



Legislation Text

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Title

2019 ComEd Green Region Grant - Resolution

History

The ComEd Green Region Program offers small grants to local governments and non-profits in our region for the protection and improvement of open space. Potentially covered expenses include land acquisition, planning, and physical site improvements such as passive recreational facilities and plant and animal community restoration. The grant is limited to \$10,000 maximum, and requires an equal local match. Grant recipients may apply for additional grants on an annual basis.

In 2013 the Village was awarded a ComEd Green Region grant to assist in the effort to clean up and remove trash, debris, and invasive landscape plant materials from the site. The grant also helped fund the development of a conceptual Master Plan for the site. In 2017 the Village was awarded an additional grant to for work associated with the restoration of native plant and animal communities in the Nature Center and the surrounding area.

The Village is currently working on plans for the Eagle Ridge Green Infrastructure Project. This project would be a good match for the ComEd Green Region grant as it would focus heavily on the establishment of pollinator habitat as well as incorporate interpretation components, such as educational site signage, that inform the public about both pollinators and green infrastructure. The total project cost is estimated at \$85,000 and is intended to help address flooding issues near the Eagle Ridge Park and Eagle Ridge subdivision through a comprehensive green infrastructure approach.

The attached resolution in support of the ComEd Green Region Program grant application is now before the Village Board for consideration.

Financial Impact

The ComEd grant application requires a resolution of support from the Village Board approving the submission as well as approval to utilize the Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account funds for a local match. Matching funds for this project are available in the Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account (TPGIA) # 010-0000-223100.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to pass Resolution Number 1903, entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A COMED GREEN REGION PROGRAM GRANT