

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR
INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES REMEDIATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Long Grove (the “*Village*”) recognizes that non-native, invasive plants are a major threat to the natural environment and ecosystem across Lake County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, non-native, invasive plants alter watersheds, degrade wildlife habitats, out-compete native vegetation and crops, and destroy the landscape’s natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, non-native invasive plants, once established, have the ability to propagate and spread without regard to property lines and ownership; and

WHEREAS, invasive plant species remediation involves the restoration of a natural environment to its original state by removing or controlling invasive plant species (“*Non-Native Remediation*”); and

WHEREAS, any efforts at Non-Native Remediation cannot be effective if limited to public properties without regard to such remediation on private properties; and

WHEREAS, the Village has authority to regulate non-native species and other weeds, see 65 ILCS 5/11-20-6, as well as to expend public moneys for purposes of enhancing drainage and other benefits to the public health, safety, and welfare, see, e.g., 65 ILCS 5/11-110-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (the “*Village Board*”) desires to promote Non-Native Remediation and to help residents of the Village in undertaking Non-Native Remediation on properties within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the long-term interests of the Village and its residents will be served by encouraging Non-Native Remediation with the goals of safely preventing, controlling, and eradicating dangerous plant species; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has further determined that implementing a grant program that will allow the Village to reimburse Village residents, businesses, and homeowners' associates for a portion of the cost for Non-Native Remediation from the Village's General Fund (the "***Non-Native Remediation Grant Program***") will serve the long-term interests of the Village in maintaining safe and healthy native plant life; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that implementing a Non-Native Remediation Grant Program as hereinafter set forth will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, County of Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2: Enforcement Moratorium; Establishing Pilot Program.

- A. The Village Board hereby initiates a Non-Native Remediation Grant Program.
- B. The rules and requirements of the Non-Native Remediation Grant Program (the "***Program Rules***"), as set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof, shall be in force and effect upon the effective date of this Resolution, unless the Village Board terminates the Non-Native Remediation Grant Program or otherwise amends this Resolution.
- C. The Village Manager is hereby authorized to oversee and implement the Non-Native Remediation Grant Program and monitor its effectiveness and impact. The Village Manager shall also report to the Village Board periodically about the status and assessments of the Non-Native Remediation Grant Program, which reports may also

include recommendations for modifications to the Non-Native Remediation Grant Program.

Section 3: **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Non-Native Remediation Grant Program

1. Establishment. There is hereby established a Non-Native Remediation Grant Program (the “**Program**”). The Program is intended to disburse up to \$50,000.00 from the Village of Long Grove’s (the “**Village**”) General Fund, awarded through a competitive grant application process, and it is further intended to allow the Village to assess the viability and desirability of maintaining or expanding such a Program. Grant awards shall be issued on a per project basis and shall be limited to a minimum of \$500.00 and a maximum of \$2,000.00 per project. All projects require a minimum 50% match contribution by the grant recipient. Funds for the Program shall be disbursed on a reimbursement basis after the incurrence of eligible costs and the evaluation of the project’s goals and objectives.

2. Application. Any resident, business, or homeowners’ association located within the Village (“**Applicant**”) desiring to participate in the Program shall be required to apply for a grant with the Village. No cost shall be charged for filing such application. Grant applications will be jointly reviewed by the Grant Committee, which is comprised of: the Village Manager or his or her designee; the Conservancy / Scenic Corridor Committee Chair or his or her designee; two sitting committee members of the Conservancy / Scenic Corridor Committee; and one Village Board Trustee appointed to the Grant Committee by the Village President. The application to receive a grant disbursement under the Program shall set forth:
 - a. The residential address, business name, or homeowner’s association name.
 - b. The person in charge of leading the invasive plant species remediation project.
 - c. The targeted invasive plant species.
 - d. The number of acres to be treated by the project.
 - e. A map or diagram of the proposed treatment area.

- f. The match contribution percentage.
 - g. A description of the intended benefits of the proposed project to the Village.
 - h. A description of the project area and an overview of the applicable land ownership and vegetation types, including a description of the current population of the target species, why it is a threat, and any previous control efforts.
 - i. A description of the proposed project's goals and objectives.
 - j. A description of the scope of the work proposed, including the individuals or businesses performing the work and their proposed control methods, and whether the project will be reseeded or planted with native species.
 - k. A projected timeline for completion of the project.
 - l. An evaluation plan for measuring the project's success.
 - m. A sustainability plan explaining how the project will remain effective over time and without the reliance of additional municipal financial support.
 - n. The contact information for the Applicant.
 - o. An acknowledgement by the Applicant that a grant application is not a guarantee of receiving funding.
 - p. Such other information as the Village Manager may reasonably request.
3. Award of Grants. Following review of an Applicant's request for a grant by the Grant Committee, the Village Board shall determine whether, and in what amount, a grant shall be awarded. All awards of grants under the Program shall be dependent on funds being appropriated and available.
4. Additional Requirements. In addition to complying with any other applicable federal, state, or local laws relating to the remediation of non-native invasive plant species, the Applicant must agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the Village (including its officers, officials, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives) harmless from any claims of injuries, death, damage, loss, judgment or other liability arising from the Program. Further, the Village Manager may establish reasonable rules and regulations to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare in connection with remediation efforts. The Village Manager may

supplement or modify such rules and regulations, and any Applicant shall be required to abide fully by such supplemental or modified rules and regulations within the time period designated by the Village Manager, provided that at least seven (7) calendar days shall be afforded for such compliance, unless such supplemental or modified rules and regulations relate to significant public health concerns. In addition, the Village Manager may provide that any grant recipient execute an agreement setting forth the terms of the grant, including the foregoing indemnification obligations.