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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act (OSLAD) provides for grants to be disbursed by the Department of Natural Resources to eligible units of local government for the purpose of acquiring, developing, and rehabilitating lands for public outdoor recreation; and

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WHEREAS, The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund is used by the Department to make these grants to local governments, which are selected through an application process; and

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WHEREAS, Through the program, local governments can obtain funding assistance up to 50% of approved project costs on a reimbursement basis; and

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WHEREAS, Funded projects range from small neighborhood parks to large community and county parks and nature areas; and

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WHEREAS, From Fiscal Year 2005 to Fiscal Year 2006, appropriations from the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Fund increased by 4% but expenditures decreased by 29% and more projects are being reappropriated from one year to the next; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit
4 of the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development program;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, that the audit include, but not be limited to,
7 the following determinations:

8 (1) The number and dollar value of applications
9 received for OSLAD grants between Fiscal Year 2005 and
10 Fiscal Year 2007;

11 (2) The number and dollar value of OSLAD projects
12 approved by the Department of Natural Resources between
13 Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2007;

14 (3) The number and dollar value of OSLAD projects
15 completed during Fiscal Years 2005, 2006 and 2007;

16 (4) Whether reimbursements from the State to local
17 governments for OSLAD projects have been delayed and, if
18 so, the reason or reasons for such delays;

19 (5) Whether reimbursements from the State have been
20 assigned a priority within the limits of the amounts
21 appropriated for grants for Fiscal Years 2005, 2006 and
22 2007 and, if so, the criteria for such prioritizing; and

23 (6) The reason or reasons for increases in
24 reappropriated projects between 2005 and 2007 and whether
25 those increases are attributable to funding shortfalls or

1 delays by the State; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources and any
3 other entity having information relevant to this audit
4 cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office
5 in the conduct of this audit; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
7 soon as possible and report his findings and recommendations
8 upon completion in accordance with the provisions of Section
9 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Auditor General.