

RESOLUTION ____ - 2018

RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RAVINE AND WETLAND RESTORATION
ALONG UNNAMED TRIBUTARY FROM VALLEY VIEW DRIVE TO THE ROOT RIVER
IN THE ROOT RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN IN COOPERATION
WITH ROOT-PIKE WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK

The City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Racine is interested in restoring an eroding stretch of a ravine and wetland in Colonial Park, in order to reduce bank erosion and channelization, reduce sediment loading to the Root River, improve plant and aquatic diversity for all park goers to experience, and native species spawning grounds, and

WHEREAS, financial aid will be necessary to carry out the project and Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network will lead in applying for grants to secure the funds necessary to complete the construction and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network is willing to provide grant writing, conduct site tours, and help facilitate bidder interest in the project, and

WHEREAS, the wetland restoration, can be associated to the floodplain detention/mitigation and wetland restoration project (#NP01: "Wetland Restoration") in the Root River Watershed Restoration Plan, which the City of Racine was a contributor, has been reviewed as part of the plan by the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, the ravine erosion area has been raised as an issue by Matthew Kopernick, City of Racine Forester, and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine works cooperatively with Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network to through the Southeastern Wisconsin Clean Water Network and the Department of Natural Resources to advance stormwater runoff pollution reductions as part of the City of Racine's stormwater permit requirement, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation in the Root River Nine Element Watershed Restoration Plan is prioritized as "High Priority", and

WHEREAS, the restoration of this ravine and wetland would serve the community by providing a reduction of sediment pollutant loads and adjacent land stability, and enhanced biodiversity through revegetated habitats, which improves places where people want to be, and

WHEREAS, there is no commitment by City of Racine to fund and/or implement the restoration if no other funding becomes available or is secured, and is not obligated to accept any of the grants awarded, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Racine will cooperatively work with Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that initiated and implements the 2013 Root River Nine Element Watershed Restoration Plan) to develop grant applications and HEREBY AUTHROIZES Mr. Dave Giordano, Executive Director of Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network to act on behalf of the City of Racine to:

Create and submit grant applications to various funding sources with City of Racine's Engineer's input review and final approval

Develop a budget, schedule, and scope of work in accordance with the rules, regulations and wishes of City of Racine, Racine County and the Department of Natural Resources

Facilitate developing a bidders list in accordance with the rules, regulations and wishes of City of Racine, Racine County and the Department of Natural Resources.

Adopted by the City of Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, this TBD day of TBD, 2018. I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Common Council and TBD at a legal meeting on TBD day of TBD, 2018.

City of Racine

By: _____

TBD, TBD

Attest: _____

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