

Legal Name of Project Sponsor: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
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Project Title: Northside Neighborhood Engagement & Opportunities in Clean Water Initiatives

Total Project Cost: \$190,850
Grant Request Amount: \$100,000

Goal 1: Improve water quality in Bassett Creek by engaging community members to install and maintain boulevard bioswales in collaboration with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Emerald Ash Borer tree replacement program.

Objective 1: Work with the HNA to identify 5- 6 target blocks within the Harrison Neighborhood based on interest in participation, opportunity for runoff capture, and timing of ash tree removal. Boulevard projects are in conjunction with the MPRB and will follow removal of ash trees. This innovative partnership demonstrates a new model for the MPRB and the City of Minneapolis. Harrison residents will be actively engaged to plan and participate in a community clean water initiative that extends beyond the project period and leverages additional funding for clean water initiatives in North Minneapolis. The project will encourage practices that span multiple properties and create "treatment trains" for overflow during peak rain events. Potential and completed projects will be modeled by Metro Blooms in WinSLAMM.			\$24,840 (includes project management)
Activity	Unit	Start	Completion
Identity block captains	5-10	Sept 2016	Sept 2017
Notify MPRB for tree marking/stump removal	50-70 trees	Sept 2016	Dec 2017
Excavate and Plant Boulevards	50 – 70 boulevard bioswales	Sept 2016	Aug 2018
MPRB replants Blvd trees	50 – 70 trees	Apr 2017	May 2019
Objective 2: Establish and implement an equitable framework to evaluate change in the knowledge, attitudes and practices of project participants that provides measurable outcomes and guides the future replication of the project. Evaluation protocol are developed and implemented that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths each brings. Results will allow us to adapt and share effective project framework.			\$5,500
Activity	Unit	Start	Completion
Establish & administer pre-test framework		Aug 2016	Dec 2016
Final evaluation			Aug 2018

Goal 2: Provide opportunities for neighborhood youth to access job training and career pathways in green infrastructure

Objective 1: Contract with youth and young adults in outdoor jobs programs for installations. Connect with current underutilized business contractors and develop new local connections to perform contract work. Neighborhood youth outdoor	\$35,310
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crews (15-25 youth per season) will work alongside Metro Blooms and HNA staff through a place-based, experiential learning framework to install and conduct maintenance of native plantings in boulevards. Youth will recognize and experience the impact of their work on the environment and their community. Local contractors will learn new skills and opportunities in green infrastructure.			
Activity	Unit	Start	Completion
Contract/Schedule youth outdoor jobs programs to complete boulevard excavation and planting	15 -50 neighborhood youth	Sept 2016	Aug 2018
Purchase/install turf alternatives in boulevard bioswales	100-300 Grasses, sedges, low grow forbs per property and or seed mixes,	Sept 2016	Aug 2018
Contract with local landscape contractor(s) for excavation assist.	1-2 local contractors	Sept 2016	Aug 2018
Objective 2: Develop a Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Inspections and Maintenance Training Program for youth and young adults in outdoor jobs programs which can be implemented as an on-the-job training program.			\$25,000
Activity	Unit	Start	Completion
Development and pilot implementation of maintenance training program	5 segments	Sept 2016	Aug 2018
Revisions and publications		Sept 2017	Aug 2018

Project Tasks (2016 – 2018)	Est. Budget
Project Management and Engagement	\$24,840
Job Training + Maintenance & Inspections Development and Pilot Implementation	\$25,000
Landscape Contractor and Landscape Supply	\$35,310
Landscape Design Services	\$9,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	\$5,500
Local Travel	\$350
TOTAL GRANT	\$100,000
Matching Funds	Amount
Committed Funds	
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission	\$4,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield Center for Prevention	\$20,000
Conservation Corps MN Youth Outdoors crew	\$5,250
Logic PD (corporate sponsor, in-kind labor and cash)	\$600
Pending Funds	
Conservation Corps of MN - Clean Water Trust Funds	\$11,000
Hennepin County Environmental Services	\$50,000
TOTAL Committed and Pending Matching Funds	\$190,850

