Resolution 2013-231

Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Submit a 2014 Proposal to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for Up to $500,000 for Ecological System Planning

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board ("MPRB") is the steward of Minneapolis Parks;

Whereas, The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) has released a 2014 Request for Proposals for Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF);

Whereas, The Minnesota Constitution Art. XI, Sec. 14 states that "the assets of the fund [ENRTF] shall be appropriated by law for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.";

Whereas, The MPRB will work with its partners to develop an ecological system plan that enhances ecological function across the city;

Whereas, The ecological system plan will set forth management strategies for all partner agencies, and establish the MPRB's management strategies for the park system's forests, natural areas and waters; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions "Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate";

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners authorize the Superintendent to submit a 2014 Proposal to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for up to $500,000 for ecological system planning; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

TO: Administration & Finance Committee

FROM: Bruce Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent for Planning

DATE: June 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Submit a 2014 Proposal to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for Up to $500,000 for Ecological System Planning

BACKGROUND

Proposals to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources' (LCCMR) 2014 Request for Proposal (RFP) are due on June 7, 2013. If awarded, the grant funds become available on July 1, 2014. Local units of government must include a resolution or letter authorizing submission from its governing board. This action authorizes the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to submit a proposal for up to $500,000 to assist with ecological system planning in Minneapolis.

The MPRB is preparing to work with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) on an ecological system plan. The focus of the ecological system planning is to analyze the land, water and natural resources of the city collectively to create a system's based approach to resource management. The planning will address the MPRB's need to develop management plans for the park system's natural areas, lakes and water bodies, and park lands (grounds, trees, gardens, golf courses, etc). The LCCMR funding will leverage MPRB and MWMO funds and allow the scope of the project to expand from the MPRB's regional park system and the Mississippi River watershed to the entire City of Minneapolis.

FUNDING / COST SUMMARY

Possible Sources		**$690,000**
Proposed 2014 ENRTF Allocation (up to)	$500,000	
MPRB (O and M)	$90,000	
MWMO	$100,000	
Uses		**$690,000**
Analysis, Planning and Drafting of final plan (up to)	$640,000	
Community engagement	$50,000	
Balance		**$0**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit a 2014 Proposal to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for up to $500,000 for ecological system planning.

This is consistent with the following 2007-2020 MPRB Comprehensive Plan Vision, Goal and Strategy:

Vision Theme 2: Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate.

Goal: Sound management techniques provide healthy, diverse, and sustainable natural resources.

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