



# AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 5, 2026

**TO:** Forest Preserve District Executive Committee

**FROM:** Jennifer Rooks-Lopez, Director of Planning and Land Protection

**SUBJECT:** Presentation and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and the City of Geneva

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the District and the City of Geneva for an engineering study to determine the feasibility of utilizing water from Geneva’s Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) for irrigation purposes at Settler’s Hill Golf Course.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2025 the District contracted with Prairie State Water Systems, Inc. to replace the failing irrigation well and pump at Settler’s Hill Golf Course. During the approval process concerns were raised by Waste Management that restoring the well to its original production capacity could cause the 1-4 dioxane contaminant in the ground water to shift to the south. A reliable water source is critical for the operation and success of the course. Staff worked closely with Kane County Department of Water Resources and Waste Management to develop a solution. The depth of the existing well was reduced to utilize a shallow aquifer not compromised by the 1-4 dioxane contaminant. Unfortunately, once installed, this solution failed to produce an adequate volume of water for irrigation and other options needed to be explored.

The Geneva Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) provided water at no charge to the District last fall when levels in the irrigation pond reached a critical point. The success of that operation led to conversations with the City about a possible permanent connection between the two locations to provide Geneva’s clean waste water for irrigation purposes. While the use of treated water is a relatively new concept in the Chicago area, it is extremely common in the more arid climates of the west. Fortunately, the City is currently undergoing upgrades to their WWTF, and is currently within 90% design development with CDM Smith Engineering. The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement would add an engineering study to determine the feasibility of the proposed system to CDM Smith’s existing contract with the City at the District’s cost.

A scope of services was developed and a fee of \$54,800.00 was established. Additionally, \$200.00 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during the design for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000.00.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This expense was not anticipated in the current Landscapes Golf Management (LGM) fiscal year budget.

However, sufficient savings are available within the Construction and Development Fund from other completed projects to cover the unanticipated cost of \$55,000.00.

Current savings available:

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Savings Available</b>
10804	Structure & Material Removal	\$ 7,192.52
20603	Vegetation Inventories	\$1,978.90
21010	Big Rock Revitalizing Oak Savannah	\$265.52
30324	Brunner Fen Restoration	\$844.10
30511	ADA Corrections	\$685.23
30801	Interactive Prairie Exhibit	\$345.78
31003	Jon Duerr Renovation Project	\$10,899.99
31007	Freeman Kame – Hunt Club Road Repair	\$32,787.96
		<b>\$55,000.00</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Committee approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Geneva and Proposal from CDM Smith of \$54,800.00 plus a contingency of \$200.00 to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during design for a total cost not to exceed \$55,000.00

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Settlers Hill Location Map*

*Intergovernmental Agreement between the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the City of Geneva*

*Aerial Map of Course*