



Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.4

Agenda Item: Little Earth Stormwater and Habitat Improvements 30% / Concept Design

Presenter: Emmy Baskerville Doeckel

Meeting Date: 18 November 2025 **Flexibility:** Yes No

Estimated Time: Consent Agenda 10 Min. 15 Min. 30 Min. 45 Min. 1 Hour

Action Request: Information/Review Motion to approve Budget Change Other

Board Action: Approved Denied Tabled Accepted Report Other

Date of Action: 18 November 2025

Background

A feasibility study was recently completed in partnership with Hennepin County (County), the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), and the City of Minneapolis (City) to identify a suite of water resource and habitat improvement opportunities within the East Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis, which is within the Southside Green Zone. The impetus for this study was a series of transportation and park projects in close proximity, planned for implementation within the next five years in the East Phillips Neighborhood.

One project identified through this feasibility study is the Little Earth Stormwater and Habitat Improvements project. This project will use stormwater captured from Cedar Avenue and route it into an underground tank for use as irrigation at the Little Earth East campus. The concept design phase will also explore extending irrigation services to the west side of the Little Earth campus.

This 30% Design / Concept phase will include stakeholder engagement sessions with representatives from Little Earth, as well as an on-site walk with stakeholders to explore potential sustainable site improvements.

MWMO staff is requesting approval of a not-to-exceed amount of \$73,000 in Capital Project funding for professional engineering services to advance to 30% (Concept) plans and stakeholder engagement sessions for the Little Earth Stormwater and Habitat Improvements project.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2025-032

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR LITTLE EARTH STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS 30% CONCEPT DESIGN

WHEREAS, the MWMO strives to protect and improve water quality and habitat within its jurisdiction, through the planning and implementation of stormwater best management practices;

WHEREAS, the MWMO strives to partner with other local units of government to collaboratively find cost-effective ways to manage stormwater and improve habitat;

WHEREAS, the MWMO recognizes the importance of providing resources to communities in the City's Southside Green Zone;

WHEREAS, the MWMO has sufficient Capital Project funds available; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approves not-to-exceed \$73,000 in Capital Project funds to complete the Little Earth Stormwater Improvement and Habitat Design 30% / Concept Plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners approves not-to-exceed \$73,000 in Capital Project funds for professional services to develop 30% / Concept Plans for the Little Earth Stormwater Improvement and Habitat Design Plans and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 18th day of November, 2025.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director