

**9-R-08**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Sign A  
Certification Statement for Recreational Trails Program Grant  
Application for The Clark Street Water Trail Support Facility.**

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Trails Program is a federally-financed program created through the National Recreational Trails Fund Act (NRTFA) enacted as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and re-authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act; and

**WHEREAS**, In Illinois, Recreational Trails Program funds are administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

**WHEREAS**, a Recreational Trails Program grant can be requested for financial assistance to eligible, local units of government for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails including water trail projects ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Trails Program grant operates on a reimbursement basis providing up to 80% assistance for approved project costs, without a maximum award amount.

**WHEREAS**, an applicant, as part of its proposal, must adopt and submit a Certification Statement by March 1, 2008 certifying and acknowledging that it has 100% of the funds necessary to complete the pending project within the required time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Parks/Forestry & Recreation Department is preparing a grant proposal for The Clark Street Water Trail Support Facility; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has designated \$750,000 for implementation of the Lake Front Master Plan in the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Plan;

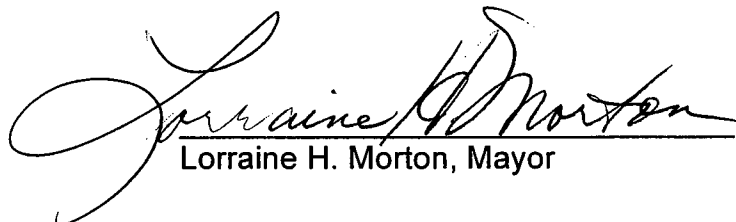
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City Council adopts the State of Illinois Recreational Trails Grant Programs Doc-5 Certification Statement attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2:** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign and the City Clerk hereby authorized to attest to the Certification Statement and the grant application to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant for The Clark Street Water Trail Support Facility.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate any additional conditions of the Certification Statement and grant application as may be determined to be in the best interests of the City.

**SECTION 4:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

  
Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mary P. Morris, City Clerk

Adopted: February 11, 2008

RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAMS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS/DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

RT/DOC-5: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Project Sponsor: City of Evanston  
Project Title: Clark Street Water Trail Support Facilities

As the individual duly designated to represent the City of Evanston (sponsor), I do hereby certify that the information presented in this grant application is true and correct. I do further certify that the project, if approved for funding, will be completed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Recreational Trails Grant Manual and that the City of Evanston (sponsor) has the financial resources to initially fund 100% of the proposed project costs within the time frame imposed by the Department of Natural Resources for project execution prior to receiving grant reimbursement. It is understood that proposed projects should be completed within the time frame established in the project agreement. Failure to complete said project within the specified time frame could be cause for project termination. In addition, failure to complete a project or withdrawal of a project due to lack of performance, insufficient funds or change in recreation priorities by the applicant shall result in the ineligibility of the project applicant for Illinois DNR grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles.

The City of Evanston (sponsor) hereby further certifies that 1) it will indemnify, protect and hold harmless the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and its representatives from any and all liabilities, costs, damages or claims arising as a direct or indirect result of the actions and/or omissions of the City of Evanston (sponsor) or its representatives in the construction, operation or maintenance of the above referenced project, and 2) that adequate public notice was given and local approval solicited on the proposed project and 3) that the facility will be operated and maintained in an attractive and safe manner, and open and available to the public without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or place of residence in accordance with provisions of Illinois DNR trail grant program regulations.

This Certification Statement was duly acted upon and adopted by the City of Evanston (sponsor) on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (month) (year)

Julia A. Carroll  
Name (printed / typed)  
Julia A. Carroll  
Signature  
City Manager  
Title

Attested by: Mary J. Morris  
Date: 2-26-08