



Legislation Text

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Authorizing Anne Hunt, Environmental Policy Director for the Mayor's Office and Cy Kosel, Natural Resources Manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation, to apply to be a Minnesota GreenCorps host site and to receive up to two Minnesota Pollution Control Agency GreenCorps members to assist with citywide environmental programs and initiatives.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is committed to opportunities to make Saint Paul one of the most sustainable and livable cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency coordinates the Minnesota GreenCorps initiative, an Americorps program designed to preserve and protect Minnesota's environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenCorps members are placed with a host site for an eleven-month term of service, where they perform work on focused environmental projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation has been awarded a GreenCorps member each of the last three years to work on both urban forestry and local food initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is again accepting host site applications from local governments, school districts, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations interested in hosting Minnesota GreenCorps members for the 2012-13 program year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is eligible to apply to be a Minnesota GreenCorps host site to receive a GreenCorps member to continue in assisting City staff in the areas of green infrastructure and local food; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Mayor's Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation have met to identify areas of need within the City of Saint Paul that would benefit from the work of a Minnesota GreenCorps member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saint Paul authorizes Anne Hunt, Environmental Policy Director for the Mayor's Office and Cy Kosel, Natural Resources Manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation, to apply to be a Minnesota GreenCorps host site and to receive up to two Minnesota GreenCorps members to assist with citywide environmental programs and initiatives.