



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2019**

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

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with and make payment to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Planning and Development, for the construction, operation and maintenance of an Eco Orchard in the Garfield Park area of Chicago (18-IGA-05) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, Account 501-50000-612400, Requisition 1525044

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with and make payment to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Planning and Development, for the construction, operation and maintenance of an Eco Orchard in the Garfield Park area of Chicago (18-IGA-05) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

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 City of Chicago (City). Under this project, the City proposes the installation of an Eco Orchard in the Garfield Park area. The project is expected to reduce local flooding in the area, and provide educational opportunities for local residents on the benefits of GI. The Eco Orchard Project will provide an estimated 165,893 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 City 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 \$500,000.00. Partial payments to the City will be made at predefined intervals during construction, which is anticipated to commence in 2019. The City has contributed to engineering and other design-related costs, and will also contribute towards the total estimated construction cost of \$900,000.00 for this project. The IGA requires the City to advertise and award all project-related construction contracts using the District's Purchasing Act, Multi-Project Labor Agreement, and Affirmative Action Requirements as minimum requirements. The Affirmative action goals to be applied to the total amount of reimbursement provided by the District for this project are 20 percent for Minority-owned Business Enterprises, 10 percent for Women-owned Business Enterprises, and 10 percent for Small Business Enterprises. The City will assume responsibility for design, construction, perpetual maintenance, and operation of the project, and be solely responsible for any change orders. The IGA also contains provisions which allow the District to review the project's design and perform inspections after the project is constructed.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that the Board of Commissioners grant authority for the District to enter into an IGA and make payment to the City in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. It is further requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, 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 are available in Account 501-50000-612400.

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

Recommended, Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for August 8, 2019