



ITEM REPORT UTILITIES COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 6/8/2022
Agenda Section: Information Only

Department Origination: Public Works

Agenda Item: Whiskey Creek Project Update

Approval Required: Simple Majority Vote

BACKGROUND

The City of Baxter, MN (City) entered into an agreement with HR Green on November 17th, 2022 to perform pre-design property investigations within an approximately 13-acre area within the Good Samaritan Society parcel (abandoned golf course between Golf Course Drive and Cypress Drive, north of Excelsior Road) proposed for acquisition. The site was identified as a priority location for construction of a new stormwater best management practice in earlier studies. Grants have been obtained from the Clean Water Land and Legacy Funds (CWF) for design and construction and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for land acquisition.

City staff, representatives from Good Samaritan and HR Green staff conducted a meeting to present and discuss the findings of the Phase I: Site Assessment. The intent of this meeting was to provide sufficient content for Good Samaritan to provide a decision for the City on how they would like to proceed with the sale of the 13-acre parcel in question. The various alternatives for managing on-site contamination and their associated costs were also provided (as presented to City Council earlier in 2022) as were the finished reports developed by HR Green. Good Samaritan consultants are currently reviewing all the provided information. Once they have completed this review, Good Samaritan will inform the City Administrator of their proposed path forward relating to the sale of the property to the City. A plan will then developed by City staff on how to proceed with the proposed design for the site.

In addition, as the current Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Final has a limited term, HR Green is developing an update of its contents to gain an extension of coverage to the expected (draft) date of October 30th, 2022. The update is currently in review at HR Green and is expected to be finalized and submitted by June 19th, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

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