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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 2, 2015

MEMO TO: Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
Planning and Restoration Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Randall L. Seebach, Director
Planning, Conservation and Development

SUBJECT: Agreement with IDNR for Invasive Plant Management in the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the administration of a Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship Grant for Illinois Beach State Park.

BACKGROUND: Since 2011, owners of land within the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain (Lake Plain) that include the District, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Nature Conservancy, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and others, have worked together to implement coordinated invasive plant management through an Invasive Plant Strike Team to protect and restore the biodiversity of this important coastal ecosystem. In 2014, this partnership was expanded to include other public and non-profit owners of coastal natural areas in Lake County, including: Waukegan Park District, Park District of Highland Park, the City of Lake Forest, and Openlands. Together, with the District as the lead organization, the partners developed a proposal to the Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship grant program to implement invasive plant management across all coastal natural areas in the Lake Michigan watershed in Lake County, Illinois and southern Kenosha County in Wisconsin through a Lake Michigan Watershed Invasive Plant Strike Team. In addition to the partners identified above this proposal included partners such as the Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership and the Plants of Concern Monitoring Program to assist in the coordination and assessment of the two-year management project.

The grant was awarded to the District in September 2014 in the amount of \$397,265.00. A portion of the grant estimated at \$15,000 is intended to fund invasive plant management within Illinois Beach State Park (IBSP). The actual amount will depend upon how much labor is needed to address the priority areas at IBSP. IDNR will provide \$13,000 of in-kind match toward the IBSP restoration work. Work in the IBSP will directly benefit the ongoing restoration of Spring Bluff Forest Preserve by reducing invasive plant populations adjacent to the District's Spring Bluff Forest Preserve. Pursuant to the attached agreement with IDNR, the District will administer grant funds being provided to IDNR for the work at IBSP. The District will maintain oversight of the solicitation of bids and expenditure of grant funds for work completed at IBSP, while requiring IDNR to provide oversight and project management of the work.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Committee recommendation and Board approval are required in accordance with District policy.

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

FINANCIAL DATA: Funding for this agreement will be 100% provided by a Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant, awarded September 8, 2014, and will be charged to Grant account 69644100-803200-56050.

PRESENTER: Randall L. Seebach

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
 COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
 REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING
 FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE** and **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** present herewith "A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Administration of a Sustain Our Great Lakes Stewardship Grant for Illinois Beach State Park," and request its adoption.

**PLANNING AND RESTORATION
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
 COMMITTEE:**

YEA NAY



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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A SUSTAIN OUR GREAT LAKES STEWARDSHIP GRANT
FOR ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the "District") owns certain property known as Spring Bluff Forest Preserve in Lake County, Illinois that is adjacent to other natural areas owned by other entities, including the Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, and the Illinois Beach State Park (the "IBSP") owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (the "IDNR") in Lake County, Illinois (collectively, the "Lake Plain"); and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the District was awarded a Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$397,265.00 (the "Grant") for the restoration of critical Lake Michigan natural communities within the Lake Plain, which includes invasive species removal and hydrologic restoration (the "Work"); and

WHEREAS, the agreement in the form attached hereto between the District and IDNR (the "Agreement") provides for the District to administer Grant funds for the Work; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, units of local government, such as the District may contract or otherwise associate with other states to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., any power, privilege, function, or authority exercised by a public agency, including the District and IDNR, may be exercised, combined, transferred, and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of the United States to the extent not prohibited by law;

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. Approval of the Agreement. The Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form attached hereto.

Section 3. Execution of the Agreement. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with IDNR.

Section 4. 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 _____, 2015

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie A. Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit _____