
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2018-009**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NATALIE CREEK TRAIL.**

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Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a duly organized and validly existing non home-rule municipality created in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and the laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island believe and hereby declare that it will be in the best interests of the City and its residents to approve the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for the Establishment of the Natalie Creek Trail (the "Agreement") in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. The Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof, is hereby approved and accepted, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said Agreement on behalf of the City.

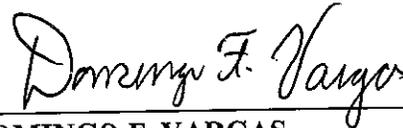
Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

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ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2018, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

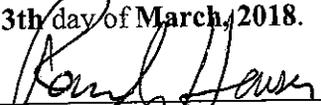
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Hawley	X				
Alderman Poulos	X				
Alderman Vieyra	X				
Alderman Bilotto	X				
Alderman Rita	X				
Alderman Donahue	X				
Alderman Carr	X				
Alderman Slattery	X				
Alderman Ostling	X				
Alderman Pittman	X				
Alderman Johnson	X				
Alderman Frausto	X				
Alderman Thompson	X				
Alderman Fahrenwald			X		
Mayor Vargas					
TOTAL	13		1		

APPROVED by the Mayor on March 13, 2018.



DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
13th day of March, 2018.



RANDY HEUSER
CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT 1

#940-17

AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATALIE CREEK TRAIL

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Village of Midlothian, the Midlothian Park District, the City of Oak Forest, the Oak Forest Park District, the Village of Crestwood, the Village of Robbins and the City of Blue Island. (Each of the foregoing are hereinafter individually referred to as an "Agency" and hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agencies.")

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the continued development and organization of the Chicago metropolitan area has increased public awareness of the importance of maintaining open space and providing recreational opportunities for individuals throughout the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities, Park Districts, and other Organizations have been meeting in a cooperative effort concerning the formulation and development of the Natalie Creek Trail, which involves the construction of a regional, multi-purpose trail approximately nine and 65/100 (9.65) miles in length between the Tinley Creek Trail and the Cal-Sag Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies have participated in a cooperative effort concerning the formulation and development of the nine and 65/100 (9.65) miles of the Natalie Creek Trail (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), which involves the construction of a regional, multi-purpose trail (hereinafter referred to as the "Trail Plan") of approximately nine and 65/100 (9.65) miles in length, and the construction and installation of related bridges, fences, retaining walls and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, when completed, the Project will extend from the Tinley Creek Trail system near Oak Forest in southern Cook County, north, east and west through Midlothian, Crestwood, Robbins, Crestwood and Blue Island to the Cal-Sag Trail in southern Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide numerous public benefits as a key component of the overall Trail Plan, including (a) directly serving the transportation and recreational needs of more than sixty thousand (60,000) individuals residing in the four (4) communities adjacent to the Project; (b) linking those individuals to thousands of acres of public open space, two (2) major existing trail systems, more than one hundred (100) miles of bicycle trails, industrial parks, major employment centers, retirement communities, METRA stations, PACE stops; major recreational facilities such as the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve, historic sites, and a variety of cultural and educational buildings and facilities; (c) providing an alternative means of transportation for individuals commuting to work, shopping, recreation and other destinations; and (d) providing a stimulus for economical redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Project, as part of the Trail Plan, will connect directly to a designated "priority greenway" in the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways Plan and will serve as an important link in the interconnecting trail system in northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Midlothian (hereinafter referred to as "Midlothian") will be submitting an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program application, an Invest in Cook applications, and other

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funding applications to fund the Project involving the performance of certain essential engineering services and construction; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies are authorized to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 10, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, which provides in part that units of local government may contract or otherwise associate among themselves to "obtain or share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function, in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance," and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises, terms and conditions set forth herein, and in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, the Agencies agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of Preambles. The preambles set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
2. Establishment of Natalie Creek Trail. In accordance with the intent of the Agencies to create a continuous nine and 65/100 (9.65) mile regional, multi-purpose trail as described above, each Agency hereby agrees to contribute and include as part of the Project such parcels or interests therein presently owned by each Agency or over which it exercises jurisdiction, or such portion of said parcels as may be necessary to allow for the construction and maintenance of a multi-purpose trail as provided for in the Project. The general alignment of the various segments of the trail is depicted in the Trail Plan, but is subject to being revised based upon the results of the Phase I engineering study.
3. Lead Agency. Each Agency hereby recognizes Midlothian as the lead agency for the Project. In its capacity as the lead agency, Midlothian shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the Project with the Engineering Consultant, IDOT and the other Agencies, and for monitoring the engineering services performed by the Consultant.
4. Future Intergovernmental Agreements. By entering into this Agreement, each Agency agrees to consider entering into a future intergovernmental agreement for the Phase I Preliminary Engineering, Phase II Design Engineering, and Phase III Construction of the Project.
5. Notices. All notices given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either (a) served personally during regular business hours; (b) served by facsimile transmission during regular business hours; or (c) served by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, properly addressed with postage prepaid and deposited in the United States mail. Notices served personally or by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt, and notices served by mail shall be effective upon receipt as verified by the United States Postal Service. Notices shall be served at the following addresses:

Village of Midlothian
Attn: Village President
14801 S. Pulaski Road
Midlothian, IL 60445

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Midlothian Park District
Attn: Director of Parks and Recreation
14500 S. Kostner
Midlothian, IL 60445

City of Oak Forest
Attn: City Administrator
15440 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452

Oak Forest Park District
Attn: Director of Parks and Recreation
15601 South Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452

Village of Crestwood
Attn: Mayor
13840 South Cicero Avenue
Crestwood, IL 60418

Village of Robbins
Attn: Mayor
3327 W. 137th Street
Robbins, IL 60472

City of Blue Island
Attn: Mayor
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406

6. Execution. Each Agency shall approve this Agreement pursuant to a duly passed ordinance or resolution and shall execute a separate signature page and send the original page to Midlothian. After all the original signature pages have been received, Midlothian shall provide each Agency with a fully executed copy of this Agreement.
7. Incorporation. The provisions set forth herein represent the entire agreement between the Agencies and supersede any previous oral or written agreements, as it is the intent of the Agencies to provide for integration within the terms of this Agreement. No provision may be modified in any respect unless such modification is in writing and signed by all the Agencies.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the 22nd day of November, 2017.

VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN

By: _____

Attest: _____

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**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATALIE CREEK TRAIL AND THE PERFORMANCE
OF CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES**

CITY OF BLUE ISLAND

By: *Domingo F. Vargas*

Attest: *Randy Heuser*