

# **Business Item 2015-130:** **Authorization to Award and Execute Targeted Stormwater Grants for the Waconia Stormwater Reuse Project, Minnesota Zoo BMP Project, and Tree Trust Disadvantaged Youth Project**

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# Grant Program Overview

- \$800,000
- 6 projects reviewed
- 3 projects proposed for funding
  - Tree Trust
  - Vermillion River JPO - Minnesota Zoo Projects
  - City of Waconia/Carver County – Waconia Reuse Project

# Primary Criteria

- Innovative
- Widely applicable
- Require monitoring and assessment

# Secondary Criteria

- Supports Thrive MSP 2040 and the Water Resources Policy Plan
- Visible
- Ready to go
- Project drains to stream or river reach monitored by Council
- Will benefit impaired water and be identified as needed in one of several plans
- Leverages other funds
- Includes long-term maintenance
- Integrates with other water issues

# Proposed Projects

- Tree Trust
  - ✓ \$50,000
  - ✓ Various native planting, tree planting, and landscaping projects
- Vermillion River JPO - Minnesota Zoo
  - ✓ \$350,000
  - ✓ Bioretention basins in parking lots, stormwater feature at entrance, raingardens and entrances and walkways, iron enhanced sand filters, restored native prairie
- City of Waconia/Carver County – Waconia Reuse Project
  - ✓ \$400,000
  - ✓ Community-scale water reuse system for irrigation of ballfields and landowner use

# Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute targeted stormwater management demonstration grants described in Attachment A in the total amount of \$800,000.

# Proposed Projects

- **Cerensity Senior Care Facility – White Bear Lake Area**
  - ✓ \$255,000
  - ✓ Non-profit health care facility
  - ✓ Rainwater harvesting system for irrigation use
- **Blue Thumb**
  - ✓ No specific monetary request
  - ✓ Collaborative program that works with landowners to install native plantings, rain gardens, and shoreline stabilization projects
- **City of St. Paul – Dorothy Day Center Expansion**
  - ✓ No specific monetary request
  - ✓ In planning phase still, looking for funding opportunities to do more in the stormwater area