



Council Agenda Item 26-0573R

MEETING DATE: June 29, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSERVATION CORPS OF MINNESOTA AND IOWA TO IMPLEMENT THE MISSION CREEK FORESTRY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

SUBMITTED BY: Kate Kubiak; Natural Resources Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Minnesota Land Trust has been a dedicated partner to the City in the management of its natural resources for almost two decades. The City and the Minnesota Land Trust have cooperated on projects and grants many times in the past and the proposed project is another example of this successful partnership. The proposed project is being funded through a grant held by the Minnesota Land Trust to do natural resources management work on City land – specifically – in the Mission Creek Forest in Council District 5. The City Forester developed prescriptions, or, a scope of work for 24 units along Mission Creek. The prescriptions include site preparation, tree planting and removal of invasives such as buckthorn. These areas are dominated by poor quality aspen and ash, or are stream slopes that failed in the 2012 flood and have weak tree regeneration.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The project is being implemented at no cost to the City. The project is funded through the MN Outdoor Heritage Fund – St. Louis River Restoration Initiative – Phase 11, which is held and managed by the Minnesota Land Trust.

OPTIONS: Approve the resolution and the project can move ahead as planned. If denied, the project will be halted.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit 1 – Mission Creek Forestry Enhancement License Agreement