



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2017-0256

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRP, Director, Parks & Forestry Department
DATE: June 5, 2017
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. This resolution must be in place by the end of June to request reimbursement for 2017 supplies.

BACKGROUND:

Through a partnership with Oakland County, the City of Rochester Hills has undertaken a West Nile Virus mosquito control program in the spring/summer of 2017 as a public health measure that should greatly reduce the population of infected mosquitoes. Oakland County has established the West Nile Virus Fund and the City of Rochester Hills is eligible for a maximum reimbursement of \$10,190.93 in 2017 to cover the costs of this program.

This program consists of two different distribution channels for mosquito control: 1) the City will treat storm sewer catch basins with larvicide to eradicate mosquito-breeding sites; 2) the City will distribute pump spray bottles of personal insect repellent to residents; 3) the City will distribute 2-packs of mosquito dunks to treat private resident ponds leftover from last year's program.

DPS and Parks crews work together during the months of May/June to clean out the storm sewer catch basins and treat them with larvicide.

The City is using the 2017 Spring *Hills Herald* and the City's website to publicize West Nile Virus information, reminding our residents of the upcoming mosquito season, and offering suggestions to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas around their home. All distributions are available to residents on a first come, first served basis.

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		
Deputy Clerk		