MINNEHAHA CREEK
WATERSHED DISTRICT

MCWD Comprehensive Plan Update
Citizens Advisory Committee

August 12, 2015

Agenda

- Brief recap:
  - Scope
  - 2-track approach
  - Process
  - Timeline
- Future agenda topics

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Self Assessment Findings

- 2007 Plan provides strong technical foundation
- Challenges of 2007 Plan:
  - Lack of focus
  - Level of specificity
  - "Scattershot" approach of CIP
- Lessons learned from Minnehaha Creek Greenway:
  - Partnership and integrated planning
  - Geographic focus

Scope & Objectives

- It's an update, not an overhaul
- Focused on improving implementation approach
- Improve how District and communities work together
- Position District as partner rather than regulator

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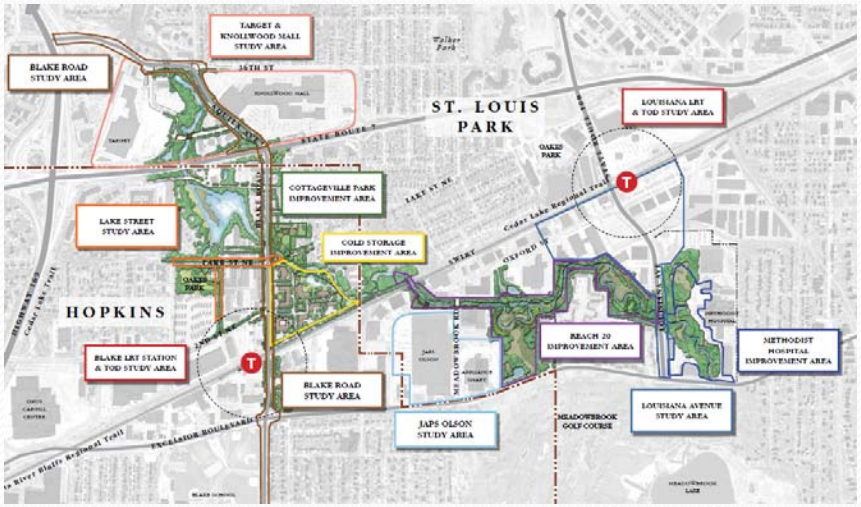
TWO TRACK APPROACH

FOCUS

- High-need areas
- Concentrated effort

FLEXIBILITY

- Program services
- Opportunistic projects



Public Process

- Advisory Committees:
  - Policy
  - Technical
  - Citizens
  - Six Mile Creek

- Local subwatershed meetings
- Email distribution list
- Public opinion survey, website, social media

Timeline

• Early 2015	Kickoff meetings Public opinion survey
• Mid 2015-2016	Advisory committee meetings
• Early 2016	Local subwatershed meetings
• Mid 2016-early 2017	Plan drafting and review
• June 27, 2017	Deadline for plan adoption

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Future Agenda Topics

- October – Strategic planning framework
  - Mission, vision, goals
  - Plan structure
- December – Implementation framework
  - Process for planning in focal geographies
  - Process for remaining responsive District-wide
  - Improving integration of land use and water planning
  - Aligning resources, reducing duplication, streamlining regulation
- February – Partnering with LGUs/public to support Plan goals
  - Load reductions, Best practices, Model ordinances
  - Outreach/engagement strategies
- April – District's role in specific management topics
  - Climate change adaptation, Chloride management, AIS, Groundwater, Agriculture, Long-term maintenance of BMPs