



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Planning & Development

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

Request: Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in mutually beneficial public works projects and allow for mutual waiver of permit, license and other fees for improvement projects proposed by either agency

Goods or Services: Waiver of license and other fees for projects proposed by either agency that otherwise meet the respective agency’s permit or license review criteria

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: Five (5) years from the date of execution

Fiscal Impact: Varies by project

Accounts: N/A

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“FPDCC”) typically charges tree mitigation, application, license, and other fees for projects that impact FPDCC-owned property; and MWRD typically charges permit review and inspection fees for permits sought under its Watershed Management Ordinance or any other ordinances. Under this MOU, the FPDCC and the MWRD wish to cooperate in mutually beneficial projects and mutually waive fees that could or would normally be charged to the other. For example, MWRD is proposing certain flood control projects on Forest Preserve land that also benefit the FPDCC, including rebuilding and sharing in maintenance responsibility for Lyons Levee, an existing flood control structure owned by FPDCC at Ottawa Trail Woods, and shoreline restoration and bicycle trail improvements in conjunction with dam reconstruction at Arrowhead Lake with the City of Palos Heights pursuant to separate Intergovernmental Agreements (Board Agenda Item 17-0134 and 16-0177, respectively).

Both agencies will retain the right to approve or reject any projects proposed by the other based on other review criteria established by each agency. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to impose any legally binding requirements on either MWRD or FPDCC. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding is subject to final review and approval by the FPDCC’s Legal Department.