



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Office of Grants and Special Projects**

Date: June 4, 2003

To Community Development Committee  
Referral to

**Subject: The attached resolution to support the award of \$10,000 to the Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI) from the Hennepin County Environmental Services.**

**Recommendation**

We request that the City Council endorse the attached resolution. This resolution provides support for the Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI) to received \$10,000 from the Hennepin County Environmental Services. The award will be used by MEI to assist the Friends of Birch Pond Watershed/Save Anwatin Woods with an environmental assessment of Anwatin Woods.

**Previous Directives**

At the December 30, 2002 meeting, the City Council approved the support for the grant application from the Trust for Public Land for this \$10,000.

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Approved by  
Presenters in Committee

**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):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact** (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

### **Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Friends of Birch Pond Watershed/Save Anwatin Woods have been working with Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services, MN Pollution Control Agency, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the Minnesota Environmental Initiative (MEI) to preserve Anwatin Woods. MEI works with community-based agencies in a variety of environmental projects. Some organizations they have been involved with include: Chrysalis Center for Women, Fraser Community Services and American Indian Housing and Community Development Corporation. Activities have included clean up of soil or other site contaminants. This resolution provides the endorsement Hennepin County requires to provide financial support to MEI for their portion of the work for Anwatin Woods.

Whereas, the Minneapolis City Council recognizes the value of ecological education opportunities; and

Whereas, the Anwatin Woods offers an opportunity to preserve a unique ecological area in the City of Minneapolis,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Minneapolis supports the environmental finance grant by the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services to the Minnesota Environmental Initiative for Assistance to the Friends of Birch Pond Watershed/Save Anwatin Woods for the Anwatin Woods site in Minneapolis.