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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:** Approval of Contract G98002P09, Fresh Coast Green Schoolyards Program: MMSD Green Infrastructure Service Area Change Order One

**SUMMARY:**

The Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute on behalf of the District Contract G98002P09, Fresh Coast Green Schoolyards Program: MMSD Green Infrastructure Service Area Change Order One, in the amount not to exceed \$94,110. Greenprint Partners was selected in December 2020 to administer the Fresh Coast Green Schoolyards Program: MMSD Green Infrastructure (GI) Service Area G98002P09. The original contract scope included four schools over a two-year period for \$124,960. Due to a high demand from schools to redevelop their schoolyards, staff requests to add \$94,110 and three more schools to this contract. The new contract amount would be \$219,070. The current contract includes four schools – one in West Allis and three in St. Francis in 2021. The new scope would add three schools in 2022 – one in Shorewood, one in Whitefish Bay, and one in Cudahy.

Greenprint Partners is providing cost effective GI engineering plans to schoolyards in MMSD's GI service area to assist the District in meeting the 2035 Vision GI goal. Greenprint Partners is tasked with selecting, planning, coordinating, and developing each school's GI plan that will foster the acceptance and implementation of GI as a viable means of managing water where it falls. Greenprint Partners is developing GI engineering plans and providing assistance with the schools fundraising efforts.

The Fresh Coast Green Schoolyards Program: MMSD GI Service Area is intended to complement and improve the District's existing efforts to make GI an affordable alternative in this region. This program is separate from the District's Fresh Coast Green Schools Milwaukee contract; the Milwaukee contract is for Milwaukee Public Schools only.

**ATTACHMENTS:** **BACKGROUND** ☒ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒  
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## **SUMMARY (Cont'd)**

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The foundational goals of the program are to:

- Create an equitable process to provide schools in the District's GI service area with GI engineering plans to improve outdoor schoolyard space for stormwater management.
- Work with seven public schools in the District's GI Service Area (excluding Milwaukee) over two years.
- Provide environmental, economic, and social benefits to the schools through GI and connections to supporting services, i.e. encouraging student involvement through curriculum connections, touring District facilities, and offering opportunities for community involvement in the planning process.
- Help the District to achieve compliance with the GI requirements in the District's current Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
- Help the District's participating municipalities meet current and future municipal separate storm sewer system permit requirements.
- Partner with local community groups and/or workforce development programs to introduce students to water industry education and career pathways.
- Assist the schools with developing funding applications for the District's GI funding program.
- Have the engineering designs consider cost efficiencies and local funding sources along with future maintenance needs and abilities of the building managers.
- Include GI installations in both the combined and separated sewer areas.

The duration of this contract is two years, concluding January 31, 2023.

## **BACKGROUND**

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The District has a history of collaborating with schools and joint partners across its service area to help improve the community's environmental, social, and economic health. The District and its partners are committed to working with schools to not only improve schoolyards' ability to manage water where it falls, but also foster ecoliteracy in students, increase students' interest in the water industry, and promote action among nearby residents and students' families. Every child deserves a place to play and learn that incorporates green space to improve the health and well being of the community while also teaching them the important ecological benefits of GI.

The District selected Greenprint Partners to bring cost effective, large scale GI implementation to schoolyards in the District's GI service area outside of the City of Milwaukee to assist the District in meeting the 2035 Vision. Greenprint Partners is tasked with selecting, planning, coordinating, and developing a school's GI plan that will foster the acceptance and implementation of GI as a viable means of managing water where it falls at schools. Greenprint Partners is developing a school selection and engineering planning process, developing engineering designs, and providing engineering services during construction. The original program scope was to develop engineering plans for two schools per year for a total of four schools over a two-year period. Greenprint Partners has received positive feedback from additional schools wanting and willing to be a part of this process to green their schoolyards and these additional schools are ready to act now.

On April 22, 2019, the Commission adopted an environmental justice policy by Resolution 19-046-4 that committed to continuing the District's workforce development strategies, including green job opportunities, throughout the service area while also identifying new initiatives to avoid or eliminate disproportionate impacts of District decisions and activities throughout the service area. To further those goals, the District implemented a pilot community benefits program aimed at increasing focus on portions of its service area that rank highest (top fourth) in the Centers for Disease Control Social Vulnerability Index (2016). The District used this program as a pilot for optional submissions for community benefits project enhancements to partner with a consultant that shares a strong commitment to community benefits and social responsibility.

## **RESOLUTION**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized to execute on behalf of the District Contract G98002P09, Fresh Coast Green Schoolyards Program: MMSD Green Infrastructure Service Area Change Order One, in the amount not to exceed of \$94,110.