



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Northlake for the acquisition of flood-prone properties (16-IGA-14) in an amount not to exceed \$1,184,018.00, Account 401-50000-612400, Requisition 1434171

Dear Sir:

Authority is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the City of Northlake (City) for the acquisition of flood prone properties (16-IGA-14).

Subsequent to adopting a policy on the selection and prioritization of projects for acquiring flood-prone property by the Board of Commissioners on August 7, 2014, the Engineering Department invited each municipality and township within Cook County to submit preliminary applications for potential flood-prone property acquisition projects. From this solicitation, Northlake was one of six projects identified that met the requirements of the District's policy. In 2015 Northlake was invited to submit a final application which included a benefit-cost analysis and certification that Northlake is willing to fulfill the duties of a local sponsor included in the District's policy.

The flood-prone properties identified by Northlake in their application were recommend by the Engineering Department for acquisition, and on March 3, 2016 the Board of Commissioners granted authority to negotiate an IGA with the City of Northlake for the acquisition of those properties. The City and the District have agreed in principle to the terms of the IGA, which include payment by the District towards the acquisition of seven flood-prone properties in an amount not to exceed \$1,184,018.00. The terms of the IGA also require the City to obtain appraisals, prepare offers, perform closings, deconstruct all purchased structures and restore property to open space, and ensure long term maintenance of the property.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Northlake and make payment to the City in an amount not to exceed \$1,184,018.00 for the acquisition of seven flood-prone properties, and that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the District, as well as any documents necessary to effectuate the transaction and conveyance, upon approval by the Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Funds are available in Account 401-50000-612400

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS:JK

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman Committee on Stormwater Management

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board

of Commissioners for September 1, 2016