

**MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #20-26**

**ACCEPTING THE MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PROJECT LIST FOR FY 2021**

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 McHenry County Conservation Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation"), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 509(a)3, type 1; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Foundation have been working to establish processes and procedures meant to enhance the current funding request process between the two organizations, as well as internal and external communications regarding project reporting; and

WHEREAS, the discussion has led to the creation of funding request guidelines as well as related forms, which will serve as a guide for all future funding request; and

WHEREAS, the District Directors and Managers have identified priority projects for FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023 and which have been arranged according to the Foundation identified priority funding areas; and

WHEREAS, the projects list for FY 2021 has been accepted by the Board of Trustees of the District and is ready for consideration by the Foundation for the upcoming year with projects for the Short Eared Owl Aviary and Blanding's Turtle Enclosure approved to move to the grant request level.

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 and the residents of McHenry County to accept the Projects List for FY 2021 and authorize the raising of funds for the project recommendations for FY 2021 as approved, and the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute this resolution and the Executive Director is authorized to execute other necessary documents to execute the intent of this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #20-26 has now been executed this 24th day of March, 2020 by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Vernon M. Scacci
Vernon M. Scacci (Mar 27, 2020)

**VERNON SCACCI, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Carolyn Campbell
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**CAROLYN CAMPBELL, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



Potential Funding Projects - FY 2021

Recreation						
Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Date Funds Needed	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Notes
Education						
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Replacement Wigwam	For use in Native American school field studies and public programs. Funding would pay for the entire project.	\$ 2,800.00	Mar-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	Would be completed by professional authentic wigwam builders, contract proposal already in hand.
Surface Tablets (2-4)	Will be used in day camps and public programs to streamline check in and presentations. Fund will be used to purchase tablets and necessary software.	\$ 3,600.00	May-20		Jun-20	Two are already in District budget, purchase would be budget relief with the request of two more for better customer service. Cost will be between \$1,800 and \$3,600, depending on number of tablets purchased.
Replacement Ice Machine for LVVC	Used by program and day camp attendees. Funds will purchase ice machine.	\$ 1,500.00	When available		When available	Not currently in budget, would be cost saving in that staff would not need to purchase bags of ice.
Free Native Seed Nursery	The free native seed nursery would give users the opportunity to learn plant identification and to collect seeds they could use in their home gardens/landscapes. Funding would cover the purchase of seeds, bags for seed collection and signage.	\$ 10,000.00	When available		When available	Cost is estimated. This project idea is part of the Johnson/Dankert 5 acre land donation. The gift is unconditional, however, it was verbally requested by the donors that the District make a good faith effort to have the parcel serve as a "Free Seed Nursery".

Land Protection						
Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Date Funds Needed	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Notes
Dollman Parcel Purchase	-19.5 acre land purchase in Marengo. Funds requested would cover the match required from the grant source for the land purchase.	\$ 27,200.00		Feb-20	Dec-20	District Board approved moving forward on grant funding for this parcel and Foundation board approved providing requested matching funds. True cost est. \$136,000
May Parcel Purchase	-47 acre land purchase in Richmond, within Glacial Park. Funds requested would cover the full cost of the land purchase.	\$ 329,000.00		Feb-20	Dec-20	District Board approved moving forward on grant funding for this parcel and Foundation board approved being the primary applicant for a grant, as well as providing match. The Foundation would also cover ancillary costs related to the purchase This project also crosses over into restoration.
Land Management and Stewardship						
Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Date Funds Needed	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Notes
Mussel Reintroduction	This project would allow the District to partner with the Forest Preserve of Du Page County's Urban Stream Research center to propagate several species of mussels for direct reintroduction into the Nippersink Creek in areas restored by previous grants. Funds would be used to expand the partnership with teh Urban Stream Research Center to propagate several additional species of mussels for direct reintroduction into the Nippersink Creek in areas restored by previous grants.	\$ 10,000.00		May-20	Jun-21	Multi-Year Project that could be continued as long as funds were available
The Checkerspot Project	This project will allow the District to reintroduce the larval food plants for the Baltimore Checkerspot, a declining habitat restricted butterfly that is tied to high quality wetland areas. Once established Checkerspot larva would be grown by partner institutions specializing in butterfly conservation and reintroduced. Funds would be used to purchase and reintroduce host plants in retored wetland areas and, once those are established, would also be used to fund the growth of larva at partner institutions.	\$ 10,000.00		Sep-20	Sep-21	Multi-Year Project that could be continued as long as funds were available
Seed Harvester Purchase	This project will provide funding to purchase a second seed harvester for large scale seed collection on District restorations. This in turn will allow both more grassland restoration and enrichment of existing grassland projects.	\$ 25,000.00		Sep-20	Sep-20	

Weekend of Restoration	This popular program gives adult learners a full weekend immersive experience in learning about Midwestern ecosystems and working to restore them. Projects include planting hundreds of trees and also seeding native prairie. This funds up to 25 students for two full days and pays for all the plant material.	\$ 6,500.00	Aug-20		Oct-20	Is a project that crosses over into education as well. Multi-year project that could continue as long as funds are available.
Boger Bog Restoration, Phase 1	This project provides funding for engineering to repair a century of wetland down cutting from sever erosion in the Boger Bog fen complex. Once completed the District will be able to implement the work with additional funding.	\$ 25,000.00	Dec-20		Dec-21	
Bootstraps for Beginning Biologists	This project will fund a two year full time temporary position for a young college graduate entering the field of conservation biology. The funding helps completed needed work on District lands while helping a young person launch a career.	\$ 100,000.00	Apr-20		Apr-22	Is a project that crosses over into education as well. Multi-year project that could continue as long as funds are available.
From Corn to Compass Plants--Glacial Park	This project would fund the costs of converting a 21 acre parcel in Glacial Park from row crop production to high quality prairie grassland.	\$ 67,200.00	Sep-20		Mar-21	
Take a Kid to Burn School	This project provides funding for up to 20 college students to attend a week long burn school at the Conservation District and learn how to be prescribed burn crew members. The District will be able to burn additional natural lands with the addition of this crew each spring.	\$ 10,000.00	Feb-21		Apr-21	Multi-Year Project that could be continued as long as funds were available

Other Funding Opportunities

Project	Description	Estimated Cost	Date Funds Needed	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Notes
50th Anniversary Commemorative Book	This book would highlight the history and accomplishments of the District during its first 50 years. This book would be shared with area libraries and gifted to people who have been involved with the District over the course of its history. Funds would cover the cost of design and printing.	\$ 10,000.00				Funds would be raised by selling ad space at the back of the book. These ads would reflect the book's layout, be narrative in nature, and tell a story of the business or person purchasing them.
Pichen Parcel	The District has a final payment due on its agreement to purchase the Pichen parcel.	TBD				4.3 mil left to pay, District is transferring \$1,482,875 in 2021 and transferred \$474,473 in FY20 TOTAL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION BY END OF FY: \$1,957,308
Blandings Turtle Enclosure	This is a new outdoor enclosure that would be used to Blandings Turtle hatchlings. Funds were initially requested to cover full cost of enclosure being built by District staff.	\$ 5,000.00				At this point full cost is yet to be determined and is expected to increase based on lack of staff capacity.
Short- Eared Owl Aviary	This is a replacement structure for the Wildlife Resource Center. Funds were initially requested to cover full cost of enclosure.	\$ 4,000.00				At this point full cost is yet to be determined and is expected to increase based on lack of staff capacity.

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE		\$ 646,800.00			Total cost does not include Pichen, as the fundings requested from the foundation are undertermined at this point. While some projects will be funded from the Foundation's general operating fund, many of these projects will only be funded as resources are made available, which may not be in the requested fiscal year.
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