



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 12, 2024

To: Planning, Building and Zoning Committee
Finance and Administrative Committee

From: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director
Brian Frank, Chief Engineer
Juli Crane & Glenn Westman, Principal Wetland Specialists

Subject: SMC Wetland Restoration Fund (WRF) Project – Des Plaines River Watershed

ACTION REQUESTED: Emergency Appropriation of SMC Wetland Restoration Funds

- The SMC Wetland Restoration Fund (WRF) collects fees from wetland impacts into a deferred revenue account for each of the four major watersheds in the county.
- The WRF policies mandate a financial process, which requires an emergency appropriation to allocate funds for expenditure.
- The total amount requested for this emergency appropriation is \$394,105.50, which includes \$354,695.00 for the Lake County Forest Preserve District's Grainger Woods Hydrologic Restoration Project in Mettawa, IL., and \$39,410.50 for SMC's administrative fee for the project.
- The Grainger Woods Hydrologic Restoration Project will create/restore 23.7-acres of wetland to mitigate for 2.6-acres of isolated wetlands lost due to development impacts (net gain = 21.1-acres of wetland).