



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** The Village of Melrose Park (“Melrose Park”)

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with Melrose Park to widen and maintain two (2) drainage ditches in Thatcher Woods.

**Goods or Services:** The authority requested is to grant permission to Melrose Park to widen and maintain two (2) existing drainage ditches on approximately 0.17 acres of Forest Preserves land located on the west side of the Des Plaines River in Thatcher Woods just south of North Avenue.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Perpetual, subject to termination after twenty (20) years

**Fiscal Impact:** \$15,000.00 one-time upfront payment to the Forest Preserves for ecological restoration

**License Fee:** \$15,495.87 (waived)

**License Application Fees:** \$3,500.00 (waived)

**YELAR Fee:** \$6,750.00 (waived)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**District(s):** 9

**Summary:** Melrose Park seeks permission to widen and maintain two (2) existing drainage ditches on Forest Preserves land, at no cost to the Forest Preserves, to avoid standing water near adjacent residential property. The Forest Preserves and Melrose Park have been exploring mutually acceptable solutions to avoid stormwater retention near the residences dating back to at least 2016. Dredging will impact two (2) corridors, one approximately 350 feet in length to the east of the residential complex to the Des Plaines River and the other 150 feet in length running south from the complex to the river. No trees will be impacted. Melrose Park will maintain the ditches to ensure stormwater does not build-up on Forest Preserves property. In view of past arrangements between the Forest Preserves and municipalities to resolve stormwater

drainage, the Forest Preserves has agreed in this instance to waive licensing fees and requirements. Melrose Park has agreed to pay the Forest Preserves \$15,000.00 for restoration work to be performed on Forest Preserves property.