

RESOLUTION # 13-10
“Trillium” Nature Sanctuary Water Quality

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 has developed designs for the “Trillium” Nature Sanctuary which include features to attract and support wildlife, and provide educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has the Hatch-Agate Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP) project directly adjacent to the “Trillium” project planned for 2013 construction, which must provide water quality treatment of stormwater in the work areas; and



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WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works cooperated in developing a design of water quality improvements to harvest stormwater from the adjacent RSVP project and will construct ponds and wetlands for treatment of the stormwater which will also provide water resources for natural areas and wildlife support; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “Trillium” Nature Sanctuary water quality improvements have been reviewed by staff and found to be consistent with the POLICY, and will contribute significantly to the development of water resources in the “Trillium” Nature Sanctuary project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “water quality improvements” will be constructed and maintained under the conditions of the POLICY, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation attended a meeting of the District 6 Planning Council Land-Use Task Force, on February 26, 2013 to obtain input on design criteria and recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the District 6 Planning Council Land-Use Task Force found the proposal to be a significant contribution to the development goals of the “Trillium” Nature Sanctuary project and for treatment of stormwater in the park, and consistent with their recreation needs, supported the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Public Works 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 “Trillium” Nature Sanctuary water quality improvements under the conditions of the POLICY.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on April 10, 2013:

Approved:	Yeas:	___
	Nays:	___
	Absent:	___

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Attested to by:

Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission