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County Executive Announces Public Meeting to Provide Update On National Marine Sanctuary Application

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, along with the Erie County Department of Planning, is pleased to announce a public information session at the Erie County Public Library, H.O. Hirt Auditorium, 160 East Front Street, on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM to update the public on the County's National Marine Sanctuary application.

For the first time in two decades, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is accepting applications from communities along the shores of the United States for consideration as national marine sanctuaries. The National Marine Sanctuaries Act authorizes the designation and protection of marine environments in the oceans and Great Lakes of the United States.

Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator for NOAA, will lead the public meeting joined by Honey Stempka, coordinator of the County's application process. Attendees will receive an overview of marine sanctuaries, be informed of the highlights of Erie County's application, and learn which organizations and individuals are supporting the initiative.

County Executive Dahlkemper encourages the general public to attend the information session on Erie County's effort to receive this esteemed designation.

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