



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2005-0459

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Michael Hartner, Parks & Forestry - 841.2552
DATE: July 1, 2005
SUBJECT: West Nile Virus Reimbursement Agent Authorization

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 undertook a West Nile Virus mosquito control program in the spring of 2005 that should have greatly reduced the population of infected mosquitoes. As a proactive measure, the city targeted the storm sewer catch basins to eradicate mosquito habitat within our city. These catch basins were cleaned out to remove sediment, decaying debris, and non-potable water that are mosquito-breeding sites. After these catch basins were cleaned, they received a treatment of larvicide.

The City of Rochester Hills also used the Spring/Summer 2005 Hills Herald to publicize West Nile Virus information to remind our residents of the upcoming mosquito season, inform them on how to best protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites, offer suggestions to eliminate mosquito breeding areas around their home, recommend the best ways of disposing of dead birds, and provide contact information to report dead crows.

Oakland County has established the West Nile Virus Fund and the City of Rochester Hills is eligible for a maximum reimbursement of \$26,149.74 to cover the costs of our mosquito control program.

Larvicide was purchased through the Drain Fund (244.740000) at a cost of \$12,661.00. The Hills Herald was used as a means of notifying residents and providing general information on the West Nile Virus and how to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds at a cost of \$1,058.66 (171.900000). DPS staff and equipment were used for cleaning out the catch basins, and Parks staff treated the catch basins with larvicide. These costs should be reimbursable through the Oakland County program up to our limited reimbursable amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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