



DATE: June 3, 2024

MEMO TO: Paras Parekh, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: John Nelson
Chief Operations Officer

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding negotiations for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lindenhurst for the Rose Tree Lane Drainage Outfall Project at McDonald Woods.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Conservation, Organizational Sustainability

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

BACKGROUND: A Village of Lindenhurst storm sewer is located near the southwest corner of McDonald Woods, near the intersection of Beck Road and Rose Tree Lane. The storm sewer conveys stormwater flows into the preserve.

The stormwater flows in that area over time have contributed to significant erosion around the storm sewer pipe and downstream of the pipe in the channel within the preserve, which flows to the lakes within McDonald Woods and then to Mill Creek and the Des Plaines River further downstream. Erosion of the channel has caused the failure of some sections of the storm sewer pipe and threatens to erode further south toward where the pipe runs between two residences on Rose Tree Lane. Staffs from the District and the Village of Lindenhurst have long discussed their desire to work cooperatively on a joint project (the Rose Tree Lane Drainage Outfall project) to stabilize the storm sewer and the downstream channel.

In Fall 2022, the District and Village retained an engineering consultant to study the area and develop preliminary plans that could be used to prepare submissions for grant funding. A grant application was made in late 2022 directly to the County of Lake for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. That application was unsuccessful. Another grant application to the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (LCSMC) – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) program for the Des Plaines River watershed was made in early 2023. The District and Village were recently notified by LCSMC that the Rose Tree Lane Drainage Outfall project has been included in the most recent round of projects nominated for grant funding.

Staff now seeks policy direction to continue coordinating with the Village of Lindenhurst and to negotiate and prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement that will address land rights (permanent and temporary easements), grant agreements with LCSMC, financial costs, and other matters related to this project.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Director of Natural Resources, Director of Land Preservation, Manager of Board Operations, Corporate Counsel.