

# BUFFALO ERIE NIAGARA LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation  
FROM: Maria R. Whyte, Chairperson  
SUBJECT: Resolution #2013-5 Pilot Project, Erie County In Rem 161, 251 University Street  
DATE: Sept 6, 2013

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### DISCUSSION

Erie County is conducting its 2013 In Rem Auction on October 2, 2013. BENLIC has partnered with the Town of Tonawanda to participate in the BENLIC 2013 Pilot Project. BENLIC has identified a vacant property at 251 University Street in need of rehabilitation. This property is in one of the Town's CDBG target neighborhoods.

The Town has not yet completed the required SIR/MDR forms for this property nor passed a resolution requesting BENLIC acquire it. Therefore, prior authorization by the BENLIC Board to acquire the property is necessary. However, authorization should be conditional on the subsequent receipt of a certified copy of a formal resolution by the Town of Tonawanda.

### ACTION

The Board of Directors is hereby requested to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that BENLIC authorizes Maria Whyte, as Chairperson of the BENLIC Board of Directors to attend the 2013 County Auction and bid the back taxes of \$39,890.75 on 251 University Street, Tonawanda (SBL #: 79.30-4-17); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization by the BENLIC Board is conditional on the receipt of a completed SIR/MDR form and resolution by the Town of Tonawanda officially requesting BENLIC acquire the property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization by the BENLIC Board is conditional on the Chair's approval after consultation with the BENLIC working group; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chairperson Maria Whyte is authorized to act in accordance with the formal resolution to be passed by the Town of Tonawanda and take whatever actions are necessary subsequent to the County Auction to execute an agreement with the County and close on the property and ensure that BENLIC holds clear title to the property.