



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 13, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to:

Subject: 1st Amendment to Cooperative Agreement for Joint Stormwater Monitoring

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper city officials to execute an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the City of Saint Paul to extend the timeframe through January 1, 2005.

Previous Directives:

March 2, 2001 - Authorized execution of cooperative agreement between the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the City of St. Paul specifying responsibilities for the monitoring requirements of the NPDES stormwater management permits.

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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

Background/Supporting Information:

History

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a program created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to protect water quality by regulating the discharge of pollutants to lakes, streams, wetlands and other surface waters. The Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency (MPCA) is the local authority responsible for administering this program in the state of Minnesota. Under this program, specific permits are issued to regulate different types of municipal and industrial activities. The MPCA issued the first NPDES Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) on December 1, 2000.

Meeting Requirements for Stormwater Monitoring

The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board agreed to complete the stormwater monitoring requirements of their NPDES permits in a joint monitoring program in 2001. This existing cooperative agreement outlines responsibilities and deadlines for monitoring tasks, reporting requirements, budgets, and equipment and expired January 1, 2004. The total estimated cost for the 2004 joint monitoring program is \$171,500. Actual costs incurred will be shared by the parties according to the following percentages:

City of Saint Paul	45%
City of Minneapolis	45%
Minneapolis Park Board	10%

New Cooperative Agreement for Reissued Permit

Both permits for the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul expired on January 1st, 2004. Applications and fees for re-issuance were submitted in June of 2003 to the MPCA. The MPCA has communicated that their intent is to begin negotiations with staff at both St. Paul and Minneapolis for new permits in the near future. Once both permits are re-issued, it is anticipated that a new monitoring program cooperative agreement will be adopted to include any changes in the newly re-issued permits.

Attachment 1 – Amendment 1 to Cooperative Agreement For Separate Storm Sewer Systems Permit Storm Water Monitoring Implementation In Minneapolis and St. Paul

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