

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
**Date:** 6/7/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Public Works Department  
**Lead Staff:** Andrew Carlson, Project Manager, Transportation Maintenance & Repair  
**Presented by:** Andrew Carlson, Project Manager, Transportation Maintenance & Repair  
**File Type:** Resolution  
**Subcategory:** Contract/Agreement

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**Subject:**

Cooperative Agreement with MnDOT (grant applicant: Friends of Triangle Park, a local non-profit)

**Description:**

Passage of Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement letter with MnDOT to act as the sponsoring unit of government, enabling funds to be transferred from the "MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program" to the City for landscaping improvements in Triangle Park.

**Previous Actions:**

December 13, 2013: Resolution 2013R-592 Authorizing execution of a Cooperative Agreement Letter with MnDOT for landscaping improvements in Triangle Park.

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**Ward/Address:**

Ward 7  
Elliot Park

**Background/Analysis:**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program is designed to provide technical and financial assistance to communities that are interested in landscaping state highway right of way. In order to be eligible for funds through the program, applicants must be sponsored by a local unit of government that can execute and honor a cooperative agreement with MnDOT.

In 2014, Friends of Triangle Park (a local non-profit) applied and was approved for funding through this grant program. That project has been completed and MnDOT has reimbursed the City in full. Building on their success, the Friends of Triangle Park are again requesting that the City act as the local government sponsor so that they can proceed with their latest grant application. This project includes planting a Hydrangea flowerbed in the park area and establishing a pollinator garden outside the fence.

Triangle Park is owned by MnDOT and is bounded by 10<sup>th</sup> Street South and 35W. Since 2007, the Friends of Triangle Park have been volunteering their time and providing resources to help beautify and maintain the park.

The Friends of Triangle Park have been working with MnDOT and Public Works to develop the attached landscaping plan. The cost for the landscaping materials is not to exceed \$10,000. The planting will be done by Friends of Triangle Park volunteers. Maintenance will be the responsibility of Friends of Triangle Park as stated in their Letter of Assumed Responsibility.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. MnDOT approved Landscape Plan.
2. Friends of Triangle park Letter of Assumed Responsibility.