CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

Date April 22, 2014

TO: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

FROM: Timothy L. Richnak, Public Works Director
Kurt Bovensiep, Superintendent Parks, Streets, and Drains

SUBJECT: Authorization to Request Reimbursement – Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund

History

The Parks, Streets, and Drains Divisions are responsible for the maintenance of all municipal property including the control of pests. Park patrons, golf course participants, and property owners abutting some City of Troy maintained retention ponds have become accustomed to using these facilities with limited nuisances like mosquitoes. The objective of mosquito control is not to eradicate all mosquitoes but to limit the population to a tolerable threshold. The control targets both mosquito larva and adult mosquitoes at city parks, golf courses, cemeteries, and some retention ponds. Although Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services recommends the best form of protection from mosquitoes is personal protection products, the mosquito control products used by professionals will decrease the mosquito population at some of our facilities. Based on the County formula the City of Troy is eligible for reimbursement of County approved expenses up to $11,418.06, which is approximately one-third of the total annual expense of $31,747.59. To qualify for reimbursement of eligible expenses, City Council must pass a resolution authorizing the reimbursement request.

Policy Considerations:

Lower mosquito populations reduce the danger of insect borne diseases being transferred to the general public, thereby enhancing the health and safety of the community. Also by reducing the population of mosquitoes adds to the quality of life for Troy residents using our parks and other outdoor facilities.

Options:

The Parks, Streets, and Drains Divisions recommends the City Council approve the request to seek reimbursement from Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund.