

Item #4:

Resolution Supporting Planned Buffalo Creek Improvements

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-__**

**A RESOLUTION
CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE BUFFALO CREEK LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District has purchased thousands of acres of forest preserve land throughout Lake County for the purpose of providing natural open space and reforestation of many sites previously farmed; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove has strongly supported the concept of properly controlled open space, park lands and forest preserves; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District purchased the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve to improve flood control of Buffalo Creek with a commitment to the surrounding communities of providing a reforestation, prairie restoration and passive forest preserve site; and

WHEREAS, original development plans of the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve prepared and approved by the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 1983 indicated development of the entire site for restoration and trails; and

WHEREAS, the entire community area around the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve site has relied on the development planning of this site from the original purchase, preliminary planning and project completion; and

WHEREAS, it is considered proper forest preserve planning to minimize conflicting uses adjacent to established forest preserves to protect the usability of the forest preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District was formed to protect and preserve the forests and open space throughout Lake County for the study and appreciation of generations of Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, there is limited land available to the Lake County Forest Preserve District for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District is the only agency in Lake County with the specific purpose of preservation of open space; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Village of Long Grove and of all of Lake County have been immeasurably benefited by the acquisition of this forest preserve site as open space; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove approved Resolution No. 2005-R-28 "A Resolution Opposing The Reservoir Expansion At The Buffalo Creek Lake County Forest Preserve" opposing all plans proposing the expansion of the existing reservoir located at the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District shared the concerns of the Village and rejected the original plans due to concerns that the plans presented conflicted with the commitment that the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve be used for passive uses devoted to the natural environment and enhancement of the prairie heritage on the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve site; and

WHEREAS, Lake County Forest Preserve District revised its plans to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Lake County Forest Preserve District pursuant to its enabling statute, 70 ILCS 805/0.001 *et seq.*, ("Statute"), which clearly states in Section 5 of the Statute that forest preserves are created for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within such district, and to restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and such land together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2006, the Village of Long Grove approved Resolution 2006-R-33 "A Resolution Conditionally Supporting The Planned Improvements At The Buffalo Creek Lake County Forest Preserve" based upon the revised plans presented by the Lake County Forest Preserve District, subject to certain changes as set forth in Section Three of Resolution 2006-R-33, which appear to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Lake County Forest Preserve pursuant to its enabling Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District has developed conceptual plans ("Concept Plans") for the westernmost portion of the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve to restore the agricultural fields to high quality wetlands and native prairie with passive recreational uses being limited to pedestrian trails that will connect to the existing pathway system in Buffalo Creek, the Village's soccer fields to the west and provide access points from Country Club Estates Subdivision to the north that appear to be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Lake County Forest Preserve District pursuant to its enabling Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Plans for the westernmost portion of the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve will provide direct benefits to the neighboring properties for stormwater management and access to the Lake County Forest Preserve District properties and for the larger community through the installation of pedestrian pathways with connections between neighborhoods and the Village's existing and planned pathway system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

SECTION TWO: The Village of Long Grove requests that the Lake County Forest Preserve District continue to provide notification to the Village of Long Grove of

the meetings at which the Lake County Forest Preserve District will discuss any plans for the development of the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve.

SECTION THREE: The Village of Long Grove supports the Concept Plans subject to the following:

1. **Completion of Improvements.** Assurances (financial and legal) that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will complete improvements on the west side of Schaeffer. The Village requests the completion of additional improvements, including plantings and the trail system, prior to allowing construction of the new reservoir (e.g. require completion of east side (wetland) improvements and west side (existing reservoir) improvements prior to construction of new reservoir).
2. **No Further Changes.** Satisfactory assurances (legal, platted and recorded) that no further expansion/changes beyond those on the Concept Plans will be made to any portion of the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve without the approval of the Village.
3. **Trail Connections.** That the existing trail connection to Checker Road will remain, and the Lake County Forest Preserve District will accept cross-easements granted by the Village to the Lake County Forest Preserve District for access from Forest Preserve District trail system to the planned Village parking lot situated to the immediate west of the site and planned loop trail system within the Village athletic field property.
4. **Checker Road Entrance.** Maintenance of existing west entrance to Checker Road.

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

PASSED this 14th day of July, 2015.

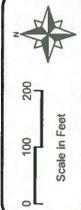
AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2015.

Angela Underwood, Village President

ATTEST:

Heidi Locker-Scheer, Village Clerk



LEGEND

Property Line	---
1 FT Contour Line	-----
Wetland Boundary	-----
Firmest Wetland Boundary	-----
Existing Drain Tile	-----
Proposed Storm Sewer	-----
Proposed Culvert	-----
Proposed Level Spreader	-----
50' Wetland Buffer	-----
Wetland Enhancement Area - 2.35 acres	-----
Wetland Restoration Area - 16.07 acres	-----
Wetland Creation Area - 2.16 acres	-----
Wetland Restoration less potential - 4.46 acres	-----
Upland Restoration - 50 ft Buffer - 15.21 acres	-----
Upland Restoration beyond 50 ft Buffer - 21.36 acres	-----

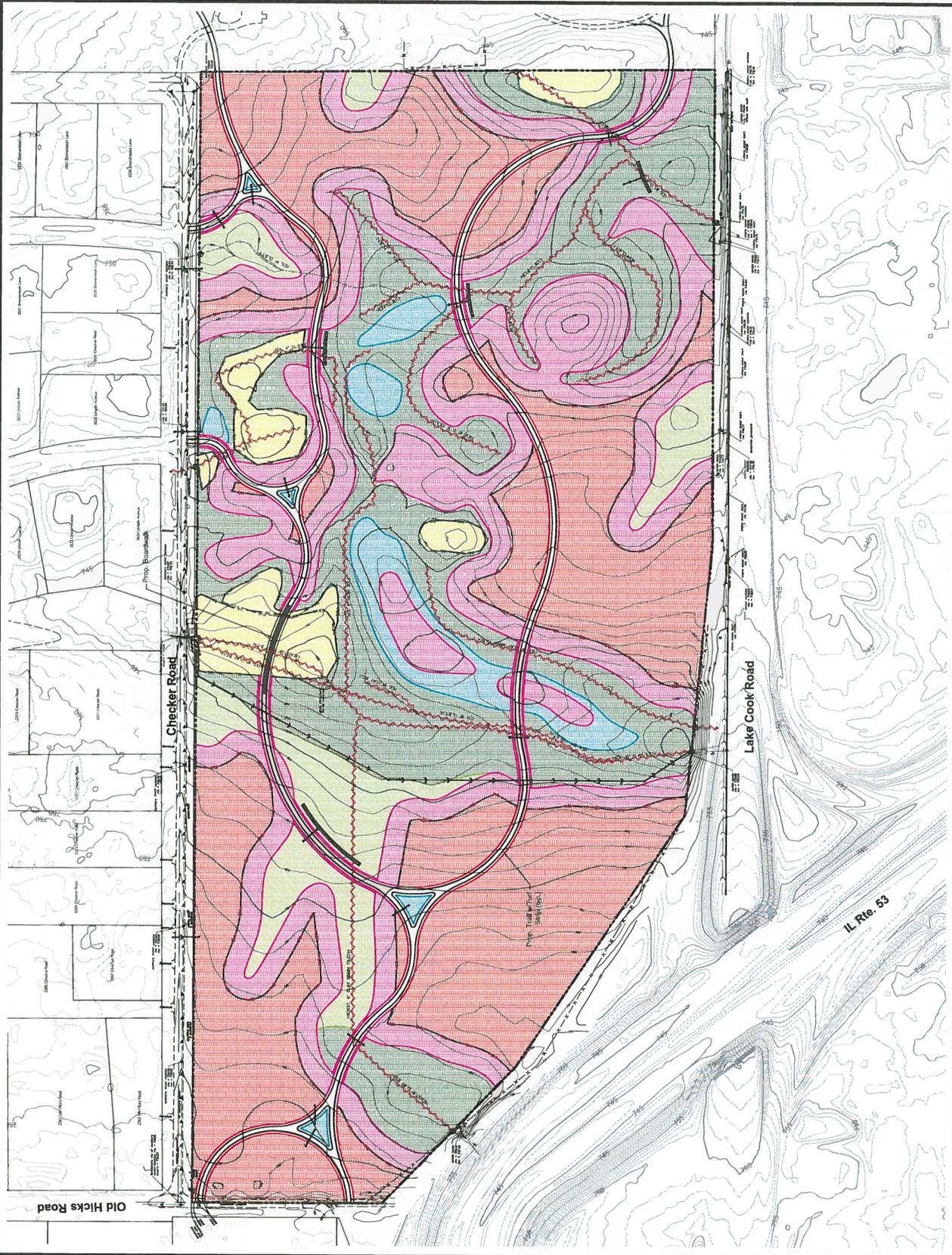
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**Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve
 Wetland Bank Mitigation Plan**

Wetland Mitigation Plan

PROJECT NO.	13-0172
DRAWN BY	JLJAWAK/CKK
CHECKED BY	PC/CK/CFE
APPROVED BY	
DATE	07/22/2014
SHEET NO.	1
TOTAL SHEETS	1

Concept



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