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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** November 2, 2015

**MEMO TO:** Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair  
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** James L Anderson, Director  
Natural Resources

**SUBJECT:** Illinois Coastal Grants Program – Habitat Restoration at Greenbelt Forest Preserve

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY:** Receipt of \$100,000.00 of federal grant funds for Greenbelt Forest Preserve’s habitat restoration and a series of volunteer stewardship workdays that engage neighborhood community groups in long-term stewardship activities.

**BACKGROUND:** Greenbelt Forest Preserve (595 acres) provides critically-rare shrubland bird habitat for 11 bird species identified by Illinois’ Wildlife Action Plan as Species in Greatest Need for Conservation. The District has currently restored nearly 100 acres of high quality shrubland habitat at Greenbelt. This federal grant funding from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will allow the District to build upon previous restoration areas efforts by restoring 25 acres of degraded habitat. Co-grant partners Alliance for the Great Lakes and Audubon Chicago Region will organize and implement stewardship schedules to engage the surrounding communities in a series of well-publicized volunteer workdays.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Approval by the President and the Finance and Administrative Committee Chair for acceptance of the grant is required by District policy, along with notifying the appropriate committees.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Legal Counsel

**FINANCIAL DATA:** Funding for this initiative is being provided by a grant from NOAA’s Illinois Coastal Grants Program in the amount of \$100,000.00. The grant requires a \$144,108.00 match, of which \$19,108.00 is in-kind services and \$125,000.00 of matching funds was approved in the FY 2015/2016 Budget from the District’s Habitat Restoration Fund (20104100-803200-60004).

**PRESENTER:** James L. Anderson

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Ann B. Maine, President

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