



MINNEHAHA CREEK
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Title: Minnehaha Creek Greenway Project Implementation Update

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Purpose:

At the April 24, 2025, Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, staff will provide an update on Minnehaha Creek Greenway planning and project implementation.

Background:

Since 2009, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) has been working with the Cities of Hopkins and St. Louis Park, as well as other private and public partners, on a series of projects to restore a historically degraded stretch of Minnehaha Creek between West 34th Street and Excelsior Boulevard. The projects, individually and collectively, provide public access through trails and open space to these newly restored areas. While much of the Greenway has been constructed over the last decade, several key sites and connections remain to be built.

Summary:

The remaining MCWD projects comprising the core Greenway include Cottageville Park Phase II, 325 Blake Road Restoration, and the Greenway to Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration. The design for Cottageville Park Phase II and 325 Blake Road Restoration was completed in 2023, and the design for the Cedar Trail Connection and Streambank Restoration has reached the 30% milestone. MCWD also continues to explore future opportunities to expand the Greenway upstream of Cottageville Park and downstream of Methodist Hospital, including through Meadowbrook Golf Course.

With several Greenway projects nearing the construction phase, MCWD will need to determine the order in which project implementation will occur, taking into consideration any dependencies between the projects and the needs of project partners. At the April 24, 2025, PPC meeting, staff will provide a status update on key elements of the Minnehaha Creek Greenway and lead a discussion around options for near and medium-term implementation.