



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region

WHEREAS, in August of 2019, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) selected the Chicago region to be an example of strategic and collaborative regional climate change planning. This region was one of only four selected in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, in collaboration with GCoM and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration developed a climate plan specific to the Chicago metropolitan area which established goals to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and strategized on techniques to combat the results of climate change. The plan incorporated prior work performed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning which focused on greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, while developing the plan, 270 stakeholders from 175 organizations, including representatives of 53 municipalities and counties were consulted to assist in identifying regional climate hazards and developing solutions based in social equity; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly designated that stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois is under the general supervision of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District), and the District is therefore charged with the responsibility of managing floods and floodwaters- which can include flooding exacerbated by climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region was released on July 13, 2021, and contains several strategies to mitigate and adapt to flooding exacerbated by climate change, including green infrastructure, flood prone property acquisition, and intergovernmental cooperation. Other strategies include focus on recovering resources from wastewater, preserving ecosystem services, and supporting biodiversity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and our staff, do hereby recognize the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated: September 2, 2021