

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION COST-SHARE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, development is occurring at a rapid pace throughout the state and

WHEREAS, development can cause flooding, exacerbate bank erosion, impair water quality and have other significant adverse impacts on our State's water and wildlife resources and

WHEREAS, there are no statewide incentive programs to implement innovative, state-of-the-art stormwater management and conservation site design practices and

WHEREAS, community conservation and low impact development (LID) practices such as impervious area reduction, infiltration basins, maintaining natural drainage courses, reducing clearing and grading, bioretention/infiltration, and others can achieve stormwater control through the creation of a hydrologically functional landscape that mimics the natural hydrologic regime and

WHEREAS, LID can reduce infrastructure installation and maintenance costs, protect our State's natural resources, improve wildlife habitat by promoting conservation connections, and minimize the adverse impacts of developments and

WHEREAS, many of the goals of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's regulatory programs such as Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for impaired waters will be met if effective community conservation practices are implemented and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been effectively implementing the State Cost-Share Grant Program for agricultural landowners for many years and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts support the creation of a Community Conservation Cost-Share Grant Program similar to the existing State Cost-Share Program to provide incentives for non-agricultural landowners to implement LID practices to protect our State's water and wildlife resources.

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