



Title: Public Hearing for the Calvary Church Stormwater Management Project: Minor Plan Amendment and Project Ordering

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Purpose:

A public hearing will be held at the July 25, 2024 Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (District or MCWD) Board Meeting to obtain public input on the proposed Calvary Church Stormwater Management Project (Project), as well as a proposed minor plan amendment to incorporate the Project into the MCWD's Watershed Management Plan (WMP).

Background:

In January, the MCWD launched the new [Land and Water Partnership \(LWP\) program](#), which provides technical and financial support for the development and implementation of qualifying projects. The LWP program promotes early coordination with MCWD and provides an orderly process to integrate partner-led projects into MCWD's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Under the new LWP program, a partnership opportunity was identified through early coordination with the City of Deephaven (City), and the City submitted a request for funding support for the Project. This proposed Project was identified as the most cost-effective opportunity based on a concept level, city-wide scan and is being led by the City of Deephaven. It includes the construction of an underground infiltration system to reduce total phosphorus loads by an estimated 5.4 lbs/yr to Lake Louise, a wetland that drains to Robinson's Bay of Lake Minnetonka. The Project is estimated to cost \$620,000 with proposed MCWD funding support of approximately 20 percent, not to exceed \$125,000.

The MCWD staff and District Engineer reviewed the Project, and on [June 13, 2024](#), the MCWD Board of Managers authorized the distribution of the proposed Minor Plan Amendment and Notice of Public Hearing to consider ordering the Project.

Summary:

Minor Plan Amendment

The District's 2017 WMP includes opportunity-based stormwater management projects in the CIP with the purpose of reducing stormwater volume and nutrient loads to impaired waters. Based on the LWP program evaluation of the Project, MCWD has proposed a Minor Plan Amendment to allow opportunities to reduce stormwater volume and pollutant loading to non-impaired bays to be considered to protect and improve water quality throughout Lake Minnetonka. This proposed Minor Plan Amendment would incorporate the Project into MCWD's CIP to allow for project ordering.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410, MCWD has requested review and comment on this proposed Minor Plan Amendment to adjust the Lake Minnetonka Subwatershed's CIP from its city, county, and agency partners. The comment period will close on July 31, 2024 and staff anticipate seeking the Board's approval of the Minor Plan Amendment in August 2024. In addition, the Board of Managers must hold a public hearing, and the hearing has been duly noticed for the July 25, 2024 Board meeting.

Project Ordering

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.251, before entering into a commitment to incur project costs for capital project construction, the Board of Managers must hold a public hearing and order the project on the basis of a finding that the project will advance the District's water resource goals and should proceed. The public hearing for the Project has been duly noticed for July 25, 2024. The Board of Managers will be asked to formally order the Project at a separate meeting once the City of Deephaven is ready to proceed with the proposed Project.

Additional Project information can be viewed on the MCWD website at:

[Calvary Stormwater Project Public Hearings - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District \(MCWD\)](#)

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact: Kate Moran at 952-641-4520 or kmoran@minnehahacreek.org.