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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: Award of Contract M03064P30, Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation Support Project

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize and to direct the Executive Director to execute on behalf of the District Contract M03064P30, Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation Support Project, to Clean Wisconsin in the amount of \$185,000. This contract continues the District's support of code and ordinance projects across the service area and is a non-compete award.

The primary goal of this project is to remove obstacles to implement District capital-funded green infrastructure (GI) projects. In doing so, Clean Wisconsin will provide the specific types of support to municipal staff, boards, and elected officials identified during recent code and ordinance reviews that addressed limitations to GI strategies within the District's service area. Examples of identified code and ordinance improvements include, but are not limited to, explicitly allowing parks and open spaces to be retrofitted with GI, allowing large scale rainwater harvesting to meet stormwater management requirements, and reducing required pavement widths and parking spaces to low impact development standards. This work specifically complements a new Fund for Lake Michigan-sponsored project, "Advancing and Implementing Municipal Water Quality Protection."

Due to timing of the Fund for Lake Michigan-sponsored project, the scope of work for this contract was initiated September 2, 2016, with a \$15,000 contract. This additional request for \$185,000 results in a total project cost of \$200,000. The contract for this project is for two years and is a non-compete contract.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒
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This project continues the District's effort to support revisions to municipal codes and ordinances that are obstacles to implementing GI. It is an important step in the feasibility analysis of implementing the District's GI Plan as approved by the Commission.

In 2005 and 2006, the District, together with StormTech and the Center for Watershed Protection, undertook a study of the 28 sets of municipal codes and ordinances within the District's service area to identify obstacles to local GI implementation. Some municipalities ultimately adopted the study's recommendations, although many did not.

The District's Regional Green Infrastructure Plan (RGIP) adopted in 2013 has specific recommendations to meet goals of the District's 2035 Vision. While changes to some municipal codes and ordinances allowing GI have occurred in recent years, there remain significant obstacles within longstanding municipal codes, development ordinances, and review processes. The RGIP recommends that solutions to universal GI implementation impediments be developed.

Since the code and ordinance work was conducted about 10 years ago, the state of the practice has evolved and the need to update codes and ordinances persists. Recognizing this and based on the foundation of the then in-progress RGIP, the District worked with 1000 Friends of Wisconsin and Juli Beth Hinds (now Orion Planning + Design) to update the prior study using District and grant funding that was completed earlier this year. The work of implementation can now begin; however, staff involved in the work are no longer with 1000 Friends of Wisconsin.

To move implementation further along, a new team, led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Watersheds Trust that also included Orion Planning + Design, worked with Clean Wisconsin, a nongovernmental organization well versed in GI in southeastern Wisconsin, to better define the needed implementation work. They also applied to the Fund for Lake Michigan for a grant and received an award for \$178,000 to support the needed work. The Fund for Lake Michigan award leverages the District's investment.

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It is within the District's interest to support this work that includes:

- Drafting and adopting code and ordinance amendments specific to each municipality.
- Advancing pilot projects.
- Enhancing technical practices, policies, and requests for proposals for up to six municipalities.
- Assisting the update of regional stormwater policies.
- Building nontraditional support for GI.
- Other activities in support of GI planning and implementation, such as educating community leaders.

RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute Contract M03064P30, Green Infrastructure Planning and Implementation Support Project, with Clean Wisconsin in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.