



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

Date: June 10, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Subject: **Acceptance of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Flood Damage Reduction Grant Assistance Program grant for the Logan Avenue North Stormwater Pond (Flood Area 37)**

Recommendation:

The Minneapolis Public Works Department respectfully requests that the proper City officials be authorized to execute a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement which will provide \$250,000 in funding for the Logan Avenue North Stormwater Pond.

Previous Directives:

- Realignment of Capital Appropriations, April 18, 2003
- Capital Appropriation, December 13, 2001
- Authorization of Grant Application Submittal, August 10, 2001
- Capital Appropriation, December 14, 2000
- Capital Appropriation, December 9, 1999
- Scope Change approval, November 12, 1999
- Property Acquisition approval, January 8, 1999
- Authorization of Bond sale. December 18, 1998
- Capital Appropriation, December 10, 1998
- Realignment of Capital Appropriations, July 17, 1998
- Authorization of Bond sale. December 11, 1997
- Capital Appropriation, December 11, 1997

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain): Action provides an additional source of revenue for a City of Minneapolis Flood Mitigation project

Background/Supporting Information:

In August of 2001, the Minneapolis City Council authorized staff to submit matching fund grant applications to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be considered for the Flood Mitigation Reduction Grant Assistance Program. Applications were submitted for the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond and the Crystal Lake Cemetery Stormwater Pond.

The DNR has selected the Logan Avenue North Stormwater Pond as the recipient of one of these grants. The project was selected from a large number of worthwhile flood mitigation projects throughout the entire state.

Application for the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond grant was submitted on August 10, 2001 in the amount of \$2,000,000. Due to the budget crises that has recently affected the State of Minnesota, the release of these grant moneys has been delayed. Because of this delay, the City of Minneapolis was required to secure funding for and begin construction of the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond without consideration for potential DNR grant funding. As such, the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond is now substantially complete with only the restoration work remaining.

It is estimated that approximately \$500,000 in construction costs remains within the restoration phase of the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond project. The DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Program requires matching funds in the amount of one half of the total estimated project cost. Therefore, the DNR has established that, at the present time, the City of Minneapolis is eligible to receive \$250,000 in matching fund grant dollars. The funds made available through this DNR grant will help to cover the remaining restoration costs associated with this project. The grant will provide for surplus funds within the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond project. These surplus funds will be transferred into other flood mitigation projects which currently have budget inadequacies. It is anticipated that the Logan Avenue Stormwater Pond project will be 100% complete by October of 2003.

It is requested that your Committee approves the execution of the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement and executes the attached Local Government Resolution, which will provide for \$250,000 in local match funding. The local match portion funds are presently available within the project account. (7300-932-9322-PS54)

Attachment 1 - Logan Avenue North Stormwater Pond Project Map

Cc: Council Member Donald Samuels, Ward 3