

City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael Hartner, Parks & Forestry – 841.2552

DATE: April 27, 2009

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 will once again undertake a West Nile Virus mosquito control program in the spring of 2009 that should greatly reduce the population of infected mosquitoes. As a proactive measure, the city will target treating storm sewer catch basins with larvicide during the month of June to eradicate mosquito-breeding sites.

The City of Rochester Hills will also use the 2009 Spring/Summer Hills Herald, cable TV, and the city's website to publicize West Nile Virus information to remind our residents of the upcoming mosquito season, offer suggestions to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas around their home, and provide contact information to report dead crows.

Larvicide has been purchased through the Drain Fund. DPS and Parks crews will work to clean out the drain 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 \$15,689.84 to cover the costs of the larvicide and West Nile Virus information publication costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation 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.