



Legislation Text

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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.

WHEREAS, the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul ("Board") is the owner of real property commonly known as the Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park ("Park"); and

WHEREAS, Great River Greening ("GRG") is a non-profit 501(c)(3) conservation organization based in Saint Paul, MN organized for the purpose of restoring natural areas and open spaces through community engagement; and

WHEREAS, at its September 2021 meeting, the Board approved a Cooperative Agreement with GRG for the removal of invasive buckthorn vegetation from a 45-acre area of the Park including the seeding of ecologically appropriate native species and such work is to be accomplished in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County manages and maintains the Park as an extension of its Snail Lake Regional Park through a Joint Powers Agreement with the Board dated September 24, 1996; and

WHEREAS, under State Law, the Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization ("VLAWMO") is responsible for the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive surface water management plan for an area that includes the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board, Ramsey County, and VLAWMO wish to enter into an agreement that defines the ongoing maintenance of the 45-acre area that GRG will remove invasive buckthorn vegetation and seed native species as per the Cooperative Agreement between GRG and the Board dated September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, staff has worked with Ramsey County and VLAWMO to draft an agreement providing for the ongoing shared maintenance of the 45-acre area and the Assistant City Attorney has approved the agreement as to form; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Saint Paul does hereby approve the Joint Powers Agreement dated April 12, 2022 between the Board, Ramsey County, and VLAWMO which defines the ongoing maintenance of the area to be improved by GRG and authorizes and directs the proper officers of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.