



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2014

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 1-day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District land at 15 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and the Cal-Sag Channel, in Cook County, Illinois, for its Annual Chicago River Day Clean-Up Event on May 10, 2014. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The Friends of the Chicago River has requested a 1-day permit to access District land at 15 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and the Cal-Sag Channel, in Cook County, Illinois, for its Annual Chicago River Day Clean-Up Event on May 10, 2014. Prior approvals of the Annual Chicago River Day Clean-Up Event have been granted by the District since 1998.

The Friends of the Chicago River is requesting permission for its volunteers to access District land at 15 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and the Cal-Sag Channel generally identified as follows:

1. Main Street to Dempster Street, Evanston
2. North Shore Avenue to Touhy Avenue, Skokie
3. Lincoln Village Shopping Center, Chicago
4. North Lincoln Avenue to West Hood Avenue, Chicago
5. North Side College Prep High School, Chicago
6. River Park, Chicago
7. Ronan Park, Chicago
8. Wilson Avenue to Lawrence Avenue, Chicago
9. Horner Park, Chicago
10. Clark Park, Chicago
11. Lake Katherine Nature Preserves, Palos Heights
12. Ann Street, Blue Island
13. Green Bay Road to Emerson Street, Evanston
14. California Park, Chicago, IL
15. Gordon Tech College Prep, Chicago, IL

Maps depicting the locations are attached hereto. There are no objections to Friends of the Chicago River's request from the technical departments. The permit will be subject to any additional conditions imposed by the District's technical departments.

As in the past, Friends of the Chicago River has requested that the District provide a boat to collect the debris again this year and the Maintenance and Operations Department ("M & O") has no objections to this request. Friends of the Chicago River shall notify the District Police when the boat is needed to coordinate with M & O

for the pick-up of the debris.

The one-day clean up event will be conducted by supervised high school students. As in the past, Friends of the Chicago River will be required to provide public liability insurance naming the District as an additional insured. The permit will also require that Friends of the Chicago River provide the District with signed releases from all of the participants including signed releases from a parent and/or guardian of a minor participant. Should a parent/guardian not accompany said minor, the permit will require that the minor's release, signed by a parent, must also be signed by the adult supervisor. The permit will also require that Friends of the Chicago River obtain the written consent of the private lessees of any leased parcel.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 1-day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District land at 15 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and the Cal-Sag Channel, in Cook County, Illinois, for its Annual Chicago River Day Clean-Up Event on May 10, 2014. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute said permit agreement after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, RMH:STM:npe

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners April 3, 2014

Attachments