



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Petition the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner to Improve Geddes Avenue (Stormwater portion: \$2,086,550.00; Project total: \$9,810,780.00)

Attached for your approval is a resolution to petition the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner (WCWRC) to undertake a project to make improvements to Geddes Avenue, including bioswales, infiltration, and stormwater management improvements. This will provide water quality improvements in the Huron River creekshed. The Huron River is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) restriction by the State of Michigan for suspended solids, E. coli and phosphorus.

Because the project focus includes water quality improvement, it is eligible for low-interest State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan funding, and this project has been included on the Project Priority List (PPL) for SRF loan funding. Portions of this project have been classified as a "green project," which may result in up to 50% loan forgiveness. Therefore, of the total \$2,086,550.00 stormwater project cost, only a portion may need to be repaid to the State.

A formal petition from the City is required to move this project to construction. This project falls within a portion of the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District within the limits of the City. Therefore, the work to improve the stormwater control measures falls under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner.

As the Water Resources Commissioner will be assessing the City over a maximum of 20 years for this project, the City will not have to expend the full cost of this project at the time of construction. Rather, the reimbursement of the Water Resources Commissioner will be paid over the financing period, with installments not to exceed \$135,000.00 per year. The first payment would be included in the proposed Stormwater Fund budget for FY17 and subsequent payments will be included in the annual stormwater budget submittals. The resolution authorizes the annual payment to the County for this project from the Stormwater Fund (Fund 0069) pending annual budget approvals by Council.

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Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, Geddes Avenue is part of the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District;

Whereas, City staff have identified the need for stormwater management improvements within the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District;

Whereas, The improvements will provide water quality improvements and improve the integrity of the stormwater system;

Whereas, The City Council intends to file with the Water Resources Commissioner for Washtenaw County a petition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, extend, tile, interconnect, or otherwise improve a portion of the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District;

Whereas, It is the desire of the City Council to have the Mayor and Clerk sign and file the necessary petition with the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner; and

Whereas, A suggested form of such petition is now presented to the City Council;

RESOLVED, The City Council hereby determines to proceed with the proposed drain project for the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District as more fully described in the petition attached hereto as Attachment 1;

RESOLVED, The Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute such petition for and on behalf of the City and to file the same with the Water Resources Commissioner of the County of Washtenaw;

RESOLVED, The City Council hereby consents to the location of the proposed clean out, relocation, widening, deepening, straightening, extending, tiling, interconnecting or otherwise improving a portion of the Huron River Green Infrastructure Drainage District within the limits of the City and the assessment of a portion of the cost of such improvements, so located, against the City; and

RESOLVED, That the assessment (approximately \$2,086,550.00 will be paid in twenty annual installments not to exceed \$135,000.00 /annually from the Stormwater Fund (Fund 0069) Operating Budget, beginning in FY17, pending annual budget approvals by City Council.