



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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COMMITTEE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to Subsidize the Cost of Rain Barrels (*Deferred from the February 4, 2021 Board Meeting*)

Dear Sir:

The District's rain barrel program promotes local green infrastructure to capture rainwater from roofs and save it for later use, such as watering gardens and flowers. Currently, the District sells rain barrels via the District's website at the same price the District pays for the rain barrels. During different times, the District has subsidized the cost of rain barrels. After discussions with the Board of Commissioners, and in order to promote the use of rain barrels, we request authority to subsidize half of the cost of rain barrels for all Cook County homeowners and 75% of the cost of the rain barrels for Cook County homeowners over the age of sixty-five. A maximum of two rain barrels would be sold per homeowner's address.

Requested, John P. Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations, EJS

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 February 18, 2021