



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NON-MONETARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING A MASTER PLAN AROUND THE INVESTMENTS IN A FUTURE NATIONAL WATER TRAIL ON THE ST. LOUIS RIVER.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to apply to the National Parks Service for technical assistance through the Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) on behalf of the city.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the city of Duluth is awarded aforesaid assistance, the city of Duluth agrees to accept the program assistance and the proper city officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, substantially the same as the form of Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes, by the proper City Officials, the application for and acceptance of, if offered, a grant agreement from the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program. This program is a division of the National Parks Service. The National Parks Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program supports successful partnerships with communities across America in achieving their conservation and outdoor recreation visions.

The RTCA would assist the city of Duluth in creating a master plan around investments in a future National Water Trail on the St. Louis River. This assistance is in the form of time committed by an RTCA staff person and the application process is minimal. The project assistance will aid in offsetting the costs associated with planning for a National Water Trail designation.

Community technical assistance is a major component of RTCA. This program assists communities in a variety of ways but is mainly associated with master planning processes. The city of Duluth plans to submit an application by August 1, 2015, for Community Assistance. Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program does not award monetary grants or loans. Instead, one of the RTCA staff with extensive experience in community-based outdoor recreation and conservation will work with the city of Duluth and community partners to get the project off the ground. If funding is necessary to achieve project goals, RTCA can often assist in identifying and securing sources of

financial assistance.