



## **Council Agenda Item 25-0900R**

**MEETING DATE:** 11/24/2025

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT OF UP TO \$46,000 FOR A CD3 SYSTEM AT MUNGER LANDING.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Cliff Knettel, Assistant Manger of Parks and Recreation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

18-0576R – Resolution authorizing acceptance of a CD3 waterless cleaning system from Wildlife Forever for the purpose of installation at Munger Landing to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species.

24-0804R – Resolution authorizing acceptance of a cooperative agreement with the MN Department of Natural Resources for up to \$7,500 to support the operation and maintenance of public water access locations along the St. Louis River.

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution authorizes application to the St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program for a grant of up to \$46,000. These funds would support the purchase of a CD3 System for placement at Munger Landing, which will provide tools for boaters to clean, drain, and dry their watercraft and trailers to reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. There is no match required and there is no requirement for replacement at the end of the CD3 System's useful life.

In 2018, the City accepted a CD3 station from Wildlife Forever for use at Munger Landing (as authorized by resolution 18-0576R). During the Munger Landing remediation project completed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the boat launch at Munger Landing was closed to the public and the CD3 station was relocated to Boy Scout Landing. The CD3 Station remains in use at Boy Scout Landing and has been demonstrated to have low annual maintenance costs.

Through an array of federal and state grants, the Munger Landing site will be improved to serve as a trailhead for the St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trail and Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail. Munger Landing also operates as a public boat landing for motorized watercraft through a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (as authorized by resolution 24-0804R). The St. Louis River Estuary has been deemed a high priority location by St. Louis County and the MN DNR for AIS prevention programs. Installing a new CD3 Station at Munger Landing through this grant will support slowing the spread of aquatic invasive species which damage natural resources and hinder public recreation opportunities.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** If authorized and awarded, this would be the second CD3 System in the City of Duluth. The first system has performed well and demonstrated a low annual cost of maintenance that can be accomplished within standard site visits to ensure the site is remaining clean, as well as seasonal cleaning of the station.

**OPTIONS:** Authorize application to support slowing the spread of aquatic invasive species, or decline authorization to halt the application for grant funding from St. Louis County.

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Authorize application to the St. Louis County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program for a grant of up to \$46,000 to support the purchase of a CD3 System at Munger Landing.

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A