

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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From: Public Works Department
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File Type: Resolution
Subcategory: Appropriation

Subject:

Agreements for Cleveland Neighborhood Association Private Stormwater Management Practices

Description:

1. Authorizing proper City officials to negotiate and execute an agreement with Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission (SCWMC) for \$17,000 for reimbursement for activities that reduce stormwater runoff to the storm sewer system leading to Crystal Lake in Robbinsdale.
2. Passage of Resolution increasing the appropriation for (Fund 07300 Dept 6300220 Acct 507000) by \$17,000 and increasing the revenue (07300 6300220 Source 3225) by \$17,000 for 2016 funding by SCWMC
3. Authorizing proper City officials to negotiate and execute an agreement with Cleveland Neighborhood Association (CNA) for \$17,000 to carry out the CNA Private Stormwater Management Practices project.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

Ward 4

Background/Analysis:

The City of Minneapolis has applied for a grant from the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission to fund work by the Cleveland Neighborhood Association (CNA) for a project to improve water quality in Crystal Lake in Robbinsdale, which is the water body that receives drainage from this part of Minneapolis. Crystal Lake is impaired due to excessive phosphorus, and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study has been approved by the MPCA and the US EPA. The City of Minneapolis is one of the TMDL stakeholders with a responsibility to reduce the pollutant load of nutrients to the lake.

The grant funds will be used to reimburse CNA for work to be carried out by the non-profit organizations Metro Blooms and the Conservation Corps of Minnesota. This project will build on prior community rain garden projects in the Cleveland neighborhood, and on the City's and Metro Blooms' experience with a similar but larger project for Lake Nokomis. The project will engage private property owners in a neighborhood scale effort to protect the lake by installing practices on private property to manage pollutants in stormwater runoff.

There are additional funds for the project that will not pass through the City. These include a Hennepin County grant in the amount of \$10,000, and a Minnesota Clean Water Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,200 for Conservation Corps of Minnesota, an organization that provides hands-on environmental stewardship and service-learning opportunities to youth and young adults.

Financial Review:

Additional appropriation required.

Future budget impact anticipated.

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Attachments:

Map of proposed project area

cc: Corey Conover, Office of the City Attorney