

RESOLUTION # 13-08
Hampden Park

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul enjoys a rich environment of land and water resources which have been entrusted to City Departments for use, protection, and delivery of services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has authorized formation of special units of local government for protection of water resources in the form of watershed management organizations and districts, and these organizations have created regulations to improve and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, increased regulations place requirements on City facilities and projects, both current and future, and meeting these requirements in a fiscally responsible manner may result in improved projects, benefitting both the citizens and the quality of the resources affected; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between the Departments of Public Works, and Parks and Recreation on development of water quality protection projects presents an opportunity to develop stormwater facilities that meet both Departments' needs in an economical manner; and

WHEREAS, the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation have jointly developed the Water Resources Protection Cooperative Policy (POLICY); and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommended adoption of the POLICY, between the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, and supported the agreement by the respective Department Directors to adopt and implement the POLICY by Resolution 10-04 at its April 14, 2010 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the POLICY prescribes that a public hearing be conducted before the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider each proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Saint Anthony Park District 12 Community Council, prepared a master plan for Hampden Park in May 2010, which identifies an area near Raymond Avenue for collection and treatment of stormwater from the Raymond and Hampden Avenues area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has investigated the possibility of developing a stormwater infiltration facility in that area of Hampden Park, and proposed the Hampden Park



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Water Quality Improvement Project to Parks and Recreation in October 2012; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the proposal and found it to be potentially effective in meeting the goals of the Hampden Park Master Plan, consistent with the POLICY, and not in conflict with current or anticipated future recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation attended a meeting of the Saint Anthony Park District 12 Community Council Environment Committee, on December 5, 2012 to obtain input on design criteria and recreation needs; and

WHEREAS, the District 12 Community Council Environment Committee found the proposal to be a reasonable implementation of the Hampden Park Master Plan intent for treatment of stormwater in the park, and consistent with their recreation needs, and supported the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation have reviewed the Project Feasibility Studies and input from the community with their respective administrations and are recommending the proposal be adopted for implementation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends proceeding with the proposed Hampden Park Water Quality Improvement Project.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on March 13, 2013:

Approved:	Yeas	___
	Nays	___
	Absent:	___

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Attested to by:

Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission