



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Legislation Text

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2017

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a three (3) year permit to the United States Department of Agriculture to periodically access District real estate located north and south of the Main Channel between Pulaski Road in Chicago, Illinois and LaGrange Road in Willow Springs, Illinois, to study Canada Geese and to prevent their interference with air traffic at Chicago Midway International Airport. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

The United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") Wildlife Services Program has requested a permit to access certain District real estate north and south of the Main Channel between Pulaski Road and LaGrange Road, including the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant to disperse Canada Geese away from the arrival and departure corridors associated with Chicago Midway International Airport ("Midway"). The geese are hazardous to aircrafts arriving and departing Midway. The USDA is also studying the movement patterns and habitat use of the geese.

The requested permit would allow USDA staff to access the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, as well as the following vacant District parcels along the main channel from Pulaski Road to LaGrange Road:

31.04	35.02	39.02
32.01	35.04	39.05
32.04	35.06	39.06
33.03	37.03	39.09
33.04	37.05	40.01
34.05	37.08	40.03
34.06	38.14	40.04

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize the issuance of a three (3) year permit to the United States Department of Agriculture to periodically access District real estate north and south of the Main Channel between Pulaski Road and LaGrange Road, to study Canada Geese and to prevent their interference with air traffic at Chicago Midway International Airport. 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 on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, RMH:STM:BJD:vp

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, 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 for March 16, 2017

Attachment