

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: July 21, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Ramsey County for invasive species control
ITEM NUMBER: 8.g
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

Authorize execution of the Memorandum of Agreement with Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department - Soil and Water Conservation Division (RCPRD-SWCD) for RCPRD-SWCD to treat invasive plant infestations on Shoreview city property.

INTRODUCTION

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department - Soil and Water Conservation Division (RCPRD-SWCD) is seeking to renew the partnership to control specified invasive species on city property in Shoreview. RCPRD-SWCD receives funding to manage invasive species such as roundleaf bittersweet, poison hemlock, black swallowwort, teasel, wild parsnip, narrowleaf bittercress, knotweeds, phragmites, and others through chemical or mechanical removal. The attached Memorandum of Agreement establishes the agreement which would extend through 2035.

DISCUSSION

The City of Shoreview began partnering with Ramsey County on invasive species in 2014 through the Ramsey County Cooperative Weed Management Area (RCCWMA). RCCWMA is a cooperative relationship between government agencies, individual landowners, non-profit organizations, and other interested groups working towards managing invasive plants that negatively impact natural lands, parks, and open spaces in Ramsey County. RCCWMA is coordinated by RCPRD-SWCD. There is no cost to the city to participate and work is contingent on available funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the council authorize the execution of the MOA with RCPRD-SWCD to authorize RCPRD-SWCD to treat invasive plants on City of Shoreview property.

ATTACHMENTS

[Ramsey Co Shoreview Invasive Species Agreement 2025](#)