



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: June 17, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Solid Waste & Recycling GreenCorps Member Support**

Recommendation:

Approve a resolution declaring support of the Division of Solid Waste & Recycling to host an AmeriCorps Member through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) GreenCorps program for the 2014-2015 program year.

Previous Directives:

- None

Department Information:

Prepared by: David Herberholz, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling Division

Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: David Herberholz

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval n/a Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval n/a Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval n/a Date _____

Financial Impact

- Travel reimbursement--\$76 monthly MetroPass

Community Impact:

City Goals: Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.

Supporting Information

Launched in 2009, Minnesota GreenCorps is a statewide program to help preserve and protect Minnesota's environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals. This program places AmeriCorps members with local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations around Minnesota, where they will serve for 11 months on focused environmental projects. The program is coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling, in partnership with Property Services, submitted a proposal for a MPCA GreenCorps member to lead individual Departments, offices, and different City buildings in evaluating their waste stream. The GreenCorps member will create programs to divert additional materials for reuse and recycling, and revitalize the internal paper, plastic, glass, and metal recycling program in a convenient, economic, and efficient manner. The goal is to revitalize the City's internal reuse and recycling programs to match what is available at City residents' homes.

If awarded a GreenCorps member for the program year of 2014-2015, City staff will be reminded about the importance of waste reduction, reuse and recycling and will be provided with more opportunities to divert waste while at work. Residents and visitors will also have more opportunities to recycle when they are at and around City buildings in downtown Minneapolis.

MPCA requires approval from the City Council prior to placing a GreenCorps member with the City of Minneapolis.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By REICH

**Declaring support of the Division of Solid Waste & Recycling to host an
AmeriCorps member through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA)
GreenCorps program for the 2014-2015 program year.**

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2014-2015 program year; and

Whereas, if the MPCA selects the City of Minneapolis, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with pre-scoped position description; and

Whereas, the MPCA requires the City of Minneapolis to enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That The City Council of Minneapolis:

Hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the Director of Solid Waste & Recycling to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.