



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to negotiate intergovernmental agreements to assist various local municipalities and other governmental organizations with Green Infrastructure projects

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the report to the Board of Commissioners submitted on May 4, 2017, the District solicited Green Infrastructure project proposals from municipalities, townships, and other governmental agencies for District assistance. The applications were sent to the chief elected official in each jurisdiction as well as agency and other governmental organization officials, and posted on the District's website. The Engineering Department received 47 applications for Green Infrastructure (GI) projects between May and July 2017.

Staff has reviewed all the GI project submittals, evaluated the proposals, and ranked the eligible projects based on factors such as the cost per gallon, number of benefiting structures and cost per structure, project visibility, and median income of the community. Based on this evaluation, a selection of 20 projects is hereby recommended for funding and/or other assistance to be provided to the local communities and governmental organizations for implementation of these green infrastructure projects. Attached are a table describing the recommended projects and an exhibit depicting their location. Applicants whose projects were not selected will be notified that their proposals may be eligible for future consideration under our GI and/or Phase II local Stormwater programs as applicable.

It is hereby requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the District to negotiate Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the entities identified on the attached list, to allow the District to assist in the furtherance of these projects. Assistance may be in the form of funding, engineering, or other assistance to be defined through the negotiations between the District and the involved entities. Once the parties agree in principle, authority to enter into the individual IGAs will be sought from the District's Board of Commissioners. In addition to the many benefits these projects will provide in their local communities, the District will apply the volume of design retention capacity achieved towards our Consent Decree requirement for Green Infrastructure to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Requested, Marcella V. Landis, Acting Director of Engineering, WSS:JK:JJY

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah 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 November 2, 2017

Attachments