



Request for Board Action

Attachment 6.3

Agenda Item: Shoreline Improvement and Access Enhancement – 2100 Marshall St NE

Presenter: A. Goemann

Meeting Date: 08 September 2026

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: 08 September 2026

Background (Attach Supporting Documents as needed)

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) has completed a feasibility study with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and Sample Room regarding restoration of shoreline and enhancement of public access along the Mississippi River on the following three properties in northeast Minneapolis:

- MPRB Property (2128 Marshall Street NE)
- The Sample Room (2124 Marshall Street NE)
- Gluek Park (1926 Marshall Street NE) – The project includes the Mississippi River shoreline that extends approximately 150 feet south of The Sample Room property.

Findings from the feasibility study and accompanying stakeholders meetings include:

- Concurrence between MWMO, stakeholders, and consulting engineers and architects that ecological enhancement of the shoreline is desirable and feasible.
- A conceptual plan for land exchange by easement or acquisition between the Sample Room owner and MPRB that will provide MPRB a corridor for a combined

bike and pedestrian path between the shoreline and Sample Room, bridging currently owned MPRB properties.

- A conceptual plan for shoreline enhancement that includes excavation and grading of the slope to remove urban debris and increase slope stability, installation of native vegetation that will support Mississippi Flyway & Critical Corridor wildlife, and reconstruction of public and private overlooks and river access infrastructure.

Progression of the conceptual design to a 90% design, including construction plans and engineer's opinion of cost, is proposed to prepare for reconstruction of the shoreline from 2128 Marshall St NE to a point on the Gluek Park shoreline approximately 150 ft. south of Sample Room's south property line, including excavation and grading, establishment of native vegetation, and reconstruction of existing public and private overlooks and river access. This design work will provide a foundation for the expansion of MPRB's bike and pedestrian trail system and overall park system in accordance with the Above the Falls plan. The design of the shoreline enhancement will place an emphasis on the creation of habitats that supports wildlife species contemplated by the Mississippi Flyway, Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Plan, and the MWMO Watershed Management Plan, including a variety of mussels, birds, and pollinators.

Staff is requesting a not-to-exceed amount of \$220,700 to pay for professional engineering services to complete 90% Designs and Construction Plans for Shoreline and Access Enhancement at the 2100 Marshall St. NE site.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2026-024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR SHORELINE IMPROVEMENT AND ACCESS ENHANCEMENT – 2100 MARSHALL ST. NE SITE

WHEREAS, The MWMO strives to protect and improve the ecological health and stability of the Mississippi River shoreline in its 10-Year Watershed Management Plan;

WHEREAS, The MWMO strives to collaborate with other entities to find cost-effective ways to improve water quality, habitat, and public access to the Mississippi River;

WHEREAS, The MWMO has determined that it is feasible at a Site within its jurisdiction to collaboratively reconstruct the shoreline and enhance river access in a manner that provides ecological and public recreational benefits;

WHEREAS, Where MWMO has sufficient riverfront improvement funds available;

WHEREAS, Staff recommend the Board of Commissioners approves up to \$220,700 in riverfront improvement funds to complete 90% Designs and Construction Plans for Shoreline and Access Enhancement at the 2100 Marshall St. NE site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners approve up to \$220,700 in riverfront improvement funds for professional services to complete 90% Designs and Construction Plans for Shoreline and Access Enhancement at the 2100 Marshall St. NE site and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary administrative actions to implement the resolution.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2026.

Review for the Board: _____

Connie Buesgens, Chair

Review for Administration: _____

Kevin Reich, Executive Director