



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** December 3, 2015

**MEMO TO:** S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**Agenda Item#** 9.3

**FROM:** Katherine Hamilton-Smith, Director  
Public Affairs and Development

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of Grant Funds for Acquisition and Initial Restoration of the Cuneo Property

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Grant in the amount of \$1,085,000.00 to fund the acquisition and initial restoration of the Cuneo property as an addition to Ray Lake Forest Preserve.

**BACKGROUND:** The Lake County Forest Preserve District (District) applied for and received funding in the amount of \$1,085,000.00 from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to support the acquisition of the 337-acre Cuneo property as an addition to Ray Lake Forest Preserve. The grant provides \$1 million to support the acquisition cost, and \$85,000 to support initial restoration of the Cuneo property over a two year grant period.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

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

**FINANCIAL DATA:** A grant for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and funding for initial habitat restoration in the amount of \$85,000.00 has been awarded.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION(S) SUPPORTED:** Conservation, Organizational Sustainability

**PRESENTER:** Katherine Hamilton-Smith



**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FOR THE ACQUISITION AND  
INITIAL HABITAT RESTORATION OF THE CUNEO PROPERTY  
AS AN ADDITION TO RAY LAKE FOREST PRESERVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") has entered into an agreement to purchase certain property commonly known as the Cuneo Trust property to expand the open space, ecological integrity and diversity of Ray Lake Forest Preserve (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District has applied to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (the "Foundation") for a grant for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is locally and regionally important for the protection of open space and habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation has awarded the District a \$1,085,000.00 grant to partially fund the Project (the "Grant");

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Acceptance of Grant. The District's application to the Foundation for the Grant for the Project is hereby ratified. The District hereby accepts the Grant. The President, Executive Director and Secretary are authorized to execute on behalf of the District applications, agreements, and other documents necessary to apply for and accept the Grant.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

AYES:

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APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Ann B. Maine, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_