

## Request for Board Action Details

**File #:** 2023-071  
**Type:** Administrative Item  
**Status:** Passed  
**In control:** Board of Commissioners  
**On agenda:** 3/7/2023  
**Final action:** 3/7/2023  
**Title:** Cooperative Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Silver Lake Aerator  
**Sponsors:** Public Works  
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**Attachments:** 1. Cooperative Agreement PW 2022-16, 2. Resolution

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/7/2023	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass

**Sponsor:** Public Works

**Title**  
Cooperative Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Silver Lake Aerator

**Recommendation**

1. Approve cooperative agreement Public Works 2022-16, with the cities of Maplewood, North St. Paul, and the Valley Branch Watershed District, for the transfer of ownership, operation, and maintenance of the aeration system located within Joy Park on Silver Lake, for the period March 2023 through winter 2035-2036.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

**Background and Rationale**

In 1997, Ramsey County Parks and Recreation transferred Joy Park to the city of Maplewood but did not include the transfer and operation of the aeration system on Silver Lake, which is located on the property. This agreement will transfer ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities to North St. Paul with support from Maplewood and Valley Branch Watershed District. Ramsey County will continue to monitor water quality values as part of its job tasks for lake management within the county.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☐ Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

While this request for board action has no direct racial equity impact, continuous operation and maintenance of the aeration system on Silver Lake will ensure that water resources are accessible to all residents.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

The community was not consulted on this action and this request is to inform community.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

Ramsey County Public Works will contribute to the future operation of the aeration system with a one-time payment of \$20,000 to the city of North St. Paul to assist with maintenance costs. Ramsey County Public Works staff will continue to monitor water quality values as part of the lake management, a supporting effort to aerate Silver Lake and as part of our job tasks to monitor water quality of thirty lakes in Ramsey County.

**Last Previous Action**

On July 23, 1996, the Ramsey County Board approved conveyance of certain Ramsey County parks and open space lands to the city of Maplewood (Resolution 96-317).

**Attachments**

1. Cooperative Agreement PW2022-16