



## RESOLUTION

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**Resolution number:** 21-063

**Title:** Acceptance of 30% Design for 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment

- WHEREAS the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) acquired 325 Blake Road, Hopkins, MN in 2011 as a key piece of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway in St. Louis Park and Hopkins;
- WHEREAS the MCWD is implementing a regional stormwater project at 325 Blake Road to treat polluted stormwater that flows into the creek from approximately 270 acres of surrounding area and to restore more than 1,000 feet of creek frontage and is planning for this work with three accompanying Cottageville Park parcels bordering the creek, collectively the 325 Blake Road Regional Stormwater and Greenway and Cottageville Park Phase II Riparian Restoration Project. The project is commonly referenced by its shortened title "325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment";
- WHEREAS as of March 2020, the construction of both the Powell Road and Lake Street stormwater diversion systems are complete, with the diversion structures remaining bulk-headed until the treatment facility at 325 Blake Road is constructed;
- WHEREAS on August 27, 2020 the MCWD Board of Managers authorized the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Hopkins for Coordinated Planning, Improvements and Development for 325 Blake Road (Res # 20-066);
- WHEREAS on August 27, 2020, the MCWD Board of Managers approved the release of a Request for Proposals for Design Services for 325 Blake Road Stormwater Management and Site Restoration (Res # 20-067), which seeks landscape architecture and engineering services to complete integrated stormwater management, ecological restoration, and public open space improvements at 325 Blake Road and accompanying parcels;
- WHEREAS on December 3, 2020 the MCWD Board of Managers authorized final negotiation and execution of a contract for design and engineering services for the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment project with HDR, Inc.;
- WHEREAS due to project complexity and uncertainty, the MCWD Board of Managers determined it was prudent to contract for a scope of services that includes an additional task not solicited in the RFP to further define the public realm and potential redevelopment footprints and re-scope the later stages of the project after a schematic design (30% design) has been produced;
- WHEREAS the MCWD Board of Managers finds that HDR has satisfactorily completed the tasks and produced the deliverables included in the contract authorized by the MCWD Board of Managers on December 3, 2020;
- WHEREAS the MCWD Board of Managers finds that the schematic design satisfies all major project needs and accurately reflects the project goals defined in the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Hopkins for Coordinated Planning, Improvements and Development for 325 Blake Road;
- WHEREAS the schematic design will form the basis for detailed design and engineering as the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment project proceeds into the next phase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers accepts the schematic design for the 325 Blake Road Restoration and Redevelopment project produced by HDR, Inc., with Board comments on the schematic design to be incorporated at the 60% design phase.

Resolution Number 21-063 was moved by Manager Olsen, seconded by Manager Maxwell. Motion to adopt the resolution 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions. Date: September 23, 2021.

Eugene J. MacFusell

Date: 10-22-2021

Secretary