

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #17-34**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY
AND
THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RELATED TO THE PROPAGATION OF TWO FRESHWATER MUSSEL SPECIES**

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), is a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (hereinafter referred to as the "FPDDC"), is a forest preserve district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 805); and

WHEREAS, the Fluted-shell (*Lasmigona costata*) and Creek heelsplitter (*Lasmigona compressa*) are two freshwater mussel species that historically have widespread distribution across the upper Midwest; and

WHEREAS, in McHenry County extensive restoration of Nippersink Creek has been completed in Glacial Park and in DuPage County, over 10 miles of river and streams have been restored within the West Branch of the DuPage River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, FPDDC has developed an Urban Stream Research Center and has successfully propagated common species of native freshwater mussels found in DuPage County and is interested in increasing research information on the life history of reproductive strategies of mussel species and to successfully propagate freshwater mussels; and

WHEREAS the FPDDC would like to assist the District in augmenting existing mussel populations by propagating and providing sub-adult mussels for release in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, both organizations share a vision for the preservation and protection of the natural history and biodiversity of the Chicago Wilderness region which includes McHenry County, Illinois and DuPage County Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it is in the best interest of the public for the entities to cooperatively coordinate the activities as outlined in a document to be created to memorialize duties for the propagation of two fresh water mussel species.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District to create and execute an agreement possibly in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, and the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute this resolution and the Executive Director or her designee is authorized to create and