

**COMMISSION FILE NO:** 25-168-12 **DATE INTRODUCED:** December 1, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY:** Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

**REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO:** Policy, Finance, and Personnel Committee

**RELATING TO:** Approval of Contract W97006P02, Greenseams® Program Implementation for the Year 2026

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission is requested to authorize and to direct the Executive Director to execute Contract W97006P02, Greenseams® Program Implementation for the Year 2026, with the Conservation Fund (TCF) in an amount not to exceed \$368,280. TCF's proposed budget to implement the program in 2026 is \$321,280, with an additional \$47,000 budgeted for subcontractors.

TCF has administered MMSD's Greenseams® Program since 2001, when it was selected through a competitive request for proposal process. The duration of the contract is for one year, beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. The District has ultimate oversight and decision making authority over this service, except with respect to the consultant's right to enter into contracts for the sale of real estate in its own name and acquire property interests in its own name. This proposed agreement represents a decrease of \$83,214, or 19 percent, from the 2025 contract budget due to cuts made to the Greenseams® Program budget.

TCF will continue to provide the following consulting services through the contract:

- Project management,
- Data collection and analysis,
- Grant writing and fundraising,
- Implementation planning, including real estate services,
- Landowner coordination, and
- Land management services for acquired properties.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☒ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒

**FISCAL NOTE** ☒ **S/W/MBE** ☒ **OTHER** ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **Approval of Contract W97006P02, Greenseams® Program Implementation for the Year 2026**

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The District, in partnership with TCF, has successfully implemented the Greenseams® Program since 2001. This innovative program was designed to accomplish environmentally responsible flood management by permanently preserving critical floodplain areas and hydric soils. Undeveloped, vegetated lands reduce future flooding risks by storing and draining water into the ground naturally. Greenseams® complements the District's structural flood management projects and helps protect infrastructure investments worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Additionally, the Greenseams® Program helps the District satisfy the annual requirement in its current Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems permit for stormwater management using green infrastructure through the purchase and protection of hydric soils in wetlands and natural areas.

The Greenseams® Program makes voluntary purchases of undeveloped, privately owned properties in areas expected to experience major growth in the next 20 years. These sites contain water absorbing hydric soils typically found in floodplains and wetlands and along streams and shorelines.

To date, Greenseams® has purchased 167 parcels totaling 6,106 acres and restored 977 acres of land within the project boundary. Many of these purchases have been made in partnership with the Wisconsin Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Fund for Lake Michigan, local land trusts, and area municipalities. Since 2001, the Greenseams® Program has leveraged over \$12.5 million in grant funding.

## RESOLUTION

Approval of Contract W97006P02, Greenseams® Program Implementation for the Year 2026

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**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute Contract W97006P02, Greenseams® Program Implementation for the Year 2026, with the Conservation Fund in an amount not to exceed \$368,280.