325 Blake Road
Restoration and Redevelopment
January 24th Public Meeting

This meeting will begin at **6:30 PM.**

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Meeting ID: **895 6879 5736**  
Passcode: **875240**
Meet the Team

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Questions?

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Meeting Purpose & Overview

- Project overview
- How engaged neighbors have shaped the design process
- Preview draft 60% plans
- Real-time survey activity
- Next Steps
- Q&A
Timeline

SPRING 2021
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Spring 2021 Listening Sessions

What We Heard

**Access to nature**
Across groups, participants valued access to nature in an urban area and its potential to improve residents’ quality of life.

**Maintaining and enhancing the community diversity**
A majority of participants identified the community’s diversity as a strength to be maintained and enhanced.

**Connections**
Participants were interested in having on-site trails connect with other areas along the Minnehaha Creek Greenway and to the Blake Road LRT Station.

**Aesthetically pleasing stormwater treatment features**
Participants felt on-site stormwater treatment, a key function of the site, should be aesthetically pleasing in many weather and seasonal conditions.

**Affordability and housing**
There was interest among participants in housing and affordability related to the development.

**Supporting pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit**
Participants were interested in how pedestrian, bike and public transit transportation could be supported by the site’s design.
## Summer 2021 Survey

### What We Heard

#### Access to nature

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<th>Water Activities:</th>
<th>Actively recreate ON water (canoe, kayak, tube, etc.)</th>
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<td>Be contemplative NEAR water, alone or in small groups</td>
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| Landscape Views: | Naturalized landscapes that look like state parks | 4.0 |

#### Nature Views:

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<th>Falling water (example: waterfall)</th>
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<td>Moving water (example: stream)</td>
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#### Plants & Vegetation:

| Large canopy trees along streets, sidewalks, and trails | 4.5 |

#### Connections

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<th>Modes &amp; Mobility:</th>
<th>Walk, bike, or take transit to our destinations</th>
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<td>Trail Features &amp; Amenities:</td>
<td>Benches near sidewalks and trails</td>
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#### Materials & Types:

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<th>Walk on paved sidewalks and trails</th>
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<td>Use Minnehaha Creek as a “water trail” for traveling by canoe or kayak</td>
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#### Aesthetically Pleasing Stormwater Treatment

| See stormwater being managed through innovative design, such as rain gardens | 4.2 |

#### Maintain & Enhance Community Diversity

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<th>Sizes &amp; Types of Public Space:</th>
<th>Gatherings of small families</th>
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<td>Couples of individuals:</td>
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| Neighborhood Diversity: | All trails and open space amenities to be ADA accessible | 4.4 |

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<th>Features &amp; Amenities:</th>
<th>Public restroom facilities</th>
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<td>Outdoor recreation and entertainment opportunities throughout the year for people of various abilities and ages</td>
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Educational Themes

- Local ecology highlighting flora and fauna
- Minnehaha Creek history
- Stormwater management strategies
- Water quality statistics
- Importance of Minnehaha Creek to Native American culture
- Neighborhood history
Overall Site Plan
Stormwater Treatment

- Lake Street Storm Sewer
  - 30 acres of urban land use
  - Flows directly to the creek
- Powell Road Storm Sewer
  - 226 acres of industrial land use
  - Flows directly to the creek
Currently, untreated stormwater flows into the creek. The new pond will break that creek connection, allow pollutants to settle, and discharge cleaner stormwater to the creek.
Trailhead and Overlook

key

1. RAISED PLANTING
2. BLOCK SEATING
3. TRAILHEAD KIOSK
4. PERMEABLE PAVERS
5. BLOCK BENCH
6. SEATWALL
7. CREEK INTERPRETATION (PUBLIC ART)
8. PRESERVE EXISTING TREES
Trailhead and Overlook
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The Landing

key

1. OVERLOOK WITH PERGOLA
2. PICNIC AREA
3. SHORT TERM CANOE STORAGE
4. INFORMAL SEATING
5. HAMMOCK POLES
6. CREEK ACCESS
7. PRESERVE EXISTING TREES
The Landing
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Picnic Area Concept A

- Council Seating Area
- Native Plant Mix
- Minnehaha Creek
Picnic Area Concept B
Picnic Area Concept C
Picnic Area Concept D
Nature-based Play Area

key
1. TRAILHEAD KIOSK
2. BENCH/PULL OFF
3. CREEK ACCESS
4. AGGREGATE PATH
5. ADA ACCESSIBLE BRIDGE
6. LIMESTONE SEATING
7. OPEN SPACE FOR PLAY
8. COMPOSITE DECK (OR PLANTING)
9. NATURE-BASED PLAY
10. CIP WALL WITH BENCHES
11. ADA WALK
12. CROSSWALK
13. PRESERVE EXISTING TREES

key plan

NATURE-BASED PLAY AREA
Play Area
Precedent
Photos
Gateway to Minnehaha Creek Greenway

key

1. PLANTER
2. PERMEABLE PAVERS
3. WATER AS PUBLIC ART
4. PERGOLA W/ SWING BENCH
5. AGGREGATE PATH
6. CIP WALLS W/ BENCHES
7. CREEK ACCESS
Gateway Plaza
Precedent Photos

Plaza Section

Pergola with swing bench
Public art
Water access
Stone block seating
Next Steps

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Let’s Talk

• What other questions do you have?
• What are your concerns?
• What are you interested in learning more about?

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Thank you!

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