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Pat Quinn, Governor
Marc Miller, Director

Sent by Certified and Regular Mail

March 10, 2014

Village of Island Lake
C/o Mayor Charles Amrich
3720 Greenleaf Avenue
Island Lake, IL 60042

Re: OSLAD Grant #90-31
Greenleaf Woods Project

Dear Mayor Amrich:

Please be advised that this letter is giving you notice that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources believes that funds from the above captioned grant are subject to recovery under the Illinois Grant Funds Recover Act (30 ILCS 705/1 *et seq.*). This is in reference to the Open Space and Land Acquisition (OSLAD) Grant Award #90-331 in the amount of \$239,000.00 to the Village of Island Lake for acquisition reimbursement of property commonly known as Greenleaf Woods. The Project Agreement is dated February 20, 1991 and is signed by you on behalf of the village, and on behalf of the State of Illinois, Department of Conservation, now known as the Department of Natural Resources, by its Director.

The Department of Natural Resources hereby terminates the referenced Grant Award and Grant Agreement and demands payment of \$239,000.00 together with all interest earned on grant funds held by Island Lake. This termination is effective immediately.

Section 6 and 9 of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act provide for recovery of misspent or improperly held grant funds by either the Department of Natural Resources or the Illinois Attorney General. The basis for this grant termination and recovery action includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Failure to use the stated grant award in its entirety for acquisition reimbursement of the subject land known as Greenleaf Woods;
- Material misrepresentation of fact and omission of material fact in the subject Grant Agreement; and
- Material misrepresentation of fact and omission of material fact inducing the Department of Natural Resources to award the subject grant.

To date, there has been no agreement on the resolution of this matter.

NOTICE

In accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Grant Fund Recovery Act, the Village of Island Lake is hereby given notice that it has the right to an informal hearing to discuss the facts and outstanding issues and to resolve any conflicts as amicably as possible prior to any initiation of a formal grant recovery action provided for in Section 8 of the Act.

Please contact me **in writing** at the above address if the village is interested in participating in this informal hearing. If I do not hear from you by April 11, 2014, the Department will begin formal recovery procedures as outlined in the Grant Fund Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705/6).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Shelly Knuppel
Legal Counsel

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David Sellman