



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: March 10, 2025

Subject:

The City of Spring Lake Park has been awarded grant funding to purchase a street sweeper as part of an initiative to enhance street sweeping efforts for water quality improvements. This project will help reduce stormwater pollution, improve environmental health, and contribute to the City's long-term infrastructure maintenance efforts.

Grant Agreements

To facilitate this purchase, the City has been awarded funding from the following sources:

1. **Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Grant Agreement**
 - The City has been awarded a **\$290,000** grant under the "Enhanced Street Sweeping in SLP for Drinking Water Protection" initiative.
 - The City will provide a **10% local match** of **\$29,000** as required by the grant. This match will be covered by the Coon Creek Watershed District Cost Share Agreement below.
 - The grant requires the purchase of the street sweeper by **April 30, 2026**, with an expected increase in sweeping efforts from **107 lane miles per year to 323 lane miles per year**.
 - The project is projected to reduce phosphorus loading by **43 lbs per year** and total suspended solids by **1.3 tons per year**, improving water quality in the Mississippi River and other local waterways.
 - The grant term extends through **December 31, 2027**, with additional requirements for public engagement efforts to educate the community on the benefits of enhanced street sweeping.
2. **Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD) Cost-Share Agreement**
 - CCWD will provide a cost-share contribution of **\$30,000** toward the purchase of the street sweeper.
 - The City will commit to using the sweeper for a minimum of ten years to increase sweeping efforts, reducing pollutants such as total suspended solids and phosphorus in local water bodies.
 - The agreement requires the City to track and report sweeping data and remains in effect until **December 31, 2035** or until all obligations are fulfilled.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the grant agreements with the Coon Creek Watershed District and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreements on behalf of the City.

Approval of these agreements will allow the City to proceed with the purchase of a street sweeper, significantly enhancing our ability to maintain cleaner streets and reduce environmental contaminants affecting water quality.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.