



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 1-day permit to the Village of Worth to access the Lucas Berg Pit located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois for its Fall Clean-Up Day Event on November 7, 2015. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

In 1975, the District, as a local sponsor under the Calumet-Sag Navigation Project, purchased on behalf of and deeded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") the Lucas Berg Pit ("Lucas Berg Site") located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois, for use as a dredging disposal facility. The deed contained a reverter clause providing that ownership of the land reverts to the District if the site is not used by the Corps. In the 1970s and the 1980s, the Corps constructed certain facilities at the Lucas Berg Site for such use but did not deposit dredgings thereon. Subsequently, federal legislation was enacted in 2014 that deauthorized the Lucas Berg Site for use as a dredging disposal facility.

As the District is now the owner of the Lucas Berg Site, the Village of Worth ("Worth") has requested a 1-day permit to access the site for its Fall Clean-Up Day Event on November 7, 2015. Prior approvals of the Clean-Up Day Event have been granted by the Corps since 1995. Worth and its volunteers will be collecting debris and garbage within the grounds of the Lucas Berg Site. The debris and garbage collected by the volunteers will be bagged and placed outside the Lucas Berg Site's front gate and removed on Monday, November 9, 2015, by Worth's Public Works Department.

There are no objections to Worth's request from the technical departments. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for governmental agencies accessing District land for a public purpose.

The permit will also require that Worth provide the District with signed releases from each participant 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.

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 the Village of Worth to access the Lucas Berg Pit located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois for its Fall Clean-Up Day Event on November 7, 2015. 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:vp

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 November 5, 2015

Attachment