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DATE: October 1, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding a request from Lake Villa Township to perform storm sewer improvements within a portion Duck Farm Forest Preserve and to authorize negotiation of a perpetual easement.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: None

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact at this time.

BACKGROUND: Lake Villa Township (Township) recently notified District staff of their desire to provide storm sewer improvements in the unincorporated area of the Township along Maurine Drive. The existing pipe from the storm sewer system servicing the area along Maurine Drive is partially located within, and currently discharges to, District property at Duck Farm Forest Preserve just north of Morton Drive. The portion of the proposed drainage improvements located on District property includes the replacement of approximately 25 lineal feet of existing storm sewer pipe and a flared end section.

Staff has reviewed the improvement plans and has determined that there is minimal impact to District property as a result of this work.

The existing pipe was installed prior to the District's acquisition of Duck Farm Forest Preserve, and through a thorough review of this request, no documentation could be found regarding rights for the existing storm sewer on District property. Staff is seeking approval to negotiate a permanent easement for the future operation and maintenance of the storm sewer.

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