



MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Tiffany Schaufler
Date: June 25, 2018
Re: Preliminary Design for the Minnehaha Creek FEMA Repair Project

Purpose:

At the June 28, 2018 Board Meeting, staff will update the Board of Managers on the preliminary design developed for the Minnehaha Creek FEMA Repair Project.

Background:

In 2014, the Twin Cities saw the wettest first half of the year on record, and the month of June was the wettest month ever on record. Coupled with a long winter and late snowmelt, this extreme precipitation led to a record flow on Minnehaha Creek and prolonged flooding throughout most of the spring and summer. This record precipitation across the Twin Cities resulted in a Federal Disaster Declaration for Hennepin County. In the fall of 2014, MCWD completed a flood damage assessment of Minnehaha Creek to identify damaged sites. MCWD coordinated the damage assessment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and was awarded grant dollars from FEMA to address flood damage along Minnehaha Creek.

On April 26, 2018 the Board of Managers ordered the Minnehaha Creek FEMA Repair Project and authorized a design and construction oversight contract for the project. The Minnehaha Creek FEMA Repair Project will include repairing flood damage at 11 sites along Minnehaha Creek within Minneapolis. An interactive map of the 11 sites can be viewed on the MCWD Project website: <http://minnehahacreek.org/project/minnehaha-creek-fema-repairs>

Next Steps:

At the June 28, 2018 Board Meeting, staff will present preliminary design plans for the Minnehaha Creek FEMA Repair Project. The presentation will include overall site design plans, construction cost estimate, and a project schedule.

Based on input from the Board of Managers, staff would then work with the design engineer to consider all feedback and make revisions to the project for final design. Staff would then return at the July 26, 2018 Board Meeting to seek approval on final project design and authorization to solicit bids for construction of the project.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact Tiffany Schaufler at 952-641-4513 or tschaufler@minnehahacreek.org.

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