



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 1, 2016

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

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Jim Anderson, Director
Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval of a Resolution approving Agreements with the Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society (Audubon) and Alliance for the Great Lakes for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Habitat Restoration, funded by Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Illinois Coastal Management Grant Program.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Leadership, Conservation, Communication, Education and Outreach

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the FY2015/2016 Budget. Total habitat restoration cost of this project is \$ 244,108.00, of which \$100,000.00 is supported by the Illinois Coastal Management Grant Program. \$20,000.00 of that grant will be directed to Audubon upon meeting grant agreement requirements. Expenditures will be charged to Natural Resource Grant Fund 69644100-803200-56053.

BACKGROUND: Greenbelt Forest Preserve provides critically-rare shrubland bird habitat for 11 bird species identified by the Illinois' Wildlife Action Plan (IWAP) as Species of Greatest Need for Conservation. The District proposes to build upon previous habitat restoration success at the site by restoring an additional 25 acres of degraded habitat located near the Cultural Center. This effort involves removing dense thickets of buckthorn and other invasive species followed by planting native shrubs, trees, and prairie and wetland seed.

The District has received a \$100,000.00 grant from Illinois Coastal Management Grant Program to implement this habitat restoration project. The grant program is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. A \$20,000.00-portion of this grant is directed to Audubon to facilitate no less than 13 corporate and community stewardship workdays with the goal of establishing a self-sustaining stewardship group at the site. The Alliance for the Great Lakes will implement one corporate stewardship workday; no grant funds will be used for the Alliance's in-kind services. The District will maintain oversight of the grant funds and its partners' obligations as stated in the Agreements that would be approved by this resolution.

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

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

PRESENTER: Jim Anderson

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith “A Resolution Approving Agreements for Administration of Grants for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Habitat Restoration,” and request its approval.

PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS FOR
THE GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) owns property that is known as Greenbelt Forest Preserve; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2015 the District was awarded an Illinois Coastal Grant Program grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 (the “Grant”) for habitat restoration at Greenbelt Forest Preserve (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the agreements in the forms attached hereto between the District and Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society and Alliance for the Great Lakes (the “Agreements”) provide for the District to administer Grant funds and reimburse Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society for certain costs that incurs related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, units of local government, such as the District may contract or otherwise associate with individuals, associations, and corporations, such as Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society (Audubon) and Alliance for the Great Lakes in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance;

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. Approval of the Agreement. The Agreements are hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 3. Execution of Agreement. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreements with Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society (Audubon) and Alliance for the Great Lakes.

Section 4. 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 _____, 2016

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2016

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit _____