

**TOWN OF AURORA SENIOR CENTER
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Month of April 2026**

The mission of the Town of Aurora Senior Center is to help older adults remain healthy and active through participation in recreational pursuits and to provide leadership and advocacy to ensure the availability of leisure and recreational opportunities for seniors.

ADMINISTRATION:

I attended the Live Well Erie meeting on April 2. We discussed transportation with after-hours capabilities for our seniors. Our van times are limited to weekly daytimes.

Our AARP tax appointments are finished for 2025 with over 450 seniors helped at our center.

Day & time:	M-F 8:00am- 4:00pm
Participants:	Approximately 45 per day
Title:	LINE DANCING
Day & time:	Mondays, 9:00 – 10:00 (beginners) 10:15 – 1:15 (advanced)
Participants:	22 people
Supervisors:	Nance Baranowski
Title:	SENIOR NOTES
Day & time:	Mondays, 12:45 – 2:30pm
Participants:	23 people
Supervisor:	Kathy Almeter
Title:	EUCHRE
Day & time:	Mondays, 1:00 – 4:00pm
Participants:	24 people
Title:	PINOCHLE
Day & Time	Fridays, 1:00 – 4:00pm
Participants:	20 people
Title:	CERAMICS
Day & time:	Tuesdays, 10:00am – 4:00pm
Participants:	35 people
Supervisor:	Elaine Schiltz
Title:	EXERCISE CLASS
Day & time	Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30am
Participants:	14 people
Title:	TAI CHI
Day & time:	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 beginners 3:30veterans
Supervisor:	Judy Augustyniak & Susan Ott
Participants:	15 people
Title:	TAI CHI – advanced
Day & time:	Mondays 10:00 & Thursdays 9:00am
Supervisor:	Dennis Desmond
Participants:	10
Title:	YOGA
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 9:45 – 11:00am
Supervisor:	Amy Sheehan
Participants:	14 people
Title:	BOWLING
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 1:00pm
Supervisor:	Barb D'Amato
Participants:	24 people
Title:	PAINTING
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:30pm
Supervisor:	Walt Carrick
Participants:	4 people
Title:	BRIDGE
Day & time:	Wednesdays, 9:30am – 2:00pm
Supervisor:	Dave Lorcom
Participants:	24 people
Title:	SENIOR CLUB
Day & time:	Thursdays, 10:00am – 3:00pm
President:	Bev Ciskowski
Title:	PACE (people with arthritis can exercise)
Day & time:	Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00am
Supervisor:	Donna Bodekor
Participants:	12 people
Title:	SEWING & QUILTING
Day & time:	Tuesday 10-2pm
Supervisor:	Terry Piper
Participants:	12 people
Title:	55 ALIVE – Defensive driving classes
Day & time:	1 st Monday & Wednesday of the month – May 2026
Supervisor:	Ronald Krowka
Participants:	40 people max.

Title: SCRABBLE
 Day & time: Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am
 Supervisor: Dianne Bender
 Participants: 8+ people
 Title: FIBER ARTS
 Day & time: Tuesdays 1st & 3rd
 Participants: 12 people
 Title: MAHJONG
 Day & time: Mondays 2:00pm
 Supervisor: Lou Plotkin
 Participants: 12
 Title: MEXICAN DOMINOS
 Day & time: Thursdays 9:30 am
 Supervisor: Laurie Smith
 Participants: 8+
 Title: BOOK CLUB
 Day & time: 2nd Wednesday of the month
 Supervisor: Barb Dadey
 Participants: 8-10
 Title: Chess Club
 Day & time: Thursdays 10:00am
 Supervisor: Roberto Gesualdi
 Participants: 4
 Title: Wii Bowling
 Day & time: Tuesdays 12:30pm
 Supervisor: Cliff Lee
 Participants: 6
 Title: Portrait Sketching
 Day & time: Fridays
 Supervisor: Kurt Almond
 Participants: varies 4-8
 Title: Creative Painting
 Day & time: Friday 9-12noon
 Supervisor: Meg Hausauer
 Participants: 6

TRIPS

April 7-9 – Lancaster, Pa.

April 17 – Kleinhans Disney concert

FUTURE TRIPS

May 20- Power Vista, Castellani Art Museum, & more Lewiston, NY

EVENTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

April – The Farm Market truck sponsored by Feedmore WNY is selling produce for our seniors and all community members for a fair price.

April – Clarity Group assisted our seniors with Medicare insurance

April 22 – The Book Club read The Art Thief by Michael Finkel

April 13 - Erie County Senior Services sponsored Trivia competition

April 13 – The Thursday Senior Club sponsored a Spring Party with entertainment. Erie County Nutritional lunch provided for the afternoon meal.

April 30– Erie County Social Worker, Danielle, has been assisting seniors on various topics. This has been a plus for our members and the center staff.

April 2 – The Thursday Senior Social Club celebrated Easter with games and prizes.

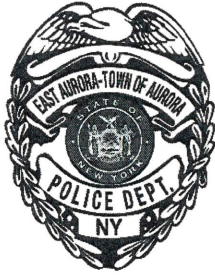
NUTRITIONAL LUNCH PROGRAM

Lunches are offered daily at a donation of \$3.00. Our weekly count for the program is 385 per week. Lunch totals for the month of April are 1540. The county supplied the Spring Party meal, so an additional 55 dinners are added.

	In-house	Frozen
Week of Apr 6	259	115
Week of Apr. 20	270	85

	In-House	Frozen
Week of Apr. 13	275 + 55	110`
Week of Mar. 23	273	98

Submitted by: Donna Bodekor



**East Aurora / Town of Aurora
Police Department
Interdepartmental Correspondence**

To: Mayor Luke Wochensky & Village Board; Supervisor Charles Snyder & Town Board

From: Patrick Welch, Chief of Police

Date: May 7th, 2026

Re: Monthly Report – April 2026

General Information

Meetings:

In addition to Village Board, Town Board and Staff meetings I also attended the following:

- Erie County Police Chief's Association Monthly Meeting
- Conducted five in person final pistol permit interviews
- Attended Commissioner of DCJS statewide tour in Buffalo
- Conducted a part-time dispatcher interview
- Attended July 3rd celebration planning meeting
- Met with Grant writer Robbyn Drake and Deputy Mayor Root about Police equipment grants and grants for the building at 571 Main Street.
- Met with Orchard Park PD and New York State Police about assistance for Heart of Music festival
- Met with Gina Wilkolaski, from Erie County Highway Department about Pine Street resident concerns and the upcoming Maple Road reconstruction.

Special Events:

The annual Rotary Club Bunny Hop 5k was held on Saturday, April 4, 2026. This event involved police and crossing guard services. This event ran smoothly and has been a tradition in our community for many years now.



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Statistics

Activity	Village	Outside of Village	Total (YTD)
Police calls	639 (2514)	318(1419)	1071 (4432)
Fire/EMS calls			406 (1758)
Response Time	2.4	3.3	2.9
911 Calls Received			401 (1645)
Property Damage Accident	8	8	16(136)
Injury Accidents	1/0 Fatal	0/0 Fatal	1(16)/1(Fatal)
Leaving Scene Acc	4	0	4(20)
Deer Struck PDO	0(1)	1(11)	1(12)
Crimes Against Persons (Harassment/Agg. Harassment Assault/Etc.	4(12)	1(4)	5(16)
Contempt of Court	1(3)	1(1)	2(4)
Crimes-Drugs	0(1)	1	1(2)
Crimes-Property (Larceny/Criminal Mischief, Making Graffiti)	6(25)	0(9)	6(34)
Burglary/Trespass	0(5)	0(2)	0(7)
S&R-Lic/Reg	9(20)	1(4)	10(24)
DWI	0(5)	1(8)	1(13)
Warrant Arrests	1(4)	0(0)	1(4)
Sex Crimes	0(0)	0(1)	0(1)
Reckless Endangerment	1(1)	0(0)	1(1)
Traffic Stops			239(859)
Traffic Tickets	109(314)	44(203)	153(519)
Parking Tickets	2(80)	0(0)	2(80)
Domestics	1(4)	1(4)	2(8)
9.41 MHL/22.09 PHL	0(8)	2(5)	2(13)
Extreme Risk Protection Order	1(2)	0(0)	1(2)
Car Seat Installations	3(3)	0(0)	3(3)



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Training:

All officers were assigned 30 daily training bulletins through Lexipol.

Officers were also assigned two trainings through PERMA, the Village's risk management carrier. They are

- Use of Force: Liability and Reasonableness – 1 hour webinar
- Use of Force: Ethical Considerations – 1 hour webinar

Lt. O'Hara attended an ERT training exercise in Orchard Park after his return to full duty.

Arrests / Investigations

While there were various arrests made during the Month of April, two arrests of note were:

- was the arrest of a 26-year-old male from Springville. This male defendant was charged with criminal contempt in the first degree, a class E felony. The male allegedly violated a restraining order set in place by a local Judge. This male defendant has repeatedly violated the order of protection issued by the court and has been repeatedly charged for this. He was remanded to the Erie County Holding Center in lieu of \$250,000 bail.
- A forty year old male from West Seneca was charged with Reckless Endangerment in the 2nd degree, Menacing 2nd degree and criminal possession of a weapon on April 2nd. The defendant is accused of brandishing a handgun in Bar-Bill restaurant and



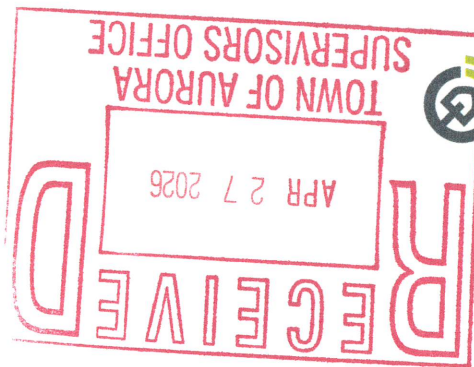
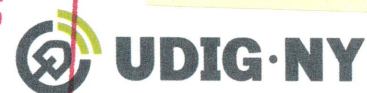
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pointing it at a patron. The incident originated when the defendant became upset over the amount of gratuity that a patron had left. The defendant was arraigned in Aurora Town Court and remanded to the Erie County Holding Center.

Miscellaneous

- Lt. O'Hara returned to active duty on April 25th.
- PO Pierce has successfully completed his field training program and is now on independent patrol.
- The return of Lt. O'Hara and release of PO Pierce puts the police department at full staff for the first time since August of 2025.
- The speed monitoring devices have been placed at various locations in the jurisdiction. A reminder that these devices record numbers of vehicles and the speeds at which vehicles are traveling. Data from reports has not indicated speed issues in areas where residents have made complaints. I do believe that perception is a factor in these complaints. One area of concern has been the Porterville-Pine Street curve. Officers have been running radar in this area with no issues with speeding. The curve is designed in a way (about 80 degrees) that makes it difficult to navigate at much more than 30 mph, which is the speed limit.

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2026 Excavator Manual

Dear Local Public Official:

To ensure the safety of the public, we're asking for your help and cooperation.

Electricity and natural gas facilities are prevalent in communities across the state. Extreme caution is necessary when working around these facilities, whether they are located underground or overhead.

- Excavation in the vicinity of buried facilities is regulated and requires the utmost caution. New York State Code Rule 753 includes requirements that must be followed when excavating. First and foremost – by law – contractors must contact UDig NY at UDigNY.org or by calling **811** before digging so underground facilities can be marked. Anyone who is excavating must have underground facilities marked.
- Any local government that issues permits for excavation and demolition shall provide a notice to applicants for permits that informs them about their responsibilities under state law to protect underground facilities and the existence, operation, programs and telephone number of the one-call notification system. Every such local government shall continuously display such notice in a conspicuous location in the office or agency it designates.
- When working around overhead electricity lines, at least 20 feet of clearance must be maintained. This and other requirements are included in the New York State Industrial Code Rule 57 and OSHA standard 1926.1407-1411 Subpart CC.
- We encourage municipalities to hire contractors who are certified in the UDig NY Certified Excavator Program in Safe Digging Best Practices (CEP), a new standard for training New York state professional excavators in the proper procedures of excavation.

Excerpts from applicable regulations and much more valuable safety information are included in the enclosed manual. Please take time to review the manual, share it with your employees and keep it handy for reference. Should you need additional copies, a printable version of the manual can be found at nyseg.com/DigSafe or rge.com/DigSafe.

A "scratch and sniff" natural gas odorant brochure is also enclosed for your use to help you recognize the smell of natural gas and respond appropriately to suspected leaks. In addition, please use the following enclosed materials to promote safety and plan your excavation:

- Safety poster
- Call **811** stop decal and danger label
- Excavation mark-out calendar
- Common gas line marks

Contact with overhead power lines or underground natural gas or electricity services can cause serious injuries or death. Those excavating who cause damage to underground utilities may be liable for property damages and subject to state fines.

Please read the enclosed materials carefully and follow the law. Your safety and the safety of others may depend on it.

Should you have any questions, or if you are interested in meeting to further discuss damage prevention and public safety, please feel free to contact me at **585.734.7229** or jmarsh@nyseg.com.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

Jason Marsh
Supervisor – Damage Prevention



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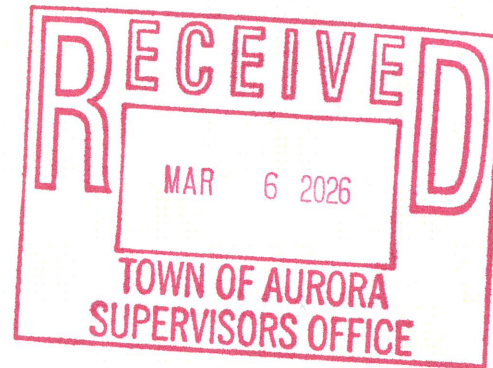
Christopher A. Koetzle
Chairman

Michael E. Kenneally
Executive Director

February 10, 2026

Town of Aurora
Attn: Kathleen Moffat
Aurora Municipal Center 575 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, NY 14052

Dear Ms. Moffat:



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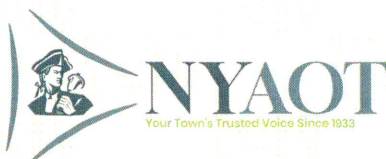
In appreciation of its members that have stood by the Comp Alliance and contributed to its continued success, the New York State Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (Comp Alliance) is again distributing a portion of its surplus to members. **The Comp Alliance is pleased to present the enclosed Member Loyalty Award Check to the Town of Aurora for the 2025-2026 policy year.**

This special monetary award, presented to Comp Alliance members with renewal dates in January, reflects recognition by the Board of Trustees of fiscal challenges faced by municipalities and provides a tangible benefit of municipal cooperation by returning funds to local governments and schools for the betterment of their communities. Loyalty Award amounts are based on the individual member's longevity of membership with the Comp Alliance and its annual funding contribution. The Loyalty Award Program has returned more than \$6.7 million to Comp Alliance Members since the program began in 2019. **The Board of Trustees has authorized the continuation of the Loyalty Award Program through FY2027!**

The Comp Alliance is a not-for-profit workers' compensation group self-insurance program for municipalities and school districts, with a focus on improving workplace safety and providing stable funding for its members. When the Alliance was formed in the early 1990's, municipalities in New York struggled to annually budget for unpredictable workers' compensation costs. The Comp Alliance offers its members budgetary stability and the opportunity to achieve significant savings by sharing the costs of workers' compensation insurance. **Today, the Comp Alliance has 375 members, \$44 million in contributions and more than \$45 million surplus to help maintain long-term financial stability.**

The Comp Alliance is sponsored and overseen by the **Association of Towns of the State of New York and the New York State Conference of Mayors**. It is the mission of the program to ensure members are able to meet their long-term workers' compensation liabilities while maintaining stable funding contributions.

For more information on the Member Loyalty Award Program, please contact a Comp Alliance Marketing Manager or your insurance broker. Visit the Comp Alliance at www.compalliance.org for more information, as well as on Twitter and Facebook for additional program enhancements and announcements.



Plan Manager: Wright Risk Management
900 Stewart Avenue, Suite 600, Garden City, NY 11530
Phone: 866-697-6922 Fax: 516-227-2352

43,640.00
Nice!!!



NYS Municipal WC Alliance

DATE ISSUED 2/5/26

CHECK NO. 0305027

Our Reference	Account Name/Description	Loss Date	Payee Reference	Invoice#	Check Amount
Loyalty Award Program	JANUARY 2025 LOYALTY AWARD			LOYALTY AWARD	\$3,640.00

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NYS MUNICIPAL WC ALLIANCE
C/O WRIGHT RISK MANAGEMENT CO.
900 STEWART AVE. ST600
GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

KEY BANK OF NEW YORK
99 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALBANY, NY 12210
TWIN TOWERS OFFICE

CHECK NO. 0305027

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PAY: THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY AND XX / 100

TO THE ORDER OF TOWN OF AURORA

MAIL TO TOWN OF AURORA

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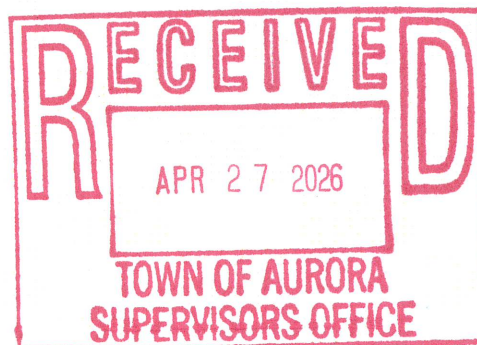
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ERIC MEKA, P.E.
Regional Director

April 20, 2026

James J. Bach, Supervisor
Town of Aurora
575 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, NY 14052



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Dear Supervisor Bach:

This is in reply to your request for an emergency-vehicle traffic control signal and a crosswalk with a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the West Falls Fire Company on NY 240, in the town of Aurora. We have completed our investigation related to this matter.

NYSDOT guidance for emergency-vehicle traffic control signals requires a minimum of 200 emergency calls within 2 years when the traffic volume exceeds 375 vehicles per hour. The traffic volume on NY 240 is well below this threshold and therefore an emergency-vehicle traffic control signal will not be considered at this location.

NYSDOT reviewed the most recent five years of crash history available, as reported to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Over that period there were no crashes on NY 240 in the vicinity of the fire hall. NYSDOT also obtained pedestrian counts on NY 240 at West Falls Fire Company on October 14-19, 2025, which includes weekdays and the weekend. The maximum number of pedestrians crossing NY 240 in an hour was 10 on October 18th. NYSDOT Highway Design Manual recommends a minimum of 20 pedestrian crossings per peak hour before the installation of a marked crosswalk is considered. Based on our analysis, a crosswalk will not be marked at this time. This location cannot be considered for an RRFB without a marked crosswalk.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the transportation system. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or Brianna Ciccone, of my staff, at (716) 847-3268.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kirby, P.E.
Regional Traffic Engineer

cc: Brianna Ciccone, P.E., Assistant Regional Traffic Engineer



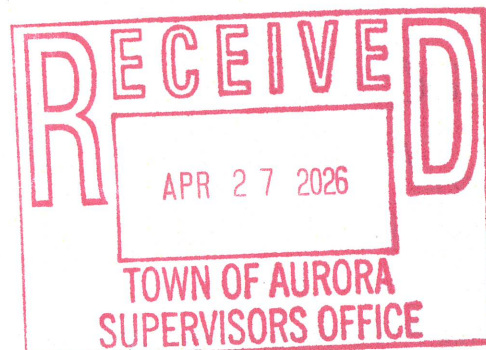
**Department of
Transportation**

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Regional Director

April 24, 2026



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Mr. Charles Snyder, Supervisor
Town of Aurora
575 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, New York 14052

Dear Supervisor Snyder:

This is in reply to your request for an all-way stop control at the intersection of NY 240 at Mill Road/Old Glenwood Road in the town of Aurora. We have completed our investigation into this matter.

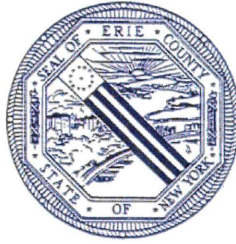
The decision to establish all-way stop control at an intersection requires an engineering study. The study should include an analysis of factors related to the existing operation and safety at the intersection, the potential to improve conditions and the applicable factors contained in the five all-way stop warrants as detailed in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The MUTCD is issued by the Federal Highway Administration and is the national standard for traffic control devices on all roads open to public travel.

NYSDOT reviewed the most recent three years of crash experience available, as reported to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Over that period there was only one crash at the subject intersection. It was a left turn related crash involving a left turning vehicle whose driver was under the influence of drugs and hit a bicyclist. The intersection's volumes do not meet the minimum thresholds required for an all-way stop.

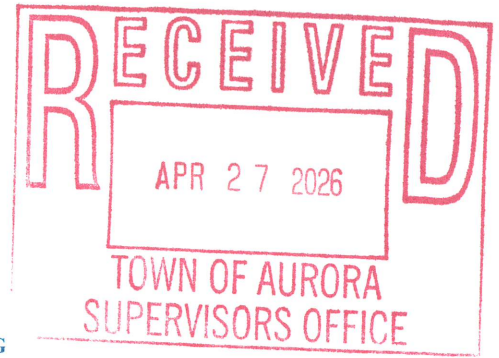
During a field visit, it was noted that the sight distance on Mill Road was obstructed by vegetation and wayfinding signs within the NYSDOT right-of-way. As a result of the study, NYSDOT will clear vegetation on NY 240, north of Mill Road to increase sight distance. Additionally, signs that are encroaching in the right-of-way at the intersection have been identified and sent to the South Erie County Residency to contact the owner for removal.

The MUTCD indicates that only one warrant needs to be satisfied to consider a change in control, but that shall not in itself require installation of all-way stop control. Based on the current conditions at the subject intersection, our engineering investigation does not recommend a change in the intersection control at this time.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or David Sobol, of my staff, at (716) 847-3268.



COUNTY OF ERIE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES DIVISION



DANIEL R. CASTLE, AICP
COMMISSIONER

BONNIE L. LAWRENCE
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

April 20, 2026

The Honorable Charles Snyder
575 Oakwood Avenue
East Aurora, NY 14052

Done and sent in 4/30/2026 cas

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Dear Honorable Charles Snyder,

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will be completing a county-wide Community Forest Management Plan ("the Plan") through grant funding from the USDA Forest Service. The Plan will explore how to leverage existing programs through municipal and non-profit organizations to improve our tree canopy and its health, as well as identify new funding opportunities to implement recommendations. **To understand communities' tree needs, we ask that you have the person in charge of tree planting and maintenance in your municipality answer this brief survey by May 22nd.**

Your answers to this survey will help us describe existing conditions throughout the County, including municipal or community forest management plans and policies, training capacity, and tree care needs. The Plan will then identify best management practices to protect and improve tree canopy cover throughout Erie County, as well as recommendations for priority areas for planting, tree maintenance, shared service opportunities between local governments, and ways to reduce risk from invasive species and disease. Completion of this survey may require collaboration between municipal staff. If at any point you do not know how to answer a question, you may write down "None," "NA," or "Unsure."

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey, which will inform Erie County of the existing conditions within your municipality and guide the investment of resources, including USDA grant funding for implementation of some recommendations. We will follow up with an email and an electronic link to the survey. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Commissioner Bonnie Lawrence at bonnie.lawrence@erie.gov or 716-858-8560.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Castle, ACIP

CC: Town of Aurora Clerk
Town of Aurora DPW/Highway/Municipal Tree Staff