



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA LAND TRUST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING OF THE ST. LOUIS RIVER NATURAL AREA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute an agreement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1, with the Minnesota Land Trust for professional services related to the identification and assessment of properties for potential inclusion in the St. Louis River Natural Area and development of a St. Louis River Natural Area nomination package and management plan for the period October 1, 2017 through March 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000. Funds shall be paid from Fund No. 205-130-1220-CM205-SLRNA-PHASE1 (Parks Fund, Community Resources, Parks Capital, Capital Maintenance Fund 205, St. Louis River Natural Area, Lake Superior Action and Management Plan).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes an agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust for professional services related to the identification and assessment of properties for potential inclusion in the St. Louis River Natural Area and development of a St. Louis River Natural Area nomination package and management plan for the period October 1, 2017 through March 30, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.

The City received a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") in the amount of \$220,000 to undertake the planning process for the St. Louis River Natural Area, which includes funding to complete the scope of work under this agreement, along with other associated tasks. The USEPA grant identifies that \$180,000 of the grant funds shall be paid to Minnesota Land Trust, as subawardee, for providing the services described in the agreement attached as Exhibit 1.

Under city direction, the Minnesota Land Trust will conduct technical analysis of the candidate properties that will include natural resource inventories and assessments, development suitability analysis, title review, restoration plan development, and review of relevant local, state, and federal plans, reports, and regulations. Approximately three quarters of the \$180,000 agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust will be used to subcontract technical analysis of the candidate properties. The remainder will go to cover costs for Minnesota Land Trust staff to manage the analysis process, conduct additional analysis, solicit input from inter-agency technical experts, and prepare and deliver reports and presentations.