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Wolf Lake restoration project gets board's blessing

The Wolf Lake Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project got its official start Thursday, as the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety approved a letter of intent.

The project, which involves wetland restoration by the Army Corps of Engineers, will also bring residents of Hammond's Water Gardens neighborhood out of the flood plain.

"This is an excellent project," said Curtis Vosti, Hammond's park department director. "Hammond will receive \$5 million in federal funds and the health of Wolf Lake will be improved."

The city's portion of the project is \$2 million, which will be funded through gambling money.

In other action at Thursday's meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety, four locations for stop signs were approved. They are located at: Becker and Rhode Island, in an alley behind Orchard Drive School, at 174th and California, and 143rd Street and Henry Avenue.