

# IMPROVING ARDEN PARK

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## ABOUT

The City of Edina and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) are partnering to improve the creek, habitat, and the public use experience in Arden Park. It is the latest in a series of improvements along Minnehaha Creek that is returning the formerly ditched and ignored stream into a vibrant, healthy, and beautiful natural resource that connects and enhances the communities it flows through.

## PROJECT GOALS

The Arden Park project seeks to create a balance of enhancements to the park that improve fish passage, wildlife habitat and water quality, while enhancing park amenities and retaining the park's natural character.

Proposed project elements include replacing the 4-foot dam at 54th Street with a rock rapids upstream, re-meandering the creek, providing more access for fishing and other recreation, upgrading the playground and park shelter building, and installing trails.

## PROCESS

The conceptual plan for Arden Park was developed based on public input received over a period of 12 months, and a cooperative agreement to advance the project's design phase was approved by the Edina City Council and MCWD Board of Managers in the fall of 2017 (*see reverse*).

Project design based on the conceptual plan will progress throughout 2018 with opportunities for community engagement at key milestones throughout the project development (*see right and reverse*).

## FUNDING

The estimated total project cost is \$4 million. The draft funding plan allocates approximately 40% of the costs to the City of Edina, 40% to MCWD, and targets 20% in outside grant funds.

## DESIGN PHASE ENGAGEMENT 2018

- **Jan 9:** Public Open House #1  
Edina Park Commission Briefing
- **Jan 17:** Edina City Council Briefing
- **Jan 25:** MCWD Board Briefing
- **May 5:** Public Open House #2
- **May 8:** Edina Park Commission Review
- **May 15:** Edina City Council Review
- **May 24:** MCWD Board Action
- **Aug 22:** Public Open House #3
- **Sept 4:** Edina Park Commission Review
- **Sept 20:** Edina City Council Action on Design
- **Sept 27:** MCWD Board Action on Design
- **Dec 19:** Edina City Council Action on Bid Award
- **Dec 28:** MCWD Board Action on Bid Award



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# PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS

Project design based on the concept plan will progress throughout 2018 with opportunities for community engagement at key milestones throughout project development.

**Winter 2018:** Continue to work on technical analysis of the creek alignment, tree preservation, and stormwater management design. Begin designing the trail layout, overlook terraces, creek access, and conduct technical modeling. Host a public open house on January 9, 2018 to update the community on stream alignment, tree preservation, and trails.

**Spring and Summer 2018:** Continue to work on the design of trails, overlooks, and stormwater management, as well as begin securing permits. Start the design of the park shelter and playground with public input. Host public open houses on May 5, 2018 and August 22, 2018.

**Fall 2018:** Finalize the project design and, pending Edina City Council and MCWD Board of Managers approval, solicit and award bids for the project.



## PRE-DESIGN ENGAGEMENT

- Oct 2016: Community Meeting #1
- Nov 2016: Community Meeting #2
- Dec 2016: Edina Park Board Meeting
- Feb 2017: Edina City Council Meeting
- May 2017: Community Meeting #3  
Edina Park Board Meeting
- Jun 2017: Edina City Council Meeting  
Community Meeting #4
- Jul 2017: Community Meeting #5
- Aug 2017: Edina City Council Meeting
- Sept 2017: Edina City Council  
Public Hearing  
Edina City Council Meeting  
and Concept Plan Approval
- Oct 2017: MCWD Public Hearing
- Nov 2017: MCWD Board Meeting and  
Concept Plan Approval