



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Legislation Text

File #: 17-0383, **Version:** 1

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2017

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a 2-day permit to the Village of Worth to access the Lucas Berg Pit located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois for its Spring and Fall Clean-Up Day Events on April 22, 2017, and October 7, 2017. 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 and deeded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") the Lucas Berg Pit located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois for use as a dredging disposal facility. In the 1970s and the 1980s, the Corps constructed certain facilities at the Lucas Berg Pit for such use but did not deposit dredgings thereon. Subsequently, federal legislation was enacted in 2014 that deauthorized the Lucas Berg Pit for use as a dredging disposal facility. The deed that conveyed the site to the Corps contained a reverter clause providing that ownership of the land reverts to the District if the site is not used by the Corps.

Since 1995, the Village of Worth ("Worth") and its volunteers have conducted clean-up day events twice a year at the Lucas Berg Pit approved by the Corps. Prior approvals of Worth's Annual Clean-Up Events have been granted by the District since it acquired ownership of the Lucas Berg Pit in 2015.

The District has received a request from Worth for a 2-day Permit to access the Lucas Berg Pit at the subject location for its Spring and Fall Clean-Up Day Events on April 22, 2017, and October 7, 2017. Worth and its volunteers will be collecting debris and garbage within the grounds of the Lucas Berg Pit. The debris and garbage collected by the volunteers will be bagged and placed outside the Lucas Berg Pit's front gate. On the Monday immediately following each clean-up day event, staff from Worth's Public Works Department will haul away the debris and garbage collected by the volunteers.

The technical departments have no objections to Worth's request. A nominal fee of \$10.00 is recommended as is customary for a governmental agency using District land for a public purpose. The permit will 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.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a 2-day permit to the Village of Worth to access the Lucas Berg Pit located at 7600 West 111th Street in Worth, Illinois for its Spring and Fall Clean-Up Day Events on April 22, 2017, and October 7, 2017. 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, 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 April 6, 2017

Attachment