



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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**June 2, 2021  
Board Meeting**

V. B. Action Items—Approve  
Grant to City of St. Paul for  
Como Parking Lot Projects  
(Fossum)

DATE: May 26, 2021  
TO: CRWD Board of Managers  
FROM: Bob Fossum, Division Manager  
RE: Approve Grant to City of St. Paul for Como Parking Lots Project

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### **Background**

The Como Lake Management Plan (CLMP) was adopted on May 15, 2019 and the 2021-2030 Watershed Management Plan on November 4, 2020. Both plans included a capital project that install stormwater BMPs at the Como Pavilion and Clubhouse Parking Lots. The adopted 2021 CRWD Budget includes funding for the Como Parking Lot Project for an amount of \$150,000.

### **Issues**

Over the past several months, District staff and St. Paul Parks and Rec staff have been collaborating on planning and design of above and beyond BMPs for the Como Pavilion (North and South) and Clubhouse Parking Lots. It has been determined that only the south Pavilion Parking lot will be eligible for grant funds since the other two lots will be full reconstruction and BMPs will be required under CRWD Rules. The project is scheduled to be constructed in the Fall of 2021. The project is at 30% design currently and we are at a point where the City needs to understand what amount of funding the District may be able to provide to be able to determine the final design of the project.

Staff are recommending the grant funding will be focused on the Pavilion South Parking Lot as it is the only lot that is a mill and overlay and grant eligible and has significant visibility for the public. Staff believe a grant to install BMPs is warranted, both from a load reduction standpoint (7-8 lbs/year), as well as, the demonstration/visibility standpoint. The estimated cost of BMPs and associated elements is \$170,600. The project includes: a two-celled filtration rain garden, dry stream bed, rock seating area, and interpretive signs. Staff also recommend funding for the non-motorized boat launch for an amount of \$16,500. This part of the project will work to achieve the recreation-based goals of the CLMP and provide better access to the lake for all of the monitoring that regularly occurs.

Note: Staff have been able to confirm that the District will be able to utilize the recently approved 319 Small Watershed Funding to fund this grant award.

### **Requested Action**

Approve Grant to City of St. Paul for Como Parking Lot Project for an amount not to exceed \$187,100 and direct Administrator and Board President to execute a grant agreement subject to the review and approval of the Ramsey County Attorney.

enc: Como Parking Improvement Project Summary

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