

City Council Agenda Summary Sheet

Agenda No: 2004-0593
Date: July 7, 2004
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Meeting Date: **July 21, 2004**

PURPOSE:

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.

DISCUSSION:

As a public health measure, the City of Rochester Hills undertook a West Nile Virus mosquito control program in the spring of 2004 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 2004 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.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

Larvicide was purchased through the Drain Fund at a cost of \$5,865.30. DPS and Parks crews worked to clean out the drain basins and treat them with larvicide. 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. These costs should be reimbursable through the County program.

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.

Department Authorization: Michael Hartner, Director of Parks & Forestry

Reviewed by:

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