

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

09-0436R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DULUTH AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR THE FURNISHING OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DULUTH STREAMS PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the city of Duluth and the Regents of the University of Minnesota for professional and technical services needed in conjunction with the city's stream monitoring program in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, to be paid from Fund 535, Agency 500, Organization 1915, Object 5441.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement between the city of Duluth and the Regents of the University of Minnesota for professional and technical services related to stream monitoring as part of the city's municipal separate storm sewer (MS4) permit.

The city holds an MS4 permit because it owns and operates a storm sewer that discharges into waters of the state of Minnesota. The permit is administered through the Minnesota pollution control agency (MPCA) as part of the larger national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) program mandated by the Environmental protection agency. The MS4 permit requires six minimum control measures by the permit holder, the first two of which are public education and public involvement. *The website, [lakesuperiorstreams.org](http://lakesuperiorstreams.org), has been a collaborative project between the city of Duluth, the University of Minnesota and others to maintain long term data collection, stream monitoring and pollution prevention education targeted at school groups and teachers. The site has had some 16 million hits since it was founded in 2002. This website helps the city meet its MS4 permit requirements.*

The term of this agreement is for three years and is deemed to have commenced in 2008 in order to provide payment to the University of Minnesota for services rendered and ongoing.