



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Mr. John P. Murray, Acting Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the Chicago Park District for the construction, operation and maintenance of green infrastructure at three parks in Chicago, Illinois (18-IGA-04), in an amount not to exceed \$238,930.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1501158

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the Chicago Park District (CPD) for the construction, operation and maintenance of green infrastructure at three parks in Chicago, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$238,930.00.

On November 2, 2017, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to negotiate IGAs to assist various local municipalities and other governmental organizations with Green Infrastructure (GI) projects, including the Chicago Park District. The CPD proposes the replacement of turf grass with native prairie landscaping at three parks located in Chicago, Illinois: La Villita Park, located at 28th Street and Sacramento Avenue; Rutherford Sayre Park, located at Newland Avenue and Shakespeare Avenue; and Park 538, located at North Kedzie Avenue and West Pratt Boulevard. The project is expected to reduce local flooding in these areas, and provide educational opportunities on the benefits of GI. The project will provide an estimated 367,372 gallons of stormwater storage for which the District will seek credit under the Green Infrastructure requirements of the District's Consent Decree, subject to approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The District and the CPD have agreed in principle to the terms of the IGA, which include payment by the District towards construction costs of the captioned project in an amount not to exceed \$238,930.00. Partial payments to the CPD will be made at predefined intervals during construction, which is anticipated to begin in 2018, and be completed in 2019. The CPD has contributed to engineering, property acquisition and other design-related costs, and will also contribute towards the total construction cost of \$477,958.46 for this project. The IGA will require the CPD to advertise and award the construction contract in conformance with the District's Purchasing Act, Multi-Project Labor Agreement and Affirmative Action Requirements, assume responsibility for design, construction, maintenance and operation of the project, and be solely responsible for any change orders to the project. The IGA will also contain provisions which allow the District oversight of the project's design and construction, and maintenance.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to enter into an IGA with the CPD and make payment to the University in an amount not to exceed \$238,930.00 for the construction, operation and maintenance of the project. It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Acting Executive Director, and Clerk be authorized to execute said 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 for the 2018 expenditure, in the amount of \$50,000.00, are available in Account 501-50000-612400. The estimated expenditure for 2019 is \$188,930.00. Funds for the 2019 expenditure are contingent on the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for that year.

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

Recommended, John P. Murray, Acting Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Shore, 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 6, 2018