

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #17-16**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE  
CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ) GRANT  
FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION 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**

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**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 Union Pacific Railroad and Nunda Township Road District 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 construction engineering with the balance to come from a local government or state agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the District recommends entering into a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation to construct and to complete the connection of the Ridgefield Trace at Oak Street in unincorporated Nunda Township.

**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 construction 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 Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for the construction engineering of the Ridgfield 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 31<sup>ST</sup> day of May, 2017.

Ayes:   6  

Nays:   0  

Absent:   0  

Abstain:   0  

  
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**STEVE BARRETT, PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

  
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**DAVE KRANZ, SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**