

Item #2:

Resolution Supporting The Buffalo Creek Watershed-based Plan

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-___
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED PLAN

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove (the "***Village***") endeavors to maintain a community character featuring many natural areas and has a long history of supporting protecting these natural environments and the many benefits that they provide the Village;

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove is a certified stormwater management community and has adopted the Lake County Stormwater Watershed Plan which provides many benefits including: limiting and cleansing stormwater run-off throughout the community;

WHEREAS, the new Lake County Stormwater Management Program Plan for the Annual MS4 Program requires communities support for local watershed-based plans;

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership and Buffalo Creek Watershed stakeholders have been working since 2012 to prepare a comprehensive watershed-based plan for the Buffalo Creek Watershed (Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan) in Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan was developed through a series of thirteen planning meetings with the cooperative effort of more than one hundred and twenty persons representing forty different watershed entities, ranging from individual homeowners & homeowner associations, consulting companies, businesses, large landowners and non-profit environmental organizations to local government, county, state and federal agencies that attended meetings during the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan is to identify opportunities for watershed communities to integrate multi-objective watershed management in land use and development activities; and

WHEREAS, a second purpose of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan is to improve degraded conditions in the watershed by improving water quality, reducing flood damage, and protecting and enhancing natural resources by implementing best management practices and programs to retrofit existing problem areas and prevent future problems from occurring; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan will guide the successful implementation of a series of individual site-specific projects and watershed-wide programmatic actions to: improve water quality, reduce flood damage potential, protect and enhance natural resources including the watershed's lakes, streams and wetlands; and in addition, will provide watershed education and recreation opportunities and improve community cooperation and participation in watershed improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the "**Village Board**") have determined that the Buffalo Creek Watershed Plan is consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan and the regulations and goals of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as the findings of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO. Support. The Village Board hereby supports the Buffalo Creek Watershed-based Plan for Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois.

SECTION THREE. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of October, 2016.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this ____ day of October, 2016.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk