



MEMORANDUM

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: August 30, 2023
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Great River Greening Cooperative Agreement



Forest Lake
Management District

Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a cooperative agreement with Great River Greening (GRG). GRG received an Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund (ENRTF) grant this year which allocates \$77,000 worth of grant funds for restoration work to occur on the CLFLWD-owned North Shore Trail Nature Area property (formerly "Cranberry Lake Channel Property"). Work will include buckthorn removal, hazard tree removal and brush pile disposal, tree and shrub planting volunteers, prescribed burn, and pollinator seeding/planting.

GRG will be the fiscal agent and handle all the funds, contracting, purchasing, etc. CLFLWD is obligated to provide \$10,000 in cash match over the course of the 3-yr grant period. The District has sufficient budget for a portion of this in 2024 under the 3-012-A line item. GRG is amenable to working with CLFLWD to provide the match on a timeline that works for our budget. The agreement is being reviewed by District legal counsel.

Recommended Motion

Manager _____ moves to authorize the District administrator, on advice of counsel, to enter into a cooperative agreement with Great River Greening for the purpose of executing the ENRTF grant.