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Evans Town Board  
8787 Erie Road  
Angola, New York 14006

RE: Community Development Block Grant Funding Public Hearing  
Lake Erie Beach Park: Basketball & Street Hockey Court  
Kennedy Sidewalks

Dear Evans Town Board Members:

For 25+ years, I've been asking town officials to build an accessible basketball/street hockey court at Lake Erie Beach Park.

In 2013, as per the director of community development's report at the 9-11-2013 Town of Evans worksession, the town will request funds for improvements at the North Evans Pool. I offer this as proof that the recreational needs of Evans residents have been neglected for too long. The Town of Evans will also request funding to extend the sidewalks on Kennedy Avenue.

### **NEW REQUEST: 2013 BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING**

I am certified by Cornell University as an ADA Trainer. (See Attached) The sidewalks, as constructed by the Town of Evans has several violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act including but not limited to:

1. Kennedy Avenue Sidewalks
  - a. The sidewalk recently built on Kennedy Avenue is unusable by residents in chairs from end to end due to several breaks at intersections at unimproved roads. (See Attached Photos)
  - b. There is an approximately one foot gap between the sidewalk and blacktopped Kennedy Avenue that allows pebbles and other material to create a hazard for residents with walking disabilities.
  - c. I am requesting that the existing sidewalk be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act before or as part of funding for a sidewalk extension.
2. Lake Erie Beach Park Picnic Area
  - a. By allowing a parcel of land zoned Recreational Facility and deed restricted as free and open to the public to be blocked by a property owner, a picnic area at Lake Erie Beach Park has become inaccessible to residents with walking disabilities and in chairs. (See Last Photo Below) This request is to extend the walking paths within Lake Erie Beach Park to make this picnic area accessible to all residents.

**BELOW WAS SUBMITTED AT THE 2012 BLOCK GRANT HEARING AND IS  
RESUBMITTED FOR 2013**

Several years ago, when the town blocked off about ½ of the parking lot at Lake Erie Beach Park for use as a basketball court, the action was in conflict with New York State's Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement (see attached) that does not allow removal of parking spaces from waterfront parks (locations).

Building a basketball / street hockey court would bring the Town of Evans back into compliance with state guidelines.

I am requesting that this project be put at the top of the grant request for funding.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward G. Schneider III". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Edward G. Schneider III

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**Cornell University**

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations

Employment and Disability Institute

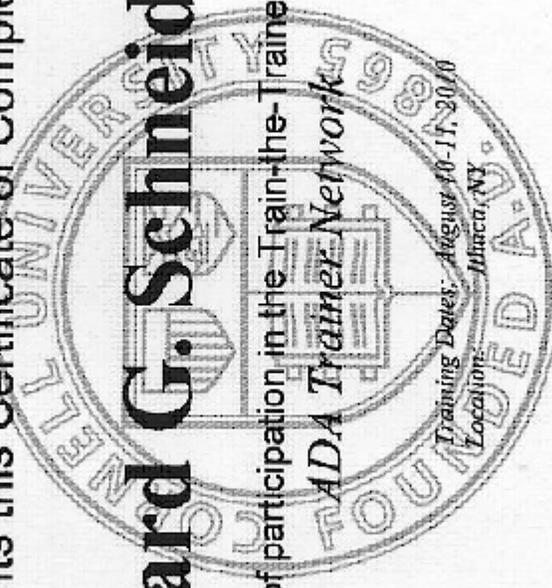
Presents this Certificate of Completion to

**Edward G. Schneider III**

In recognition of participation in the Train-the-Trainer Session of the  
**ADA Trainer Network**

DBTAC-Northeast ADA Center

Contact Hours: 14



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This Section Is Unusable By Residents With Chairs

IMAGE BELOW SHOWS INACCESSIBLE PICNIC & PLAYGROUND AREA



Does This Look Accessible?

