

Council Agenda Item 26-0570R



MEETING DATE: June 29, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SECTION 569 PROJECT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000 FOR THE TISCHER CREEK TRIBUTARY 7 RESILIENCE PROJECT.

SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Granlund, Public Works and Utilities, Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Grant Committee Approved on 06/24/2026

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities Department is proposing a project to install stormwater management infrastructure on a storm sewer outfall near Northfield Street in the Woodland Neighborhood, prior to draining to Tischer Creek through Tributary 7. This work will also include a partnership with the City of Duluth Parks Department and the South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to remove non-native plants and trees, restore native vegetation, and implement other ecological improvements near Hartley Park and Tributary 7. This work will improve brook trout connectivity to spawning habitat following the 2024 Tischer Creek Fish Kill. This work will also help mitigate the effects of untreated stormwater on Tischer Creek, addressing water quality impairments within the stream.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: If awarded, the working fund for this project is Stormwater Utility Fund (535), with Federal and State grant funds paying for the project. The Army Corps grant has a 25% match requirement, that will be satisfied by the State grant collected by the SWCD. The SWCD has acquired a \$418,825 Conservation Partners Legacy grant. This project is for 2027.

OPTIONS: Approve or deny

NECESSARY ACTION: Consent to enter into a project partnership agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A (Project Partnership Agreement) & Study Area Map Exhibit