



**City Council
Resolution No. 2025-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE LONG LAKE CREEK SUBWATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND
DOWNTOWN LONG LAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) completed a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study, which established nutrient budgets for impaired water bodies in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed, which includes five impaired lakes within the cities of Long Lake, Orono, and Medina; and

WHEREAS, TMDL allocations have been established and the City of Long Lake, like other parties, is required to show progress towards meeting the established TMDL allocation; and

WHEREAS, in April 2016, the City of Long Lake passed a Resolution to partner with other intergovernmental agencies to pursue grants to improve water quality in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed, recognizing that pursuing grants and working in partnership would result in more organized and effective efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, with support from this partnership, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) obtained state grant funding and led a subwatershed assessment to provide a scientific understanding of the system as a whole, identify cost-effective projects and strategies, and develop an actionable roadmap for implementation; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2020, the MCWD presented the preliminary findings and recommendations from this assessment to the City Councils of the three cities; and

WHEREAS, in January 2023, MCWD produced a final report referred to as the [Long Lake Creek Roadmap](#) (Roadmap); and

WHEREAS, the Roadmap identified 34 projects for advancement based on their cost-effectiveness and feasibility to implement. These projects were further categorized based on an implementation strategy, which includes (1) regional stormwater treatment, (2) landscape projects, and (3) internal load management; and

WHEREAS, the roadmap identified the need for additional regional treatment in the downtown Long Lake area and recommended exploration of opportunities at Holbrook Park, Nelson Lakeside Park, and other publicly-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, with the support of the partnership, MCWD applied for and received \$174,940 from the state Board of Water and Soil Resources to conduct a feasibility study for the downtown area to identify potential regional treatment locations, costs, and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the MCWD is ready to initiate this feasibility study in coordination with the City; and

WHEREAS, at the May 20, 2025 Council meeting, the MCWD presented an overview of the partnership history, Roadmap, and proposed feasibility study.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts the Long Lake Creek Roadmap and supports the ongoing partnership with the MCWD and cities of Medina and Orono to advance efforts to improve water quality in the Long Lake Creek Subwatershed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council supports MCWD's plans to conduct a feasibility study of the downtown Long Lake area to identify regional treatment opportunities.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Lake this 20th day of May 2025.

BY:

Charlie Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk