



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2024-0238

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director, Parks & Natural Resources Department
DATE: May 6, 2024
SUBJECT: West Nile Virus Fund

REQUEST:

A certified City Council Resolution is required to authorize the Parks & Natural Resources 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 mid-June to request reimbursement for 2024 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 2024 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 \$10,309.15 in 2024 to cover the costs of this program.

This program consists of three 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.

DPS and Parks & Natural Resources work together during the months of June/July to coordinate storm sewer catch basin treatment with larvicide and basin cleanouts.

The City is using the 2024 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 & Natural Resources 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		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney Yes N/A