



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date: Monday, August 3, 2009

To: Honorable Scott Benson, Chair, Health, Energy and Environment Committee

Subject: Minnesota GreenCorps Application

Recommendation: Direct staff to write letter of support

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by: Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator 612-673-2032

Presenters in Committee: Robin Garwood and June Mathiowetz

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

The goals surrounding these two GreenCorps positions include increasing organic waste collection and improving the local food production system within the City.

Supporting Information

Minnesota GreenCorps is a statewide initiative to help preserve and protect Minnesota's environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals. We are applying for a team of two GreenCorps members – a *Living Green Outreach Specialist* that will work with the Solid Waste/Recycling Division in Public Works and a *Local Food Specialist* that will assist City staff with the Homegrown Minneapolis Initiative. GreenCorps members are funded through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and serve an 11-month term from September through July 31, 2010. We are requesting approval to write a letter of support for the application.