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OPEN SPACE PROGRAMMING

Staff met with Heidi Ferris, Growing Green Hearts on September 27, 2017 to discuss the next steps for programming at the City's Open Space Areas. Mrs. Ferris is in the process of putting together a contract proposal with the recommendation to have two 1-hour meetings with staff and two members of the NRCB to develop a plan. Board members Truchon and Villella have expressed interest in participating in these two meetings.

During the September 27, 2017 meeting, the first program was discussed which is to have a snowshoe walk at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary on February 24, 2018. Staff will work with Anoka County Parks to rent snowshoes for people who do not own them.

Another event discussed is "Stories in the Rocks" which would be geared towards educating the public about the local geology. A date for this event was not set.

Staff recommends the NRCB recommend approval of the contract and next steps for working with Mrs. Ferris.