



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Fund Collaboration with Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner (\$35,000.00/year)
The City of Ann Arbor and the Office of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner (WCDC) have a long successful history of collaboration. The Huron River Pollution Abatement project, which led to the removal of non-residential illicit connections from the stormwater system, was one of the earlier joint projects began in 1987. This collaboration has continued with joint projects like Olsen Park, Mallets Creek Restoration Project, Illicit connection Detection and Elimination Program (IDEP), demonstration rain gardens, Mary Doyle Park and Wetlands Restoration and Allen's Creek Stormwater Improvements.

While each of the joint projects above has had various grant or loan support, the Mary Doyle Park project alone has received \$1.5 million in grants and \$2.1 million in low interest loans. In fact it was the first stormwater project in Michigan to receive low interest State Revolving Funding.

On August 7, 2000 City Council approved a resolution directing the Mallet's Creek Restoration activities be coordinated through the WCDC. This coordination has occurred very successfully with the main means of compensation being through the Mary Doyle Park and Wetlands Restoration Project. As the Mary Doyle project comes to a close, it is necessary to approve a service order with the WCDC to permit the successful collaboration to continue.

The attached resolution would approve a service order for up to \$35,000.00 for one year with the Office of Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner for stormwater coordination services and for applications and administration of grants and loans. Additionally, it would permit four 1 year extensions of the service order if both the City and the WCDC are agreeable.

Funding is available in FY O8 Stormwater System Operations and Maintenance budget. Extensions would be subject to funding approval in subsequent years' budgets.

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Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has a long standing history of successful collaboration with the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner;

Whereas, on August 7, 2000, City Council directed staff to coordinate the Mallets Creek restoration efforts with the Washtenaw County Commissioner's office;

Whereas, this collaboration between the City of Ann Arbor and the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner has been very successful in being awarded grants and loan; and

Whereas, it is desirable to continue this coordination beyond the current efforts of Mary Doyle Park & Wetlands Restoration Project;

Resolved, That Council approves a service order to the Washtenaw County Drain Commission for an amount of up to \$35,000.00/year for applications and administration of grants and loans, coordination services, and miscellaneous services related to stormwater;

Resolved, That the City Administrator be directed to approve a service order with the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner for applications and administration of grants and loans, coordination services, and miscellaneous services related to stormwater for an amount up to \$35,000.00;

Resolved, That the City Administrator be authorized to renew the service order for up to four 1 year periods provided both parties agree to an extension and subject to available funding;

Resolved, That this service order be funded from the approved FY 08 Operations and Maintenance budget of the Stormwater System and from subsequent years' budgets if so approved by Council;
and

Resolved, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.