

RECREATION, LIBRARIES, & AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

13-0508R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF
A PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY GRANT OF \$1,000,000 FOR
RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS AT CHAMBERS GROVE PARK
RELATED TO THE JUNE 2012 FLOOD.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Park Legacy application to be submitted on or before October 25, 2013, and that the city's chief administrative officer is hereby authorized to apply to the Minnesota department of natural resources (MnDNR) for funding of this project on behalf of city.

FURTHER RESOLVED that city has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance and financial capability to ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.

FURTHER RESOLVED that city has not incurred any development costs or entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property in connection with the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the aforesaid grant is offered, the proper city officials are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the MnDNR substantially in the form of that on file in the office of the city clerk as Public Document No. _____ agreeing to the project with grant funds to be deposited in Fund 225-125-1808-4220-06 (Disaster Recovery Fund, Finance Department, Disaster Aid and Revenue, State of Minnesota Legacy Funds). This grant is one of ten legislatively designated appropriations for the purpose of

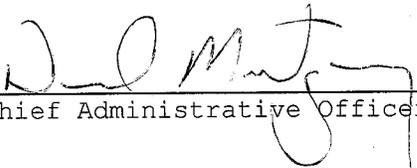
restoration of parks and trails in the Duluth area impacted by the flood of 2012 and requires no in-kind (match) contribution by the city.

Approved:



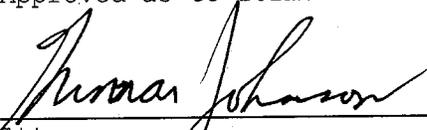
Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:



Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:



Attorney

Approved:



Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the application and acceptance by the proper city officials of a grant from MnDNR for parks and trails legacy grant monies for the purpose of restoration and improvements at Chambers Grove Park. This grant is one of ten legislatively designated appropriations for the restoration of parks and trails in the Duluth area impacted by the flood of 2012 and requires no matching funds from the City.

By accepting this grant the city is committing the property to public use and understands that state approval is required before any portion of parks system developed using grant monies are converted in whole or in part to any use other than that authorized in the grant agreement.

Chambers Grove was directly affected by the flood of June 2012 and resulting overflow of the St. Louis River which deposited substantial amounts of sediment throughout the park. Additionally, with the imminent creation of several miles of mountain bike trails in the Fond du Lac area, Chambers Grove Park is slated to become a park of regional significance and a hub for numerous recreation opportunities. Improvements to Chambers Grove that are being proposed include providing a trail head for the western terminus of the Duluth Traverse Trail, a trail head for the Gateway Flow base trail, a wet meadow of native plant species, new accessible toilet facility, improved parking and access road, new playground, a canoe/kayak put-in location, and an accessible fishing location.