



TO: CITY OF RACINE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: RACHANA KOTHARI, RCEDC

DATE: MARCH 30th, 2017

SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE (GLRI) GRANT APPLICATION FY17

The purpose of this memo is to seek authorization to apply for the U.S. Forest Services GLRI grant for West Bluff project in RootWorks Redevelopment Area.

U.S. Forest Services GLRI grant application facts:

- I. The Goal of the GLRI program is to address the most significant environmental problems including invasive species, nonpoint source pollution impacts, and habitat restoration activities to improve water quality within the Great Lakes Basin.
- II. The GLRI grant will supplement the implementation of the awarded Fund for Lake Michigan grant for \$95,000 for West bluff stabilization. This grant opportunity will allow the City to improve green infrastructure by planting trees and vegetation as part of a local storm water management strategy that will support stabilization.
- III. The GLRI application award ranges from \$50,000 to \$200,000.
- IV. There is No Matching Funds are required.
- V. The grant application is due by April 13th, 2017.
- VI. The cost to apply for the funds could range from \$2,000-\$5,000 (40-60 hours of work) utilizing specialized landscape architecture firms to complete the technical part of the application.
- VII. If awarded, the funds would be made available to the City to access by September 2017.
