

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village
3/5/2019

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Belmont Pollinator Plantings	Nan Newlon Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared acknowledging the Village's participation in and completion of the ComEd Green Region Program for the Belmont Pollinator Garden project.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2017-2019 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

A significant portion of this project was completed in 2018. The FY19 budget includes \$9,000 in the Stormwater Fund (Page 4-29, Line 18) for this project to complete accent plantings, maintenance and monitoring.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the March 5, 2019 Consent Agenda.

BACKGROUND

A Commonwealth Edison Openlands grant for \$10,000 was awarded to the Village in 2017. The grant covered 50% of the cost of pollinator plantings to be located on Village property at Belmont and Warren Avenues, adjacent to the Belmont train station. A meadow mix, seeded in 2018, provides the base of the garden. Additions to the garden planned for 2019 include installation of educational signage, mowed walking paths, and flowering accent areas.

The area will provide visibility to natural plantings and educate residents and commuters to their benefits. Besides attracting and providing a habitat for pollinators, which have been declining in numbers in recent years, additional benefits include improved water and air quality, increased habitat and biodiversity, and reduced need for pesticides, herbicides, and mowing. A resolution committing to the completion of this project is a condition of the grant.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PARTICIPATION
IN AND COMPLETION OF THE COMED GREEN
REGION PROGRAM FOR THE
BELMONT POLLINATOR GARDEN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove ("Applicant") has undertaken the Belmont Pollinator Garden Project as part of the 2017 ComEd Green Region Program; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant desires to finalize the ComEd Green Region Grant Program requirements for the purpose of demonstrating the completion of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has received and understands the current ComEd Green Region Program Guidelines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove hereby approves the completion of the project and acknowledges expenditures of project funds to the ComEd Green Region Program in the amount of \$10,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Applicant committed to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$10,000 necessary for the project's success.

That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk