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DATE April 4, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an agreement between the County of Westchester and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop plans and technical specifications for a segment of the Mamaroneck River corridor at Saxon Woods County Park

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to accept a grant. The grant will be used to complete a Mamaroneck River Corridor Buffer Restoration project (NY # 1401.11.028674) to develop plans and technical specifications for a segment of the Mamaroneck River corridor at Saxon Woods County Park. The not-to-exceed amount of the grant is \$41,000.00, and the term is March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

The County Department of Planning will develop the plans and technical specifications for the construction of the project that will restore riparian buffer and floodplain habitats along a segment of the river and covering approximately 4.5 acres. The plans will document the existing conditions and restoration activities and will include consideration of flood waters storage and water quality improvement. The grant agreement requires that the County contribute at least \$4,500.00 of in-kind services as a match to the grant. No County funds will be required for the project.

This project is on County-owned property and will directly benefit County infrastructure and assets by restoring a degraded streambank. Plan preparation will include an assessment of various methods to restore the corridor including but not limited to application of systemic, aquatic organism-acceptable herbicide, mechanical removal of dead plant matter, seeding and planting of herbaceous and woody plants and targeted herbicide applications. Upon completion of the plans and technical specifications, the County will seek additional non-county funding to construct the project.

The goal and objective of this agreement is the development of complete construction level plans and technical specification for the expansion of an existing Long Island Sound environmental benefit project along a segment of the Mamaroneck River. The project will have a direct impact on the restoration and the stream buffer's functional value at the County-owned Saxon Woods Park as well as identify methods that will alleviate flooding and improve water quality in the Mamaroneck River watershed. The project will be monitored by Planning Department staff as they will oversee all phases of the project.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

I recommend approval of this agreement.

EB/cp
Attachment

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to accept a grant to develop plans and technical specifications for a segment of the Mamaroneck River corridor at Saxon Woods Park. The project will include the assessment of various methods to restore a section of the corridor including but not limited to application of systemic, aquatic organism-acceptable herbicide, mechanical removal of dead plant matter, seeding and planting of herbaceous and woody plants, and targeted herbicide applications and will include consideration of flood waters storage and water quality improvement. The not-to-exceed amount of the grant is \$41,000.00, and the term is March 1, 2012, to February 28, 2013, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation requires that the County contribute at least \$4,500.00 of in-kind services as a match to the grant; no County funds will be required for the project, and be it further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept	Or Unit			
263	19	284M	9856	T284	\$41,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2012 Start Date March 1, 2012 End Date February 28, 2013
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$41,000.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other \$41,000.00