



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution appropriating \$2,285,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for the construction of the Buffalo Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, and designated as Section 01-00000-00-ES.

- Buffalo Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank: Construction Appropriation.
- It is necessary to mitigate for impacts to wetlands caused by the construction of improvements to designated routes on the County highway system.
- The use of wetland mitigation banks is an environmentally appropriate and cost effective way of handling the mitigation of said wetland impacts.
- The County and the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) entered into an agreement effective April 28, 2000, and terminating April 28, 2018, providing for a land exchange and allowing the County to acquire a license from the District for the purpose of creating "wetland banking credits" that could be used for future public roadway improvements.
- The preliminary engineering evaluation and the design engineering for the construction of the wetland mitigation bank is complete.
- This resolution appropriates \$2,285,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for the construction of the Buffalo Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the construction of improvements to designated routes on the County highway system sometimes result in minor impacts to adjacent wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to mitigate for impacts to wetlands caused by the construction of improvements to designated routes on the County highway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of wetland mitigation banks is an environmentally appropriate and cost effective way of handling the mitigation of said minor wetland impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Lake County Forest Preserve District (LCFPD) entered into an agreement effective April 28, 2000, and terminating April 28, 2018, providing for a land exchange and allowing the County to acquire a license from the District for the purpose of creating "wetland banking credits" that could be used for future public roadway improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County has completed the preliminary engineering evaluation and the design engineering for the construction of the wetland mitigation bank; and

**WHEREAS**, an appropriation of funds is required.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** this Lake County Board, that there is hereby appropriated \$2,285,000 of County Bridge Tax funds for the construction of the Buffalo Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, and designated as Section 01-00000-00-ES.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on August 9, 2016.