

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 8, 2008

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 2008 that should greatly reduce the population of infected mosquitoes. As a proactive measure, the city will target the storm sewer catch basins to eradicate mosquito habitat within our city. These catch basins will be cleaned out to remove sediment, decaying debris, and non-potable water that are mosquito-breeding sites. After these catch basins are cleaned, they will receive a treatment of larvicide.

The City of Rochester Hills will also use the Spring/Summer 2008 Hills Herald to publicize West Nile Virus information to remind our residents of the upcoming mosquito season, inform them on how to be 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.

Larvicide will be 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 \$26,149.74 to cover the costs of our mosquito control program.

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.

RESOLUTION

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