



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of
Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: September 25, 2007

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Accept grant from EPA and appropriate funds to the Heritage Park Budget**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize City officers to accept United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 to be used for pollution remediation in the Bassett Creek Valley area of Minneapolis;
2. Amend the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Agency Fund 600 – Other Grants – Federal (0600-890-8952) by \$200,000;
3. Increase the 2007 Revenue Budget for the Community Planning & Economic Development Agency Fund 600-Other Grants-Federal (0600-890-8490-3210-14); and
4. Authorize the appropriate City staff to execute grant, subrecipient and/or disbursement and related agreements for these grants.

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Presenter: Darrell Washington

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

Action requires appropriation increase to the Capital or _____ Operating Budget.

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Action is within Business Plan.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification – Harrison Neighborhood Association has been notified and supports the construction of the Van White Memorial Boulevard which this grant supports.

City Goals – Connected Communities

Comprehensive Plan – Complies

Zoning Code – Complies

Other

Supporting Information

United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Grant Award

A \$200,000 grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfield Program was awarded to the City of Minneapolis in May 2007 to conduct environmental remediation activities within Minneapolis' Bassett Creek Valley area. The EPA Brownfield environmental remediation grant will enable the City to determine cleanup parameters and identify remediation strategies in preparation for construction of Van White Memorial Boulevard as it extends through the former Scrap Metal Processor property.

The southern extension of the Van White Memorial Boulevard is an integral element of the Heritage Park redevelopment project. The Heritage Park project results from the settlement of the 1992 *Hollman vs. Cisneros* lawsuit against the City of Minneapolis and other public agencies. The lawsuit concerned alleged segregation, concentration of poverty, and isolation of four public housing developments located just north of the Bassett Creek Valley area. The construction of Van White Memorial Boulevard is one of the strategies being used to end that isolation.

Amending the 2007 General Appropriation Resolution

Resolved by The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by:

Increasing the appropriation for Community Planning and Economic Development Agency Fund 600 – Other Grants – Federal (0600-890-8952) by \$200,000.

Increasing the revenue source for Community Planning & Economic Development Agency Fund 600-Other Grants- Federal (0600-890-8490-3210-14) by \$200,000.