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History
The Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group (HCWPG) is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation organized in 2007. The mission of the HCWPG is to protect and restore Hickory Creek and its tributaries using a locally-led, holistic watershed planning approach. In 2012 the Hickory Creek Watershed Plan was completed with the input of local governments including Orland Park. The plan includes both general principles as well as specific recommendations for improvements in the watershed area. In 2011 the Orland Park Board passed a resolution in support of the plan.

Approximately 50% of the Orland Park land area is tributary to Hickory Creek through the sub-watersheds of Spring Creek and Marley Creek. The HCWPG is comprised of local communities including Orland Park, Joliet, New Lenox, Tinley Park, Frankfort, Mokena and Homer Glen along with Will County and numerous other environmental and consultant organizations.

The main goal of the HCWPG is to reduce nonpoint source pollution and attain water quality and habitat improvements. Current efforts include the documentation and testing of water quality within the watershed to create a baseline understanding of current conditions. In Orland Park, water samples are collected regularly from tributary creeks by Village staff and analyzed by a professional laboratory, with the testing costs paid by the HCWPG. The long term results of the testing will facilitate the preparation of action plans and simple demonstrations of Best Management Practice (BMP) projects. The HCWPG also assists with community education and outreach along with evaluating performance of local BMP projects. While taking advantage of the laboratory testing pricing provided to the HCWPG, the Village also conducts similar water quality monitoring in three (3) other watersheds within the Village; Tinley Creek, Mill Creek and Long Run Creek.

The fiscal year for the HCWPG is July 1 to June 30. As an Agency Member, the current annual dues

are \$7,000. Dues last year were \$5,000, with an increase approved by the membership for this upcoming year.

On May 2, 2016, this item was reviewed and approved by the Public Works Committee and referred to the Board for approval.

Financial Impact

Funds to cover the cost for this membership are budgeted in account 010-2003-432800.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve 2016/17 membership dues for the Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group at a cost of \$7,000.