

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date** July 10, 2012  
**Prepared:**  
**Subject:** Minnesota GreenCorps

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a board resolution of support to participate as a Host Site for the GreenCorps program and authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Pat Jones introduced Molly McClung who presented a summary of the Sustainability Implementation Plan. Councilmember Commers asked for clarification about the slide showing a chart of the tasks. Molly McClung responded stating the numbers across the top of the chart represents tasks, the columns identify responsibility, and the main purpose of the chart is to help build teams and track work.

Julie Brenny and Robert Rimstad then presented the Minnesota GreenCorps business item. Council Member Munt asked if this staff member would need to be replaced with a permanent person at the end of the program. Robert Rimstad responded that part of the application requirements were to not have this take the place of a staff position or create the need for one in the future and the GreenCorps member will get us off and running with the sustainability program that Molly McClung presented.

A motion was then made by Councilmember Munt seconded by Councilmember Smith and passed unanimously.

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 9, 2012

For Metropolitan Council meeting: July 25, 2012

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	June 25, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Minnesota GreenCorps
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota GreenCorps program is an AmeriCorps program, operated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and funded by the MPCA, ServeMinnesota, and the Corporation for National and Community Service (federal funder).
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / Engineering and Facilities Department

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a board resolution of support to participate as a Host Site for the GreenCorps program and authorize the Regional Administrator enter an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

### Background

The Minnesota GreenCorps program is an AmeriCorps program coordinated by the MPCA, an environmentally-focused AmeriCorps program. Following a competitive solicitation, Metro Transit was approved as a Host Site for the 2012 - 2013 year of the Minnesota GreenCorps program. MPCA selects members and places them with various host sites to spend a year of service addressing critical environmental issues, while gaining experience and learning valuable job skills. Members serve approximately 40 hours/week for 11 months beginning mid/late September 2012 through August 2013.

The GreenCorps members will assist with:

- collecting, benchmarking and reporting of data within B3 Benchmarking and other analysis tools
- identifying opportunities for conservation and efficiency through no/low-cost operations and maintenance strategies
- assisting with host site contracts for retrofit/retro-commissioning work, initiating IT power management efforts, and implementing employee engagement programs
- conducting surveys, outreach and education
- coordinating above activities with implementation and reporting of green building best practices, including MN GreenStep Cities
- helping plan for continuous improvement in reducing energy use and GHG emissions

## **Rationale**

Participating in the Minnesota GreenCorps program will allow Metro Transit to continue to work towards meeting the goals of the Metropolitan Council's Sustainability Plan.

## **Funding**

The AmeriCorps Program provides the funding for the program and directly compensates the GreenCorps member.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

The Metropolitan Council recently authorized a Sustainability Plan. The GreenCorps member will help Metro Transit work towards meeting the goals identified in the Council's Sustainability Plan.