



January 12, 2024

Mr. Nicholas Tomczik
Rice Creek Watershed District
4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE
Suite 611
Blaine, MN 55449

RE: Letter of Support/City Council Resolution
I-35W Corridor Flood Mitigation Project

Dear Nick,

The City of New Brighton supports Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) efforts to secure bonding to support water quality improvements, address regional flooding, and to re-establish aquatic habitats in Jones Lake.

This project will help New Brighton, Roseville and St. Anthony achieve goals identified in a 2013 RCWD petition. To prepare for this project, New Brighton has acquired land adjacent to Jones Lake which will help facilitate the desired improvements. Enclosed you will find a Resolution of support from our Mayor and City Council. Good luck with the bonding request and let me know if you need anything in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig G. Schlichting'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'C'.

Craig G. Schlichting, P.E.
Director of Community Assets and Development

RESOLUTION No. 2024-006
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICTS STATE BONDING REQUEST FOR JONES LAKE

WHEREAS, the City of New Brighton, Roseville, and St. Anthony entered a petition in 2013 with Rice Creek Watershed District to address stormwater management and flooding within our cities; and

WHEREAS, Rice Creek Watershed District has implemented project improvements in Hansen Park and Mirror Lake to meet primary project objectives; and

WHEREAS, New Brighton has acquired property in and around Jones Lake to facilitate a large stormwater project that mitigates flooding risk in the petition communities; and

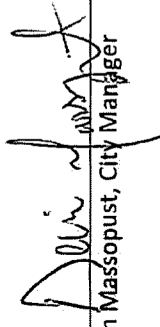
WHEREAS, New Brighton has invested in storm sewer/ponding projects near Freedom and Hansen Parks, and the Jones Lake project is expected to cost over \$7 million for planned improvements; and

WHEREAS, this project would not be possible without the assistance of State bonding given the scope and cost of the entire project;

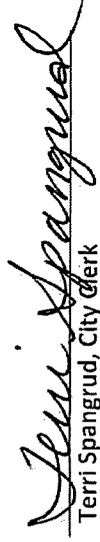
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of New Brighton supports Rice Creek Watershed Districts request for State bonding in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the design, and construction of the Jones Lake Project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2024, by the New Brighton City Council with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. (*Abdulle Absent*)


Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor


Devin Massopust, City Manager

ATTEST:


Terri Spangrud, City Clerk