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DATE: February 29, 2016

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson, Director
Natural Resources

REQUEST: Provide policy direction authorizing negotiations with Continental Properties Company, Inc., for the potential compliance of Permittee Requested Off-site Mitigation as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for impacts to wetlands at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve.

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Forest Preserve staff has been in consultation with Continental Properties Company, Inc., and its consultant Hey and Associates. Continental Properties, Inc., has proposed a Mariano's Fresh Market on the northeast corner of Waukegan Road (IL 43) and Half Day Road (IL22) within the Village of Bannockburn. As determined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the proposed development will impact wooded wetlands on Forest Preserve property. Continental Properties Inc. is requesting permission to mitigate these impacts by performing mitigation work at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve. In preliminary discussions, Forest Preserve staff has identified a 25-acre parcel of wet savanna within the northern portion of Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve that could serve as an appropriate site for such off-site mitigation work. This area is dominated by widely scattered oaks and several ephemeral ponds which are excellent amphibian habitat.

Policy direction is being sought to begin negotiations with Continental Properties Inc., Hey and Associates and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the possible location of mitigation at Prairie Wolf Forest Preserve.

Recommendations for negotiated mitigation permits or agreements will be brought to future committee meetings for review and approval.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Policy Direction is required in accordance with District policy.

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

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson