

2. Resolution approving a no cost amendment to a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey



Item Number: 2



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Committee

**LIAISON:** Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Tim Burkman, City Engineer  
Engineering

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving a no cost amendment to a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey**

On November 12, 2019 (Proceeding No. 89340), the City approved entering into a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the installation of a water level gage and a water quality station on the Grand River. On July 27, 2021 (Proceeding No. 90974), the City Commission approved an amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement for the river water quality monitoring and modelling. Of the total project cost of \$626,160, USGS funded \$288,560, while the City of Grand Rapids and partners Grand Rapids Community Foundation and the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority collectively funded \$337,600.

On January 14, 2025 (Proceeding No. 94220), the City Commission approved a new Joint Funding Agreement for the water quality monitoring station through September 30, 2027. However, there should have also been an amendment to the original Joint Funding Agreement for the water quality modelling and report to extend the completion date from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The creation of the water quality model and subsequent report has taken longer than USGS anticipated. The following resolution corrects this oversight.

This is a no-cost amendment to extend the completion date of the agreement. This project is being funded through the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority, and the Capital Improvement Fund.

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Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving a no cost amendment to a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey.

WHEREAS:

1. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is the national leader and Federal Agency responsible for ground and water quality monitoring; and
2. The USGS has operated and maintained a river level gauge on the Grand River in Grand Rapids for over 50 years and on Plaster Creek for over seven years; and
3. The USGS and the City of Grand Rapids have a Joint Funding Agreement for a river level gauge and water quality monitoring station at North Park Street bridge since 2019; and
4. The USGS and the City of Grand Rapids had a Joint Funding Agreement for water quality modelling that ended on December 31, 2024.
5. The City's strategic plan, updated in October 2022, includes objectives to increase recreational activities and to preserve and protect our water resources; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City hereby approves an amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey at no cost with an end date to be December 31, 2025; and
2. That upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor, and the City Clerk are authorized to execute said amendment on behalf of the City.

  
CORRECT IN FORM  
CITY ATTORNEY