

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: June 20, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

**Subject:** Grant Agreement Amendment for Coon Rapids Dam RP, Anoka County

**District(s), Member(s):** MPOSC District E, Michael Kopp

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statute 473.315

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Tori Dupre, Senior Planner-Regional Parks (651-602-1621)

**Division/Department:** Community Development, Regional Parks and Natural Resources

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG2012-034 to expand the project scope to add “construction of a fishing pier at Cenaiko Lake at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.”

### Background

Anoka County has requested the Metropolitan Council’s approval of an amendment to parks grant agreement SG2012-034 since the project is complete and grant funds remain. Parks grant SG2012-034 provided \$798,000 to Anoka County for the design and reconstruction of roads, parking lots and trails, storm water drainage, and the addition of utilities, lighting, landscaping, site furnishings and signage at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. The grant was financed using Council bonds (\$291,000) and State bonds (\$507,000), and the grant agreement, executed on November 2, 2012, expires on December 31, 2016.

To date, Anoka County submitted and received reimbursement for \$769,931.78 for all final project costs leaving an unspent balance of \$28,068.22. Since the grant project is complete and unexpended grant funds remain, the County requests that the grant agreement be amended to expand the project scope to include the construction of a fishing pier at Cenaiko Lake in Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.

### Rationale

The Metropolitan Council must consider and approve the proposed grant amendment because it represents a substantial revision to the existing grant agreement and the funded development project.

The County’s proposal is consistent with the Council-approved master plan for Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park and will provide additional accessible fishing opportunities within the Regional Park. The grant agreement allows for amendments to the agreement terms if the Grantee submits a request to the Council and the Council authorizes the amendment. The proposed amendment does not change or increase the grant agreement awarded amount or terms, and the amendment becomes effective once the authorized representatives from the Council and the County sign it.

### Funding

The grant is financed by 2012 State general obligation bonds and Metropolitan Council bonds. The funds have been obligated through executed agreements and are available until reimbursed.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) considered this item at its meeting on June 7. MPOSC members discussed whether the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park Master Plan included fishing piers and how often park agencies update master plans, as the master plan was completed in 1985. Staff shared that the master plan contains fishing piers. Additionally, they clarified that the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan does not include a specific timeframe when a master plan must be updated. Catherine Zimmer, Executive Director of Women Observing Wildlife, spoke in opposition to the proposed grant amendment due to concerns about the age of the park master plan. After discussion, MPOSC members recommended approval of the proposed action.

## Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

Meeting date: June 7, 2016

For the Community Development Committee meeting of June 20, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

**Subject:** Amend Project Scope of Parks Grant SG2012-034, Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Anoka County

**District(s), Member(s):** MPOSC District E, Michael Kopp

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statute 473.315

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Tori Dupre, Senior Planner-Regional Parks (651-602-1621)

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## **Funding**

The grant is financed by 2012 State general obligation bonds and Metropolitan Council bonds. The funds have been obligated through executed agreements and are available until spent.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to Anoka County's proposed grant amendment.



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April 20, 2016

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Re: Scope of Work Expansion for Grant Agreement SG2012-034

Dear Tori:

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department has worked diligently to execute the project outlined in grant agreement SG 2012-034. You will recall grant agreement SG 2012-034 was for the reconstruction of roads and parking lots at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in the amount of \$798,000, which expires in December of 2016.

The County's latest reimbursement request was in the amount of \$93,471.01, which covered the final costs associated with the project. With the completion of the project, there is anticipated to be a balance of \$28,068.22 remaining for this grant agreement.

Therefore, Anoka County is requesting to expand the scope of work in grant agreement SG 2013-034 to include the addition of a fishing pier at Cenaiko Lake. This proposal is consistent with the approved master plan for the park and will provide additional accessible fishing opportunities within the park.

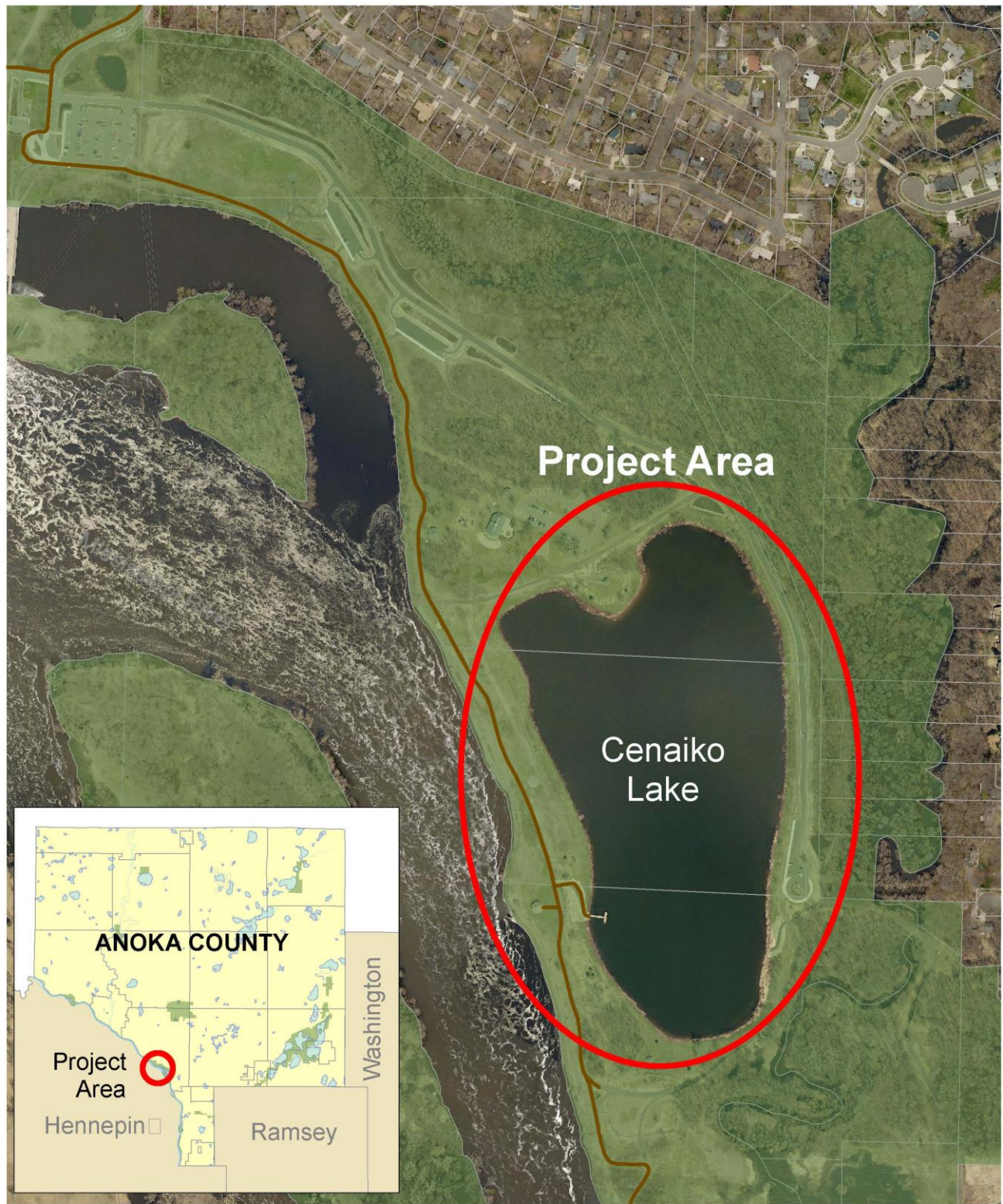
I have included a map illustrating the project location for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience at 763-767-2865 or [karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:karen.blaska@co.anoka.mn.us).

Sincerely,

Karen Blaska, Park Planner

Cc: Jeff Perry, Anoka County Parks and Recreation

Attachment 2: Proposed Grant Project Location within Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park



Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

