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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

**DATE:** March 3, 2016

**MEMO TO:** S. Michael Rummel, Chair

Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** James L. Anderson, Director

Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve reduction of the existing Farm License Agreement at Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Public Access and Connections, Conservation, Leadership

<u>FINANCIAL DATA</u>: Removal of 0.46 acres from the farm program will reduce annual revenue generated by the Waukegan Savanna Farm License from \$18,564.81 (183.81 acres at \$101/acre) to \$18,518.35 (183.35 acres at \$101/acre); a loss of \$46.46 annually.

**BACKGROUND:** The farming program is conducted with local farmers to provide cost-effective, interim land use and management until the District is ready to convert farmland to other forest preserve purposes.

In December, 2015 the District was contacted by staff from Lake County Department of Transportation requesting farm fields be reduced on the south west corner of the intersection of Yorkhouse Road and Northwestern Avenue due to complaints they had received regarding reduced visibility at this intersection. Department of Transportation personnel have provided input regarding the necessary area for this reduction that will satisfy visibility needs.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** Committee approval is required in accordance with District Policy.

REVIEW BY OTHER	<b>S</b> : Director of Finance, Chief Operations Officer, Executive Director
PRESENTER: James 1	L. Anderson
Approved:	Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nays:
	Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:

