



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES

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**DATE:** January 5, 2015

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

S. Michael Rummel, Chair  
Finance and Administrative Committee

**FROM:** Randall S. Seebach, Director  
Planning, Conservation and Development

**SUBJECT:** Policy Direction regarding the proposed routing of the Lake Michigan water line extension to portions of northwest Lake County and to authorize negotiation of an Intergovernmental Agreement

**REQUEST:** Provide policy direction regarding a request from the Lake County Public Works Department, representing the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA), to consider the routing of a proposed Lake Michigan water line extension, to consider permanent and temporary easements on Monaville Road and Cedar Lake Roads adjacent to Grant Woods Forest Preserve, and to authorize negotiation of an intergovernmental agreement between CLCJAWA and the District.

**BACKGROUND:** In April 2013, the District approved an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Lake that allowed the inclusion of certain District-owned parcels into the Lake County Special Service Area in order to create the necessary contiguity to all parcels to be served under the Special Service Area (SSA). In return for the District's participation in the SSA, the County will allow the District to tap-in to the County's water service at two locations at Grant Forest Preserve without paying any standard connection fees. The District will also be excluded, in perpetuity, from all special taxes levied for the purposes of the SSA.

The Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency ("CLCJAWA") is currently in the process of preparing preliminary plans for future improvements to extend Lake Michigan water to certain unincorporated portions of the County and the Villages of Lake Villa and Lindenhurst.

As part of the planned improvements, CLCJAWA has identified a preliminary route which will run along Monaville Road and Cedar Lake Road adjacent Grant Forest Preserve. These improvements will require permanent and temporary easements at Grant Woods Forest Preserve.

Staff is seeking preliminary approval of the proposed water line routing and for authorization to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement.

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

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Director of Operations and Public Safety, Director of Finance, Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

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

**PRESENTER:** Randall L. Seebach