



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2016**

#### COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with and make payment to the Village of Stone Park for the acquisition of flood-prone properties (16-IGA-15), with payment to the Village of Stone Park in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.00, Account 401-50000-612400, Requisition 1446955

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Stone Park (Village) for the acquisition of flood prone properties, with payment to the Village in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.00.

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, Stone Park was one of six projects identified that met the requirements of the District's policy. In 2015, Stone Park was invited to submit a final application which included a benefit-cost analysis and certification that Stone Park is willing to fulfill the duties of a local sponsor included in the District's policy.

The flood-prone properties identified by Stone Park in its application were recommended by the Engineering Department for acquisition, and on March 3, 2016, the Board of Commissioners granted authority to negotiate an IGA with the Village of Stone Park for the acquisition of those properties. The Village and the District have agreed in principle to the terms of the IGA, which include payment by the District towards the acquisition of 35 flood-prone properties in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.00. The terms of the IGA also require the Village 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 Village of Stone Park and make payment to the Village in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.00 for the acquisition of 35 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, Kari K. Steele, 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 December 15, 2016