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DATE: April 1, 2019

MEMO TO: John Wasik, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution supporting the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation; Leadership; Organizational Sustainability.

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND: The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) worked with numerous watershed stakeholders to develop the "Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan" (the "Plan") including 39 municipalities, 15 townships, Lake County, and the Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup (DRWW). The District is an active member of the DRWW.

The purpose of the Plan is to improve degraded conditions in the Des Plaines River watershed. It provides recommendations for improving water quality, reducing flood damage, and protecting and enhancing natural resources. The Plan identifies best practices and programs and provides resources and information for watershed communities to integrate multi-objective watershed management in their decision-making activities.

On October 4, 2018, SMC adopted the Plan as an Amendment to the Lake County Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan.

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Supporting the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission’s Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan,” and requests its approval.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LAKE COUNTY
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION'S
DES PLAINES RIVER WATERSHED-BASED PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) owns properties that are located within the Des Plaines River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the District has issues of common interest with certain units of local government (including the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission); and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission has revised the Lake County Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan to include the Des Plaines River Watershed-Based Plan (the “Watershed-Based Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Watershed-Based Plan is to improve degraded conditions in the Des Plaines River watershed by improving water quality, reducing flood damage, and protecting and enhancing natural resources through implementing best management practices and programs and providing resources and information for watershed communities to integrate multi-objective watershed management in their decision-making activities; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Watershed-Based Plan is beneficial for the successful implementation of a series of individual site-specific projects and watershed-wide programmatic actions to improve water quality, reduce flood damage potential, protect and enhance natural resources, provide watershed education opportunities, and improve community cooperation and participation in watershed improvement activities;

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. Support of Watershed-Based Plan. The Resolution Supporting the Watershed-Based Plan is hereby approved.

Section 3. 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 _____, 2019

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____