



**Title:** 2027 Plan: Flood Risk Assessment Approach

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**Purpose:**

At the June 25, 2026 Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, staff will provide an update on the engagement process for the 2027 Watershed Management Plan (Plan) and an overview of the proposed approach for the flood risk assessment.

**Background:**

In December 2024, the Board adopted a framework for the 2027 Plan, which carries forward MCWD's Balanced Urban Ecology (BUE) vision and focus on integrated planning and partnership. The scope of work for the 2027 Plan is organized around four areas:

- *Subwatershed Planning:* developing tailored, actionable implementation plans for each subwatershed
- *Land and Water Partnership:* creating policy tools and best practices to support integrated planning
- *Flood Management Strategy:* assessing flood risk and mitigation strategies to establish a regional framework
- *Metrics of Success:* building an evaluation framework to measure and communicate progress

The 2027 Plan is being developed through a collaborative process involving the engagement of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Citizens Advisory Committee, as well as the broader public.

At the March 12, 2026, Board Meeting, staff outlined a plan for Board engagement in the 2027 Plan development process, including a series PPC meeting discussions to seek Board input on policy direction and provide updates on the engagement process and technical analyses as they unfold.

**Summary:**

The first advisory committee meeting was a joint PAC and TAC meeting held on April 28, 2026 which focused on providing an overview of the proposed Plan scope and gathering member feedback to help shape the process. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026, and the next PAC meeting is planned for September. Both of these meetings will focus on discussion of water resource issues and priorities across the watershed as well as a discussion of current and future flood risk.

At the June 25, 2026, PPC meeting, staff will provide an update on takeaways from PAC-TAC meeting 1 and the plan for the next TAC and PAC meetings. Staff will also provide an overview of the proposed approach for assessing current and future flood risk. The results of the flood risk assessment will then be brought back for Board discussion in August or September.