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Governor Cuomo makes two Grisanti sponsored bills into law

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Senator Mark Grisanti (R-60) today announced Governor Andrew Cuomo has made laws of two Grisanti bills.

The first bill, S.6639, amends the environmental conservation law to extend the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund fifty percent subsidy through September 30, 2015 to allow municipalities to receive <u>financial assistance</u> to acquire, construct and upgrade eligible water pollution control projects. The second bill S. 6048B amends the parks, recreation and historic preservation law for the not-for-profit corporation known as the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor Commission to add a new voting member and extend the deadline for submitting a draft management plan.

"I am pleased that the bills have passed the legislature and have been signed into law by the Governor. Both of these bills are positive for the citizens of my district, Western New York and the state as a whole," said Senator Mark Grisanti (R, I-60). "Keeping intact the various incentives for municipalities to implement projects that ensure clean water is essential for environmental conservation. Additionally, our historic and cultural institutions, especially on the east side of Buffalo, need to develop funding sources to ensure their future survival. These two very important local endeavors will see positive growth due to today's signing by the Governor."

S.6639 will amend the Environmental Conservation Law to extend through September 30, 2015 the fifty percent subsidy available to recipients of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The CWSRF was established to provide financial assistance to recipients, especially municipalities, who were working on upgrades of sewage treatment facilities or other projects linked to the Federal Water Quality Act of 1987. The increased subsidy partnered with the interest-free short term financing program offered by the Environmental Facilities Corporation helps create jobs and provide environmental benefits.

S.6084 will amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law to change the membership rules and extend the deadline set to submit a draft management plan for the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor commission. Since 2007, the Commission has represented the J. Edward Nash House, Michigan Street Baptist Church, the Langston Hughes Institute, and the Colored Musicians Club which represent the historic history, culture and reform activities of the African American population on the east side of Buffalo. This amendment requires a representative of the Langston Hughes Institute serve on the commission . Further it moves the deadline to July 31, 2013 for the submission to the commissioner of a draft management plan which designs a long-term funding plan.