

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2017

TITLE: Authorization to apply for grant funding through BWSR Clean Water Fund and Hennepin County Natural Resources

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 17-046

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REVIEWED BY: Administrator Counsel Program Mgr. (Name):
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WORKSHOP ACTION:

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a future workshop (date):_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to taskforce or committee (date):_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to staff for additional work.	<input type="checkbox"/> No further action requested.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Requesting approval on July 27, 2017</u>	

PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorization to apply for FY 2018 grant funding through the BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant program and Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant program.

PROJECT/PROGRAM LOCATION:

Edina and Hopkins

PROJECT TIMELINE:

BWSR grant applications - due August 9, 2017
Hennepin County grant applications - accepted year-round

PROJECT/PROGRAM COST: N/A

PAST BOARD ACTIONS: N/A

SUMMARY:

Each year, staff evaluates the District’s Capital Improvement Plan to determine which projects are well positioned to apply for grant funding. Looking ahead to 2018-19, staff has identified the 325 Blake Road Stormwater and Greenway project in Hopkins and the Arden Park Stream Restoration project in Edina as good candidates for grant funding. The applications for both projects will focus on the stormwater management elements to address both water quality and water quantity issues for the benefit of Minnehaha Creek and downstream Lake Hiawatha.

Projects will be applied for through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund and the Hennepin County Natural Resources Opportunity Grant. These grants are available to local government units for projects that protect, enhance, and restore water quality and natural areas. The application period for the BWSR grant closes on August 9, 2017. Applications for the Hennepin County grant are accepted year-round. Staff will coordinate with BWSR, Hennepin County, and the appropriate project partners to draft the applications and determine the amount of funding requested to ensure that the applications are positioned competitively.

