

Council Agenda Item 26-0101R



MEETING DATE: 02/09/2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MJ COMPANIES LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERCH LAKE LANDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

SUBMITTED BY: Kooper Andringa, Project Tech, Property & Facilities Management

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Approved Resolution 16-0485R - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LHB, INC. FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE WESTERN WATERFRONT PARKS AND TRAIL FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED OF \$70,992

Approved Resolution 24-0227R - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBGRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,600 TO SUPPORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT PERCH LAKE LANDING.

Approved Resolution 25-0495R - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO SUPPORT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT PERCH LAKE LANDING.

BACKGROUND: Perch Lake Landing, located within the St. Louis River estuary in Duluth, has undergone significant ecological restoration in recent years through a partnership led by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Land Trust. This work included removing accumulated sediment and installing a widened culvert to restore water circulation between Perch Lake and the St. Louis River, improving habitat quality and revitalizing approximately 31 acres of water resources.

With the habitat restoration phase now complete the City of Duluth can make improvements at the Perch Lake Landing site. These improvements are intended to enhance recreational opportunities, support safe and sustainable use of the restored area, and provide improved trailhead and water access for residents and visitors. In 2024, the City received a \$156,600 subgrant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), administered through the Minnesota DNR, to support design and purchase materials and equipment for the site. In 2025 we entered into a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota DNR and accepted \$150,000.00 for parking lot improvements, vault toilet, and installation of an accessible kayak dock. The improvements will support enhanced access for non-motorized watercraft as well as cyclists and pedestrians who wish to access Waabizheshikana: The Marten Trail.

The Perch Lake Landing Site Improvement Project continues the City's commitment to expanding outdoor access, strengthening ecological stewardship, and supporting the long-term restoration goals of the St. Louis River estuary.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Budget is \$276,750.00 from the Parks Fund, Community Resources, Parks Capital, Improvements Other than Buildings, Cap Mtce Fund 205, Perch Lake Habitat Restoration

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

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve

ATTACHMENTS: