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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Director
Department of Planning and Environment

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Joslin Lake Improvement Project

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners direct the Board of Public Works to undertake a Lake Improvement Project for Joslin Lake in the Township of Lyndon in Washtenaw County.

BACKGROUND:

Traditionally, Washtenaw County has assisted several local units of government with the construction of water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Local units of government are able to receive assistance through the Division of Public Works and the Board of Public Works under the provisions of Public Act 185. In 2004, the Board of Public Works commenced its first lake improvement project for the Township of Northfield in Washtenaw County and the Township of Green Oak in Livingston County.

The Township of Lyndon has passed a resolution requesting assistance from the County in the implementation and financing of a project to control invasive and nuisance species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil that have adversely affected Joslin Lake.

Conducting this project through the Board of Public Works under Act 185 requires the establishment of a special assessment district of properties benefiting from the project. Administration of this project through the Board of Public Works provides a valuable environmental service to the local units of government and lake residents of the county.

DISCUSSION:

The project will include lake management activities in order to control the proliferation of invasive and nuisance aquatic species. The project will include yearly aquatic herbicide applications, permitting activities, water quality studies and/or other tasks required to manage the lake. The project is a five (5) year project and the estimated cost over that period is \$302,980. The cost will be reimbursed through the establishment of a special assessment district by the Board of Public Works.

The Township has created an ad hoc committee to assist with this effort and has held an informational meeting with property owners around Joslin Lake where there was support for proceeding with this project.

The Board of Public Works has passed a resolution recommending that the Board of Commissioners approve this project. If the project is approved, the Board of Public Works will proceed with special assessment hearings and it is expected that the first lake management activities will occur in the spring of 2009.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL:

None.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

There will be no impact on the County general fund budget. All costs associated with administration of this project, including County staff time, will be reimbursed from the project funds.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

There will be no impact on indirect costs. Administrative charges for this project are calculated utilizing a multiplier system that captures overhead costs including the indirect costs of the Cost Allocation Plan.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This action is in conformance with County policies. The resolution has been reviewed by the Board of Public Works, Corporation Counsel, Finance, and County Administration.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Resolution

**COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw held in the Ann Arbor, Michigan, on October 1 at 6:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, there were:

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO UNDERTAKE A
LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON**

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to this Board a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Lyndon located in Washtenaw County (the "Township") requesting the County of Washtenaw (the "County") acting through its Department of Public Works, to undertake a project to improve Joslin Lake located in the Township as preliminarily described in Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the establishment and implementation of the Project, as requested by the Township, is feasible and should be carried out; and

WHEREAS, the Project would be financed through the establishment of special assessments by the Board of Public Works, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 185, Michigan Public Acts of 1957, as amended ("Act 185"); and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the request, it is necessary that the Project be approved by resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Act 185;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby approve, pursuant to Act 185, the establishment of a lake improvement project for the Townships as requested in the resolution adopted by the Township.

2. The Project shall be known as the "Joslin Lake Improvement Project".

3. All resolutions, or portions thereof, insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution, are hereby rescinded.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Washtenaw County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at a Ways and Means meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on October 1, 2008 the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given and such meeting was conducted in compliance with and pursuant to Act No. 267, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

County Clerk

APPENDIX A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project will provide lake improvement to Joslin Lake in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County in order to provide control of invasive and nuisance aquatic weeds. The project shall include the application of aquatic herbicides and all necessary regulatory approvals and studies for the applications.

The total cost of the Project over a five-year period is estimated at \$302,980. A special assessment district consisting of benefiting properties will cover the total estimated cost of the project.