

# THE AGENCY

BROOME COUNTY IDA / LDC

**BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
July 17, 2024 • 12:30 P.M. • The Agency Conference Room  
Five South College Drive, Suite 201, 2nd Floor  
Binghamton, New York 13905

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order J. Bernardo
  2. Approve Minutes – June 18, 2024, Board Meeting J. Bernardo
  3. Public Comment J. Bernardo
- New Business
4. Resolution Authorizing the BCLDC to Serve as the Pass-Through for a Green Resiliency Grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to Cover Green Infrastructure Solutions to Mitigate Stormwater Impacts, Including Site Planning, Design, and the Implementation of Green Infrastructure to Sustainably Manage Stormwater Runoff While Enhancing the Visitor Experience, Ensuring Safe Pedestrian Circulation, and Expanding Outdoor Activities at the Roberson Museum and Science Center. S. Duncan
- Old Business
5. Adjournment J. Bernardo

**BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
BOARD MEETING  
FIVE South College Drive, Suite 201  
Binghamton, New York 13905  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 12:30 pm**

**SYNOPSIS OF MEETING**

**PRESENT:** J. Bernardo, J. Peduto, J. Mirabito, P. Newman, M. Sopchak, D. Crocker, E. Miller, R. Bucci and D. Gates

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** S. Duncan, N. Abbadessa, S. Guokas, A. Williams, M. Lucas, and G. Paugh

**COUNSEL:** J. Meagher

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

**ITEM #1. APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 20, 2024, BOARD MEETING:** Chairman Bernardo requested a motion to approve the March 20, 2024, minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Crocker motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Miller; the MOTION CARRIED.

**ITEM #2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Bernardo asked if there were any public comments. None were made.

**ITEM #3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REQUEST AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,00.00 FROM BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING HOUSING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE VICINITY OF 609 HOOPER ROAD, ENDWELL, TOWN OF UNION, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK.** Ms. Duncan explained to the board that this item comes forward as a request from Broome County for the LDC to administer ARPA funds to support the CDS Housing Project in the Town of Union. Mr. Bucci asked about the nature of the funding, which Ms. Duncan explained would function as a grant provided to the developer. Mr. Bucci recommended changing the term "promoting" to "supporting" in the resolution. Noting this change, Chairman Bernardo asked for a motion.

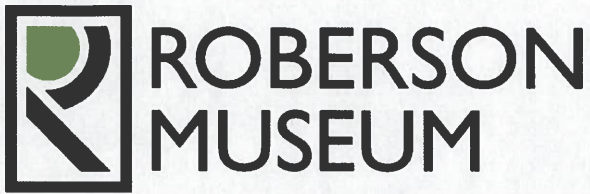
**MOTION:** TO ACCEPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REQUEST AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,00.00 FROM BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING HOUSING AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE VICINITY OF 609 HOOPER ROAD, ENDWELL, TOWN OF UNION, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF BROOME

COUNTY, NEW YORK. On a MOTION by Mr. Crocker, seconded by Ms. Miller, the MOTION CARRIED. Chairman. Bernardo abstained.

**ITEM #4: ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Bernardo requested a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** On a MOTION by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Crocker, the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the BCLDC is to be determined.



## Green Resiliency Grant Executive Summary

### Project Description & Purpose

Roberson Museum and Science Center proposes green infrastructure solutions to mitigate stormwater impacts while enhancing the visitor experience. Planned improvements aim to facilitate Museum access, ensure safe pedestrian circulation, and expand outdoor activities, aligning with the site's historic significance and current usage.

### Project Background

Roberson, listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places since 1980, encompasses 3.6 acres with multiple historic buildings, including the Roberson Mansion, Carriage House, and Randall House. The site features a mix of buildings, paved surfaces, and vegetated areas, with stormwater management challenges due to its location partially within the 100- & 500-year floodplains.

### Proposed Green Infrastructure Practices

The feasibility study, completed by Delta Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, & Landscape Architects, recommends several innovative green infrastructure practices to address stormwater issues:

- Stormwater Infiltration
- Bioretention Basins
- Downspout Disconnection
- Rain Gardens
- Permeable Pavements
- Riparian<sup>1</sup> Buffer Restoration
- Stormwater Trees
- Stormwater Harvesting

These practices aim to capture and infiltrate stormwater, reduce runoff, and provide educational opportunities for visitors about sustainable infrastructure.

### Additional Site Improvements

- Construction of a paved bus drop-off area and Front Street student entrance
- Improved public circulation, event spaces, and ADA access
- Designation of new public activity corridors and event spaces
- Additional plantings and landscaping, including a historic pollinator garden
- Improved parking and traffic flow

### Project Objectives

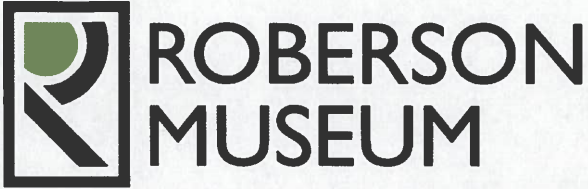
The project focuses on site planning, design, and the implementation of green infrastructure to manage stormwater runoff sustainably, aligning with the Museum's historical character and supporting environmental education initiatives.

### Conclusion

The proposed green infrastructure enhancements at Roberson aim to mitigate stormwater impacts, promote sustainability, and enhance the visitor experience while preserving the site's historic significance. These efforts align with the objectives of the Green Resiliency Grant and address broader environmental justice and climate change mitigation goals.

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<sup>1</sup> River bank.



## Green Resiliency Grant Fast Facts

This transformative project is essential to Roberson's ongoing Capital Campaign, enhancing educational opportunities for the public to learn how water moves through the ecosystem.

The LDC would serve as a pass-through.

Environmental Facilities Corporation is the granting agency.

The grant program requires a 90/10 split, with the majority covered by the grant.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.4 million.

Roberson has already obtained the required matching funds from the Hoyt Foundation.

The full Feasibility Study is available upon request.

Application to NYS will need to be submitted on or before August 7, 2024.

Roberson has previously applied for this funding and ranked in the "low teens" out of 80+ applicants, but there was only enough money available to fund the first 10 projects. The funding pool has grown by 6x this year and priority will now be given to Disadvantaged Communities, for which Roberson qualifies.

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# GRANT SUMMARY Green Resiliency Grant

## OVERVIEW

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is pleased to announce the availability of \$60 million in grant funding through the Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) program under the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act). GRG grants are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that implement green infrastructure practices across New York State, including green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement.

GRG may fund up to 90 percent of eligible project costs with a maximum grant of \$10 million. GRG projects must have a minimum total project cost of \$1 million and be capable of capturing, treating, or reducing the time of concentration for a minimum of 100,000 cubic feet of stormwater runoff annually. Eligible projects include those that address combined and/or sanitary sewer overflow during extreme weather events and those that combine green infrastructure and nature-based features to ensure climate resilient infrastructure.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

A municipality as defined in NYS Environmental Conservation Law Article 58: "a local public authority or public benefit corporation, a county, city, town, village, school district, supervisory district, district corporation, improvement district within a county, city, town or village, or Indian Nation or tribe recognized by the State or the United States with a reservation wholly or partly within the boundaries of New York State, or any combination thereof" and State Entities.

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Restoration of non-instream features recommended through the Resilient NY Program;

- The creation and enhancement of nature-based landscape features such as flood plains, riparian buffers, streams, and wetlands;
- Installation of:
  - Bioretention and bioswales;
  - Cisterns;
  - Downspout disconnection;
  - Green roofs and green walls;
  - Permeable pavements or other permeable surfaces;
  - Stormwater street trees;
  - Urban forestry programs; and
  - Stormwater retention, retrofits, and slow-release designs.

In-stream activities being undertaken to implement studies prepared through the Resilient NY Program are not eligible for these grants.

The Bond Act requires that disadvantaged communities shall receive no less than 35 percent, with the goal of 40 percent, of the benefit of total Bond Act funds (\$4.2 billion). Disadvantaged communities are those identified by the Climate Justice Working Group, pursuant to the [Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act](#). EFC established a 40 percent goal for the GRG grant program consistent with this Bond Act requirement and will aim to prioritize 40 percent of GRG grant awards to benefit disadvantaged communities.

Further information on the GRG program can be found on EFC's website at <https://efc.ny.gov/grg>.

## CONTACT US

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