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

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Operations Committee

RELATING TO: Milwaukee Public Schools Green Schoolyards Redevelopment Program Funding Agreement, G98035P01

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute Contract G98035P01, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) Green Schoolyards Redevelopment Program Funding Agreement, with Milwaukee Public Schools and the City of Milwaukee in an amount not to exceed \$11,250,000.

The funding to support MPS Green Schoolyards Redevelopment Program was approved in the 2025 Capital Budget. The green schoolyards redevelopment projects that will be constructed with this funding will help reduce the quantity of water entering the District's sewer system and will benefit water quality and the community. The projects will support the District's 2035 Vision, Comprehensive Environmental Management Policy, Climate Resilient Water Metrics, Regional GI Plan, and Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit goals.

The funding agreement between the District, MPS, and the City of Milwaukee exemplifies a strong and collaborative intergovernmental agreement. The implementation of these projects will produce measurable economic and capacity development benefits to the local community.

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

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For nearly a decade, the District has been financing conceptual planning efforts and installation for green infrastructure at MPS schools. Funding green schoolyard redevelopment projects is a unique and layered process and has not been the best fit for other District funding programs. Traditionally, these projects would seek funding within the Green Infrastructure Partnership Program, requiring them to provide an application each year. To streamline the school project process, improve planning, and allow for schedule flexibility, the District developed a separate funding mechanism. This program creates a separate and dedicated funding source for the District's MPS green schoolyards redevelopment projects. This allows the District to have a more active role in the design and construction process. This funding will specifically be used to fund the design, construction, project management, and potential vegetation establishment of the conceptual plans that are developed under the District's G98028 contract with Reflo.

This program aims to assist MPS schools in enhancing their schoolyards to effectively manage stormwater, offer outdoor education opportunities, and create community spaces through conceptual planning. The program will fund 15 schools' green schoolyard redevelopment efforts and be completed by December 2030. The 15 MPS Schools collectively have a goal of adding 3,000,000 gallons of green infrastructure capture capacity.

RESOLUTION

Milwaukee Public Schools Green Schoolyards Redevelopment Program Funding Agreement, G98035P01

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract G98035P01, Milwaukee Public Schools Green Schoolyards Redevelopment Program Funding Agreement, with Milwaukee Public Schools and the City of Milwaukee in an amount not to exceed \$11,250,000.