

## SUBJECT

### **BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 22-565**

Pertaining to a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County and VLAWMO regarding maintenance contributions of each party following the removal of invasive buckthorn vegetation at Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff is seeking approval of a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County and the Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization (“VLAWMO”) regarding maintenance of an area approximately 45 acres in size at the Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park.

The Board owns the property where the park is located. Ramsey County manages and maintains the park through a Joint Powers Agreement dated September 24, 1996. VLAWMO, by state law, prepares and implements a comprehensive surface water management plan for an area that includes the park.

At its September 2021 meeting, the Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with Great River Greening for the removal of invasive buckthorn vegetation from the 45-acre area of the park including the seeding of ecologically appropriate native species.

This Joint Powers Agreement defines the shared responsibilities of the Board, Ramsey County, and VLAWMO over the next five years for ongoing maintenance of the area once the removal and seeding has been completed by Great River Greening. Each party’s responsibilities are outlined below:

1. The Board will provide a crew of 3 laborers for a week in the spring or summer for follow up clearing/grubbing/spraying. The Board will also provide the chemicals needed for herbicide treatments.
2. Ramsey County will provide a Conservation Corps crew of 4 laborers for 2-5 days for follow up clearing/grubbing/spraying in spring or fall.
3. VLAWMO will provide a corrections crew of 6-12 laborers for 1 day for follow up clearing/grubbing/spraying in spring or fall. VLAWMO will promote and host volunteer workdays in this restoration area through their current program for University of Minnesota Community-engaged Learners and community volunteers.

See attached Joint Powers Agreement, Great River Greening Cooperative Agreement (for reference only), and Location Map.

## RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.