



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”)

Request: Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with MWRD for reconstruction and maintenance of the McCook levee.

Goods or Services: MWRD proposes to improve, raise, and maintain the McCook Levee on the west side of the Des Plaines River from 45th Street downstream to the railroad in Ottawa Trail Woods. This project will require the grant of a permanent easement from the Forest Preserves to MWRD.

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Continuous

Fiscal Impact: None

Accounts: N/A

District(s): 16

Summary: MWRD proposes to repair, rehabilitate, and replace a levee along the west side of the Des Plaines River from 45th Street to Lawndale Avenue, known as the McCook Levee, to protect commercial and residential structures from flooding. MWRD will complete the proposed work and assume future maintenance responsibility for the levee pursuant to an agreement for project design and construction with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the proposed IGA. The proposed 3.58-acre permanent easement will provide access and right of entry to MWRD and the Corps for the construction, operation and maintenance of the levee on Forest Preserves property. Under the IGA, the Forest Preserves will have record keeping and reporting obligations, as well as use restrictions, in relation to MWRD funding certain improvements with bond funds.

A two-block portion of the Salt Creek Trail will be closed and temporary access to an on-street detour provided during the construction period. Tree mitigation and other fees will be waived for MWRD consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding providing for mutual waiver of fees between MWRD and the Forest Preserves approved on May 11, 2017. The Forest Preserves may also grant MWRD and the Corps waivers to applicable work-hour limits and truck-traffic restrictions upon written request. The proposed IGA is subject to final review and approval by the Forest Preserves’ Legal Department.