

Legislative File No: 2013-0278

TO:	Mayor and City Council Members
-----	--------------------------------

FROM: Michael Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry – 248.841.2552

DATE: July 19, 2013

SUBJECT: West Nile Virus Fund

REQUEST:

A certified City Council Resolution is required to authorize the Parks & Forestry Director to act as agent for the City of Rochester Hills to request reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

BACKGROUND:

As a public health measure, the City of Rochester Hills has once again undertaken a West Nile Virus mosquito control program in the spring/summer of 2013 that should greatly reduce the population of infected mosquitoes. As a proactive measure, the city has treated storm sewer catch basins with larvicide during the month of June to eradicate mosquito-breeding sites. The City also purchased pump spray bottles of insect repellant for distribution to residents.

The City of Rochester Hills also used the 2013 Spring Hills Herald to publicize West Nile Virus information, remind our residents of the upcoming mosquito season, and offer suggestions to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas around their home.

Larvicide has been purchased through the Drain Fund. DPS and Parks crews worked to clean out the storm sewer catch basins and treat them with larvicide.

Oakland County has established the West Nile Virus Fund and the City of Rochester Hills is eligible for a maximum reimbursement of \$10,671.13 to cover the costs of the larvicide and insect repellant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation that the Rochester Hills City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the Parks & Forestry Director to request these reimbursement funds for eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		