



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

Date: September 23, 2014

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

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Solid Waste & Recycling and Property Services GreenCorps Host Site Agreement**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to host a GreenCorps member for the 2014-2015 program year.

Previous Directives:

- June 17, 2014: The Transportation & Public Works Committee passed a resolution in support of hosting a GreenCorps member for the 2014-2015 program year.
- June 27, 2014: City Council passed the resolution to host at GreenCorps member for the 2014-2015 program year.

Department Information:

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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 - \$912 for monthly MetroPass for 12 months (\$76 per month)

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.

With the roll-out of the One-Sort Recycling program, residential recycling has become much more convenient for residents in the City of Minneapolis. With the City's focus on maximizing diversion of waste, it's time to revamp and revitalize the City's internal reuse and recycling programs to match what is available at City residents' homes. Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling in partnership with Property Services, submitted a proposal for a MPCA GreenCorps member to take the lead on working with individual Departments, offices, and different City buildings to evaluate their waste stream, 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.

With the GreenCorps member, City staff will be educated on 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 be provided with more opportunities to recycle when they're at and around City buildings in downtown Minneapolis.

Solid Waste & Recycling and Property Services received confirmation that they were selected to be a host site for a Minnesota GreenCorps member for the 2014-2015 program year on July 2, 2014.

Host site agreement is attached.