



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date June 5, 2006  
To Honorable Scott Benson, Chair, Health Energy & Environment  
Referral to None  
**Subject Recognition of Americorps Volunteer efforts in Minneapolis**  
**Recommendation** Receive and File

**Previous Directives** None

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Approved by

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Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

Presenters in Committee: Gayle Prest, Manager Environmental Services; Karen Swenson, Director Groundwork and Americorp Team Leader James Burns

### 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.

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

City Goals X (Amended Goal #6 related to Sustainability)

Comprehensive Plan X (Sustainability Amendment)

Zoning Code

Other

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

The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a national AmeriCorps program which makes teams of 18-24 year olds available to communities to complete a variety of community projects. Most NCCC teams have been assigned to disaster relief along the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina, but Groundwork Minneapolis was able to bring a NCCC team to Minneapolis this spring from April 21 – June 14. The team has assisted city agencies (Public Works, CPED, and the Minneapolis Park Board) and neighborhood and community organizations with a variety of landscaping, planting, and related greening projects. A list of projects completed to date and anticipated will be available at the committee meeting. The team has earned high praise from city staff and community members for the exceptional quality of their work, for their enthusiasm and positive attitude, and for the sheer quantity of tasks they have completed.

Team Members:

James "Skip" Burns  
Myles Butler  
Emily Costello  
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Rebeca "Becky" Elliott  
Tricia Fisher  
Jeremy Oestmann  
Roger Palmer  
Joel Teer

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