MEMORANDUM

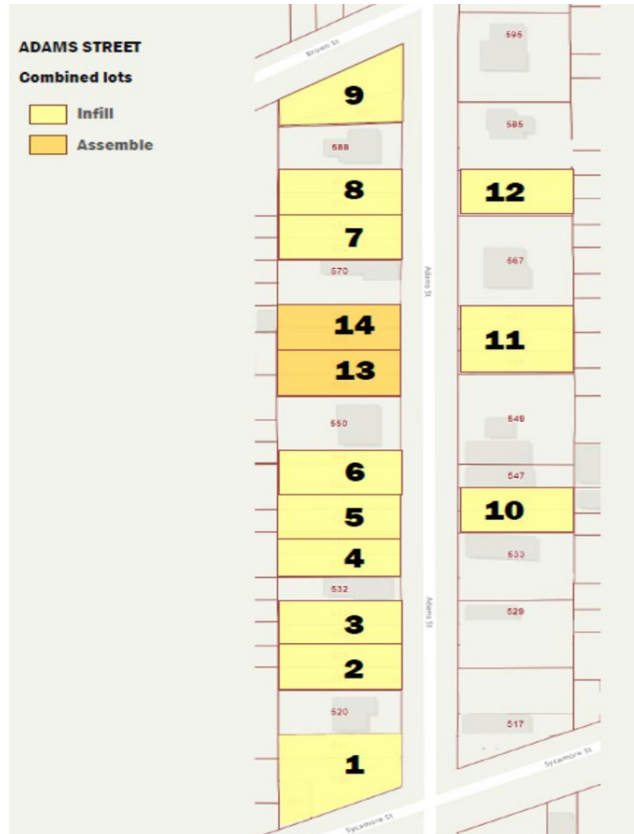|	
TO:	Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation
FROM:	Brendan Mehaffy, Chairperson
SUBJECT:	**Resolution #2022- 20** Select Preferred Developer for Adams Street Infill Housing Initiative
DATE:	September 22, 2022

DISCUSSION:

The Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (BENLIC) wishes to enter into a Developer Agreement with a qualified developer for the development of seven (7) homes on Adams Street in Buffalo's Ellicott District as part of the Adams Street Infill Housing Initiative. This Initiative is a collaboration between the City of Buffalo, BENLIC, Evans Bank, and a to be selected Developer. The City of Buffalo provided 24 lots (Resolution 2022-12) that will be combined to accommodate the proposed development, supporting a comprehensive vacant lot strategy. A significant amount of community engagement has been conducted, led by the City of Buffalo. Neighboring residents have shown their excitement and support for the Initiative. BENLIC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 13th, 2022 with a submission due date of August 31st, 2022. BENLIC staff received four complete submissions.

The purpose of the initiative is congruent with BENLIC's mission to return property to productive use.

The Adams Street Infill Housing Initiative Developer Selection Committee and BENLIC staff thoroughly reviewed the RFP submissions and interviewed the top two candidates to make this recommendation.

ACTION:

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

RESOLVED that the BENLIC Board of Directors authorizes BENLIC to enter into a Developer Agreement with Severyn Development, 43 Central Ave Suite #300, Lancaster, NY 14086, for the Adams Street Infill Housing Initiative; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Executive Director Jocelyn Gordon and BENLIC legal counsel are authorized to take any and all necessary actions and execute the necessary documents to execute the above-referenced Developer Agreement.