



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

Date: April 4, 2006

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Subject: Authorizing receipt of \$175,000 in grant funds from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR)

Recommendation: Authorizing CPED staff to receive \$175,000

Previous Directives: On March 19, 2004 the City Council authorized staff to submit a grant proposal to LCMR requesting funding for activities planned for the Bassett Creek Valley area.

Prepared by: Darrell Washington, Sr. Project Coordinator, 673-5174

Approved by: Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director CPED _____
Elizabeth Ryan, Director, Housing Policy & Development _____

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Not Applicable

Presenter in Committee: Darrell Washington, Sr. Project Coordinator

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ___ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget.
- x Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ___ Business Plan: ___ Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.
- ___ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ___ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Other: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The funding intent of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) is "To provide access to everyone who has innovative ideas for environmental and natural resource projects with a distinct public benefit." The LCMR approved the City's proposal for \$175,000 to produce an Implementation Plan for Channel and Habitat Restoration in the Bassett Creek Valley area (east of Cedar Lake Road). This action was later approved by the Minnesota Legislature and signed by the Governor in June 2005.

The City is working with staff from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Bassett Creek Water Management Organization, Hennepin County, and residents from the Harrison and Bryn Mawr neighborhood to retain the services of a consultant to develop an Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan will build upon the large body of work already produced regarding the area's land use challenges, wetland and stream hydraulic studies, and underlying geotechnical and soil contamination concerns. A second grant proposal to the LCMR in 2007 will request funds (approximately \$1.1M) to construct the restoration elements described in the Implementation Plan.

Recommendation for Expenditure Appropriation and Revenue budget increase:

Amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Fund 0600 – State & Other (0600-890-8953) by \$175,000.

Increase the 2006 Revenue budget for the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Fund 0600 – State & Other (0600-890-8490-3215) by \$175,000.