

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: March 8, 2021  
Item No.: 9.e

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Authorize City Manager to apply for a Minnesota GreenCorps Member for 2021-2022

**BACKGROUND**

The Minnesota GreenCorps program is a statewide initiative, coordinated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, to preserve and protect Minnesota’s environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals.

The program places AmeriCorps members with host organizations around the state to assist communities and local governments in addressing a variety of statewide needs, aiming to:

- Reduce solid waste and increase recycling in Minnesota communities.
- Reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) and other air pollutants.
- Reduce water runoff and improve water quality.
- Assist community members to take eco-friendly actions.
- Increase community resilience and build local capacity to respond to the threats of climate change.
- Train new environmental professionals.

Members serve at their host sites for 11 months, from mid-September through mid-August. More than 350 GreenCorps members have served at over 200 organizations across Minnesota. Former and current host site organizations include cities, counties, public schools, universities, watershed districts, and non-profit organizations.

Since the program’s launch in 2009, Minnesota GreenCorps members have engaged and educated nearly 200,000 volunteers in communities around the state through service projects, including assistance with environmental fairs, multi-modal transportation events, energy benchmarking, waste sorts, tree inventory/citizen foresters, invasive species removal, tree planting, and building rain gardens. Many of these projects help to increase resilience of Minnesota communities to the impacts of climate change, such as increasing heat and heavy precipitation.

Minnesota GreenCorps is an AmeriCorps program. Funding is provided by ServeMinnesota, the Corporation for National Community Service, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. In-kind resources are also provided by participating host site organizations.

The City was successful in their application to host a GreenCorps member last year and therefore is currently hosting a GreenCorps member in the Public Works department. Will Ristow, our current GreenCorps member, has been helping staff with several sustainability efforts including a voluntary private energy benchmarking program and the City’s work in the Partners in Energy program. This partnership has been very successful for the City so far and has allowed us to do much more over the

32 past few months than what would have been possible without the GreenCorps member.

33 In order to continue the work and momentum of the current GreenCorps member, City staff would  
34 like to apply for a GreenCorps member for the 2021-2022 time period.

35 If we are successful with our application, the Minnesota GreenCorps member will be supervised by  
36 the Environmental Manager, and will be a core figure in helping Roseville lower Greenhouse Gas  
37 Emissions. The projects that the member will work on are:

- 38 • Continuing the voluntary private energy benchmarking program that is being  
39 established by our current MN GreenCorps Member (on going)
- 40 • Fleet Electrification and prioritization
- 41 • Assist with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy (PIE) Program (on going)
- 42 • Add additional public buildings into B3 Benchmarking and prioritize buildings for  
43 solar and/or other sustainable improvements (on going)
- 44 • Coordinate with Ramsey County and Ramsey County cities on sustainability goals  
45 and efforts (on going)

#### 46 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

47 There is no capital outlay for the GreenCorps position. The financial impacts are limited to  
48 administration costs and staff supervision for the 11-month period. The City did procure some  
49 additional mobile technology in order to support our current GreenCorps member and allow them to  
50 work remotely. The same equipment would be used for the next GreenCorps member, if we are  
51 successful with our application. The City spent approximately \$2,500 on computer equipment and  
52 software licenses to support the current GreenCorps member.

#### 53 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

54 Staff recommends the Council approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Minnesota  
55 GreenCorps Member.

#### 56 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

57 Approve resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Minnesota GreenCorps Member.

Prepared by: Ryan Johnson, Environmental Manager  
Attachments: A: Resolution

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota was duly held on the 8th day of March, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

and the following were absent:.

Member \_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION No.**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 MINNESOTA GREENCORPS HOST SITE APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Roseville will apply to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2021-2022 program year; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects the City of Roseville, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with pre-scoped position description; and

WHEREAS, the MPCA requires that the City of Roseville enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Roseville hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs City Manager, Patrick Trudgeon, to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member \_\_\_\_, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same: .

WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Attachment A

*Approve 2021 MN GreenCorps Host site Application*

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY    )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Manager of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 8th day of March, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Manager this 8th day of March, 2021.

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Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

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