



Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Anne Scanlon – Director, Parks and Recreation

Re: SHIP Grant – Community Gardens

Date: September 5, 2025

I am pleased to share that the City of Spring Lake Park has been awarded a Community Partner Grant through the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) in collaboration with Anoka County. This grant, totaling \$8,054.04, will support the replacement and construction of 14 new raised community garden beds at our existing garden site in Sanburnol Park.

This project is part of the MN Eats initiative, which aims to increase access to healthy food options and reduce chronic disease through improved nutrition. The SHIP program empowers local communities to create sustainable, health-focused environments, and this grant is a testament to our city's commitment to those goals.

A key component of this project is our partnership with Spring Lake Park High School, whose students will be actively involved in the construction of the new garden beds. This collaboration not only enhances the education experience for our youth but also strengthens community engagement and ownership of the gardens.

We are excited about the positive impact this project will have on our residents by promoting healthy lifestyles, fostering community connections, and revitalizing a valued public space.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or would like to review any material.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parks and Recreation initiatives.

Sincerely,

Anne Scanlon
Director, Parks and Recreation