

RESOLUTION #16-04
MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE CONGESTION
MITIGATION AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ) GRANT
FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF A CONNECTING TRAIL
BETWEEN THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF THE RIDGEFIELD TRACE
AT OAK STREET IN CRYSTAL LAKE
WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "DISTRICT"), is authorized to acquire and hold lands for Conservation District Act purposes as set forth in the Conservation District Act; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District recognizes the importance of enhancing the transportation system to accommodate alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources and improve the quality of life for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the District has plans to complete a multiuse trail corridor between Crystal Lake and Woodstock (Ridgefield Trace) and has the easements in place for portions of such a trail; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the project is to promote the support of alternate modes of transportation and improve the quality of life for members of the communities impacted; and

WHEREAS, the District in cooperation with the City of Crystal Lake, and the Union Pacific Railroad have plans to make a trail user, railroad and vehicle user friendly crossing on the trail via an at-grade crossing of the railroad at Oak Street; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), working jointly with other state agencies, local governments, interest groups and citizens in enhancing the transportation system has use of Federal funds to provide reimbursement for up to 80 percent for preliminary engineering with the balance to come from a local government or state agency; and

WHEREAS, the District recommends entering into a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation to develop the plans to complete the connection of the Ridgefield Trace at Oak Street in Crystal Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees hereby expresses its support of the acceptance of the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the preliminary engineering for the Ridgefield Trace Oak Street improvements and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Local Public Agency to execute the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation under CMAQ funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, that the President of the Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Baster & Woodman, Inc. for the preliminary engineering of the Ridgefield Trace at Oak Street Improvements as presented, through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

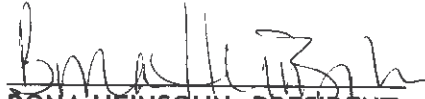
PASSED AND APPROVED, by the Board of Trustees for the McHenry County Conservation District, the 21ST day of January, 2016.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0



**BONA HEINSOHN, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**STEPHEN BARRETT, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**