

## SUBJECT

### **BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 21-1347**

Pertaining to an agreement with Great River Greening to allow access to Board property for the removal of invasive Buckthorn vegetation.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This agreement allows access to the personnel of Great River Greening (“GRG”) and their partners to remove invasive vegetation from the Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park owned by the Board and covering approximately 45 acres.

GRG had secured an appropriation of funds from the State of MN Outdoor Heritage Fund. From that appropriation, they desire to spend \$154,000 at this Regional Park for the following:

1. Removal of the invasive brush (Common Buckthorn and Glossy Buckthorn)
2. Follow-up treatment of seedling and regrowth
3. Seeding of ecologically appropriate native species following removal

For the Board to see this benefit realized, the Board must commit to the following:

1. The Board agrees to allow GRG and its partners in the restoration and maintenance of the project, and the State access at any time to conduct periodic site visits and inspections.
2. Following closure of the program, the State’s authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.
3. The Board must acknowledge financial support from the Outdoor Heritage Fund in program publications, signage and other public communication and outreach related to work completed using the appropriation.
4. As a partner with GRG, the Board commits to maintaining the investment put forward over time.

See attached Agreement and Location Map.

## RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.