREAS, Restore NY funding is available for projects including the rehabilitation and restoration of vacant, abandoned, condemned and surplus properties, with a strong emphasis placed on projects from economically distressed communities; and

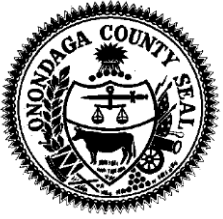
WHEREAS, Onondaga County (the “County”) secured eligibility approval from the State through its Empire State Development Office to apply for Restore NY funding for restoration of the former EZ Washer, a.k.a. Baby’s Bedroom, property located at 128 Spencer Street, on the corner of Spencer & Solar Streets, in the City of Syracuse and consisting of a 261,000 sq. ft., vacant, commercial building in the Inner Harbor neighborhood, which building and lot cover 8.12 acres (the “Project”). The Project location is in a Level 2 – Moderate Distress community and the Project includes the demolition and removal of asbestos from the building; and

WHEREAS, the Project developer is seeking to demolish the existing building to bring the site to shovel ready condition for future use as a new mixed-use development, likely consisting of hundreds of new housing units to support housing needs within the City and County, and to construct a parking facility to support new tenants and visitors to the harbor area; and

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Executive is in support of the Project; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature expresses its support for the County’s application for Restore NY funding for the Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.



## DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

**PURPOSE:**

Resolution to support grant application to Empire State Development for a RESTORE NY Community Initiatives program for a project on Solar Street in Syracuse

**OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:**

Community Development submitted an Intent to Apply to ESD on March 25, 2024. This is an application for demolition of a building at Solar and Spencer streets. All applications require a support resolution passed by the County Legislature.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Selected project will provide any matching funds required

**BUDGET:**

None