



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: September 13th, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approving a grant application to the Itasca County Aquatic Invasive Species Program

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BACKGROUND:

The Itasca SWCD Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program has been actively trying to reduce the biomass of Eurasian watermilfoil in Ice, McKinney and Hale Lakes since 2017. In 2019 it was determined that approximately 16.65 combined acres on Ice, Hale and McKinney required treatment. This year only 5.26 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil were found in the same three lakes. The Itasca SWCD AIS Program is proposing that 3.96 combined acres on Hale and Ice be treated this year. The City of Grand Rapids would share (50%/50%) the cost of this treatment on Hale and Ice Lakes with the Itasca SWCD AIS Program. The total cost of this treatment is estimated to be less than \$8,000, with the Cities responsibility less than \$4,000.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion approving a grant application to the Itasca County Aquatic Invasive Species Program