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THE CHAIR

Resolution approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the purpose of delegating responsibilities to identify infrastructure improvements to be undertaken by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Milwaukee in the area around the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor between West Townsend Street and West Hampton Avenue.

This resolution approves the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for the purpose of delegating responsibilities and establishing relationships to identify infrastructure improvements to be undertaken by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the City of Milwaukee in the area around North 30<sup>th</sup> Street between West Townsend Street and West Hampton Avenue. The improvements are anticipated to help reduce property damage, economic losses, and unsafe conditions caused by flooding in the area.

Whereas, Flooding has been reoccurring in the area around North 30<sup>th</sup> Street between West Townsend Street and West Hampton Avenue (North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor) located within the Lincoln Creek watershed; and

Whereas, The July 2010 rain event caused damages exceeding \$32 million and in extreme wet weather events, such flood damages are likely to continue to occur without improvements to the Milwaukee Metropolitan District's (District) and City of Milwaukee's (City) infrastructure serving the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor; and

Whereas, The District has been making substantial investments to reduce the risk of flooding along Lincoln Creek north of the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor; and

Whereas, As a result of the area's topography, historical development patterns, and the limited capacity of existing infrastructure, flooding continues to occur in areas within the Lincoln Creek watershed, but outside of the Lincoln Creek floodplain; and

Whereas, When reducing flooding in the areas outside of the Lincoln Creek floodplain, stormwater needs to be managed to prevent increasing flooding along Lincoln Creek; and

Whereas, The District has completed a planning level study that describes stormwater management improvements that could reduce flood damage in the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor; and

Whereas, These improvements include detention basins and new or modified City-owned storm sewers; and

Whereas, Reduced flood risks and additional green infrastructure are likely to promote redevelopment within the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor; and

Whereas, Coordinated flood reduction efforts would provide better results than could be achieved by the District or by

the City acting separately, the District and the City are willing to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) describing the individual responsibilities of the District and the City; and

Whereas, The District's responsibilities and the City's responsibilities are detailed in the Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this file; and

Whereas, The Agreement applies to the preliminary design of the stormwater improvements north of West Capitol Drive and to the final design and construction of the stormwater management improvements on the east side of the railroad right-of-way that transects the North 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor from north to south; and

Whereas, The District and the City are each responsible for funding the respective improvements that each designs, constructs, operates, and maintains under this Agreement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District delegating responsibilities to identify infrastructure improvements to be undertaken by the District and the City in the area around North 30<sup>th</sup> Street between West Townsend Street and West Hampton Avenue is approved in substantially the same form as is attached to this file; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officers, including the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

Infrastructure Services Division  
Tim Thur/Jacqueline Quandt  
May 7, 2014