



## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Meeting Date: 08/15/24

Business Item: ROUTINE BUSINESS

Item Number: **4H**

Division: Recreation, Education & Natural Resources

Originating Source: Luke Skinner, Associate Superintendent

Agenda Item: Resolution of Support for LCCMR Grant Proposal – Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization and Fishing Improvements

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### Superintendent's Recommendation:

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-08 IN SUPPORT OF A LEGISLATIVE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$735,000 TO BE USED FOR SHORELINE STABILIZATION AND FISHING IMPROVEMENTS AT MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK.

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### Background:

\*Resolution 24-03 was previously approved in support of this project during the March 21, 2024, Board meeting. This new resolution includes additional minor administrative clauses required by the State's new template. The following background information describing the project accompanied the original resolution in March:

Three Rivers Park District is requesting funding for stabilization of 1650 linear feet of Mississippi River shoreline at five highly erosive areas displayed in the attached project map. The proposed project will stabilize each of these areas with bioengineering best management practices consisting of grading/re-sloping of banks, vegetated riprap, native plantings/seeding, rock deflectors, and toe wood. Ultimately, the project will restore nearshore fish and wildlife habitat that has been negatively impacted by sediment accumulation and will improve water quality for native mussels. The adjacent upland areas along the shore will receive native plantings to further enhance critical riparian habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

A concurrent benefit and opportunity of the project is improving water-based recreational opportunities for the public. Shoreline fishing is one of the most popular activities within Mississippi Gateway Regional Park. This project will further improve shoreline fishing opportunities for the 8,800 annual summer fishing visitors (95/day) through the construction of fish habitat and fishing access platforms at three locations. Mississippi Gateway Regional Park provides inclusive/equitable access to outdoor recreational programs and activities for under-represented communities.

The estimated overall cost of the project is \$960,000. A National Park Service grant has been secured for \$150,000 and the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission has pledged \$75,000 in local support. The LCCMR proposal requests \$735,000 toward implementation as outlined in the attached Resolution of Support.



Relationship to the System Plan:

The Request for Action supports the following goal(s) of the System Plan:

Goal 1: You Belong Here

Goal 2: Parks Matter

Goal 3: Lead by Example

Attachments:

[Map of MGRP Shoreline Stabilization and Fishing Improvement Project.pdf](#)

[Updated LCCMR Resolution of Support - Mississippi Gateway Shoreline Stabilization - August 2024.pdf](#)