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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: June 5, 2017
MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee
FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of an Ordinance requesting the conveyance of an approximately 1.6-acre parcel known as the County of Lake Property as an addition to Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: There are no costs associated with the transfer of land.

BACKGROUND: The County of Lake (County) has owned two small parcels of adjacent land north of Oak Springs Road, on the eastern boundary of Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve since at least 1970. Recently the County approached District staff to determine if there was any interest in accepting a donation of the two parcels. The land has no potential for development or other active public use by the County, because all of it falls within either the Des Plaines River or on land identified by the Lake County Wetland Inventory.

Staff believes that the County Property is necessary and desirable to acquire for Forest Preserve purposes. The acquisition, protection and management of this property will meet the District's adopted land acquisition goals of adding to existing preserves, protecting wildlife habitat, and preserving native wetlands and woodlands.

In addition, the conveyance will simplify the boundaries of both the County's and the District's properties, and the land will remain in public ownership. The transfer will benefit the public interest by reducing the County's management responsibilities and expediting the District's maintenance of its property, including keeping the Des Plaines River free of obstructions.

Staff has determined that there are no concerns with respect to the title or environmental condition of the County Property.

The County will consider a resolution approving donation of the property and the conveyance documents at its public meeting scheduled for June 13, 2017. The District will have a plat of survey of the property prepared to determine its precise acreage and mark its boundaries. The property is vacant.

REVIEWED BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Planning and Land Preservation, Corporate Counsel

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

**AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN APPROXIMATELY
1.6-ACRE PARECL AS AN ADDITION TO WILMOT WOODS FOREST PRESERVE
(COUNTY OF LAKE PROPERTY)**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns a certain parcel of land known as the Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve ("Wilmot Woods"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Committee (the "Committee") of the District has conducted a study of certain land in Libertyville Township and within the corporate limits of the District that is suitable for District purposes, which land includes approximately 1.6 acres, is known as the County of Lake Property, and is depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property will expand upon, and enhance, the holding of Wilmot Woods, will provide expanded forest preserve opportunities in an ecologically important portion of Lake County, and is a visual, topographic and ecologic extension of District properties; and

WHEREAS, the Property is owned by the County of Lake (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to donate the Property to the District at no cost; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that the District accept the conveyance of the Property from the County because said conveyance will advance the goals and policies of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., the Local Government Property Transfer Act, 50 ILCS 605/0.01, et seq., (the "Transfer Act") and other applicable authority, the District is authorized to acquire the Property from the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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 part of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Ownership and Boundaries. The Property is publicly owned, is depicted on the attached Exhibit A, and lies wholly within the limits of the District.

Section 3. Suitability. The Property is suitable to be used, occupied, and developed for forest preserve and related purposes, and it is necessary, convenient, and desirable that the District use the Property for public purposes, including the purposes identified in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Request for and Acceptance of Conveyance. The District hereby requests that the County donate the Property to the District. The District shall accept the Property from the County, provided that the County first adopts a resolution authorizing the County to donate the Property to the District, in the manner provided by law, including the Transfer Act. Upon approval of such a resolution, the

President, Executive Director and the Secretary of the District are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest to, on behalf of the District, all necessary documents to complete such conveyance, provided that the documents have first been approved by the District's Corporate Counsel.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2017

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2017

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

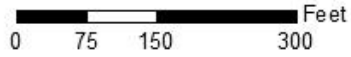
ATTEST:

Julie Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Exhibit A

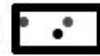
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Legend



Forest Preserve Property



Subject Property

Courtesy Copy Only.
Property boundaries indicated are provided for general location purposes. Wetland and flood limits shown are approximate and should not be used to determine setbacks for structure or as a basis for purchasing property.

Prepared using information from:
Lake County Department of Information & Technology: GIS/Mapping Division
18 North County Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4357
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2015 Aerial Photo

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