CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL



Agenda Item E January 25, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution of support for the City of Novi's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application for improvements to the C & O and Cedarspring Regional Detention Basins in the amount of \$310,000, including a City match of \$62,000.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division B/C

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has issued a request for proposals for competitive grant funding for storm water projects. Staff has identified several projects that will be combined into two grant applications: one application for improvements to the C&O and Cedarspring regional detention basins, and one application for streambank stabilization improvements along the Bishop Creek and Ingersol Creek in Brookfarm Park. The grant applications are due January 29, 2010. (The discussion of the streambank stabilization is a separate item on this agenda).

The improvements to the C&O basin (located on Ten Mile Road near the railroad) and Cedarspring basin (located on Christina Ln in Cedarsprings Estates) are approved and budgeted projects for fiscal year 2009-10. The grant requires that the projects be ready for construction by April or May of 2010. This project was selected by staff for the grant application because the basins are located on city owned property and the design will be completed this spring, making them "shovel-ready" for construction this year.

The grant application does not require matching funds; however, it allows a voluntary match to be made by the applicant to improve the likelihood of award. The estimated project cost is \$310,000, comprised of \$267,000 for construction and \$43,000 for engineering. Since the project is already funded in the current budget, staff proposes to submit the application using the engineering fees and a portion of the construction costs as a voluntary match in the amount of \$62,000, or 20%.

The attached resolution of support will be included in the grant application package. Letters of support from other groups, such as downstream homeowners' associations, are also being solicited for the application.

The EPA's request for proposals (excerpt attached) indicates that selections could be made as soon as February with the last selections for award made in June. The design engineering is under way in anticipation of construction award in late May or early June 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a resolution of support for the City of Novi's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application for improvements to the C & O and Cedarspring Regional Detention Basins.

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR **REGIONAL DETENTION BASIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INTITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Novi has established a goal that Novi be a community that preserves natural areas, natural features, and community character; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Novi is an active participant of the Middle One Subwatershed Group working in concert toward improvement and enhancement of the Rouge River Watershed through ongoing implementation of activities that have already provided water quality improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the tributaries and natural drainage courses that comprise the Middle One Rouge watersheds are subject to erosion, sediment loading, and nutrient loading thereby negatively affecting the water quality and natural habitat of the Middle Rouge River waterway: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Novi recognizes the importance of protecting the guality of the Great Lakes, including its tributary inland lakes and streams, and has actively pursued water quality and pollution control measures through investigation and design of corrective actions for impacted areas of concern and submittal of grant applications to fund such active measures; and,

WHEREAS, the improvement of the city's storm water detention basins is consistent with the goals and general outcomes of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Novi City Council hereby support the application for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to fund improvements for the Cedar Springs and C&O regional storm water detention basins.

CERTIFICATION

I, Maryanne Cornelius, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a Regular meeting held this 25th day of January, 2010.

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U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Request for Proposals

Action: Request for Proposals for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects.

Summary: This Request For Proposals (RFP) solicits proposals from eligible entities for grants and cooperative agreements to be awarded pursuant to a portion of the \$475 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative included in Public Law 111-88, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 which is in furtherance of President Obama's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative/(the "Initiative") announced in February 2009. The President and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with 15 other federal agencies, have made restoring the Great Lakes a national priority. The Initiative builds on the prior efforts of agency, business, public interest, and other leaders which resulted in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy (GLRC Strategy) and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan now being developed. This RFP represents EPA's major competitive grant funding opportunity under the Initiative and is one of several funding opportunities described in the Initiative's Interagency Funding Guide. This RFP, in conjunction with other funding opportunities under the Initiative, will be used to competitively provide funding to eligible entities to address the most significant Great Lakes ecosystem problems and efforts in five major focus areas:

- Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern, including pollution prevention and cleanup of the most polluted areas in the Great Lakes.
- Invasive Species, including efforts to institute a "zero tolerance policy" toward new invasions.
- Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution, including a targeted geographic focus on high priority watersheds and reducing polluted runoff from urban, suburban and, agricultural sources.
- Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration, including bringing wetlands and other habitat back to life, and the first-ever comprehensive assessment of the entire 530,000 acres of Great Lakes coastal wetlands for the purpose of strategically targeting restoration and protection efforts in a science-based manner.
- Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships, including the implementation of goal- and results-based accountability measures, learning initiatives, outreach and strategic partnerships.

State pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, Tribes, colleges, universities, and other public or non-profit private agencies, institutions, and organizations are eligible to apply for funding under this RFP; individuals and "for-profit" organizations are not eligible.

EPA anticipates issuing an additional Request for Proposals to support the Initiative in the Spring of 2010.

Under this RFP, EPA is requesting proposals from eligible entities for projects addressing the programs further described in the RFP and the Appendixes for the respective focus areas described above. Applicants may submit more than one proposal under this RFP provided that each one is for a different project and is separately submitted. EPA expects that approximately

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\$120 million will be awarded under this RFP for up to approximately 400 projects (under approximately 300 awards) with approximately \$6.5 million of this amount to be awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (the FWS awards will be made pursuant to the procedures established in this RFP). Project periods are generally expected to range from one to three years, except for the programs providing for five-year project periods.

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Overview

Federal Agency Name: Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office

Funding Opportunity Title: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Request for Proposals

Announcement Type: Request for Proposals

Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R5-GL2010-1

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 66.469

Awards: Approximately \$120 million is expected to be awarded under this RFP for approximately 400 projects under approximately 300 awards. If appropriate and feasible, one award may cover more than one project.

Important Dates:

- December 9 and 16, 2009 Webinar and Public Conference Call to discuss RFP. See Section IV for further information.
- January 29, 2010 Submissions must be received by EPA by noon, Central Standard Time. See Section IV for further submission information.
- February 28, 2010 Beginning of preliminary selections for award.
- March-June 2010 Continue making selections and begin making official awards.

Dates after January 29, 2010 are expected dates only and may change.

Application Information: Eligible applicants may submit proposals through a link from: <u>http://epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2010rfp01</u>. Further submittal information is described in Section IV. This Web page will also contain information on where to obtain support or to ask clarifying questions, as well as a link to frequently asked questions (FAQs) containing answers to support questions asked by others. We encourage all applicants to register with us at http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/maillist to be informed about our funding process.

