

March 10, 2015

RE: CIB Proposal for Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure Project (Lift Station)

The members of the 14-square-block Tri Area Block Club, located in St. Paul's North End neighborhood, have advocated for the daylighting of the Trout Brook for 20 years. We wish to extend our strong support for the CIB matching grant for the lift station at the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary.

This project is the first of its kind to "bring water back to St. Paul," a goal in the City's comprehensive plan. Since few natural stream channels remain in the City, this is a rare opportunity for water quality improvement. The 3,200 foot restored stream channel is designed to clean the water prior to entering the Mississippi River by removing pollutants through the use of natural features such as ponds, bends, and wetlands. This will benefit our neighborhood, the City and the watershed, as well as the health of the Mississippi River.

By receiving a Legacy grant, the importance of this project has been acknowledged. It is our hope that the members of the CIB Committee and Task Force also recognize its value.

Your consideration of this funding proposal is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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