

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for, and if awarded, accept a grant of \$2,200 from the National Environmental Education Foundation for the purchase of tools, materials and supplies for the Department's volunteer program to improve and conserve Saint Paul's natural areas.

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), with funding from International Paper, offers sponsorship grants that do not require a match for conservation and educational projects to engage community volunteers on public land; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation's Natural Resources section engages 4,000 community volunteers annually to improve and conserve Saint Paul's natural areas, educate the community, and keep the City's parks and gardens healthy and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to apply for this funding from NEEF, and if awarded, accept a sponsorship grant of \$2,200 to purchase tools, materials and supplies for the Department's volunteer program; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council finds that accepting these grant funds will allow Parks and Recreation to engage community volunteers to improve and conserve Saint Paul's natural areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that designated Parks and Recreation officials are hereby authorized to seek funding on behalf of the City from NEEF, and if successful, enter into an agreement with NEEF to accept grant funds to be used for the purchase of tools, material and supplies for the volunteer program.