

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2016

**TITLE:** Authorization to Distribute Capital Improvement Plan for Annual Review and Comment

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 16-051

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 Board Committee  Engineer  Other

**WORKSHOP ACTION:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a future workshop (date): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to taskforce or committee (date): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to staff for additional work.	<input type="checkbox"/> No further action requested.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Requesting action at May 26 Meeting</u>	

**PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:**

Authorization to distribute the revised draft Capital Improvement Plan to the counties and municipalities for 30-day review and comment.

**PROJECT/PROGRAM LOCATION:** N/A

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** N/A

**PROJECT/PROGRAM COST:** N/A

**PAST BOARD ACTION:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Each year, as required by the District's Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan), the District revises and distributes its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the cities and counties for 30 day review and comment. The CIP has been updated to reflect current District priorities and is attached along with a cover letter.

The draft CIP was reviewed at the May 12, 2016 Planning and Policy Committee meeting. At that meeting it was discussed that, because the 2007 CIP only extends through 2016 and the District is in the process of developing its next generation Plan, this year's CIP will be limited to projects currently slated for implementation in 2016 and 2017. It was also discussed that the distribution of the CIP will be combined with an information request that will inform the development of the next generation Plan and CIP.

Consistent with last year's format, the draft CIP reflects the District's Two-Track Approach with current focus in the Minnehaha Creek and Six Mile Creek Subwatersheds. Projects outside of these subwatersheds are listed

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under the Responsive Track and include projects such as green infrastructure cost share grants, flood damage repairs, and capital projects such as the Highway 101 Causeway. The CIP and accompanying letter encourage cities and other partners to approach the District with project opportunities that may be incorporated into the CIP based on timing, alignment with District goals, and available funding.

Following the 30-day comment period, any comments received will be brought to the Board for consideration, and revisions to the CIP may be made prior to Board approval.

**RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, the MCWD's 2007 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan) included a proposed 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); and

WHEREAS, the Plan requires that the MCWD annually release its revised Draft CIP for 30 day review and comment to the counties and municipalities in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Draft CIP has been revised to reflect current MCWD priorities; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 CIP only extends through 2016 and the District is in the process of developing its next generation Plan, therefore the Draft CIP is limited to projects currently slated for implementation in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Draft CIP was reviewed by the MCWD Planning and Policy Committee on May 12, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MCWD Board of Managers authorizes staff to distribute the Draft CIP for 30 day review and comment.

Resolution Number 16-051 was moved by Manager \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_.  
Motion to adopt the resolution \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions. Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Date: \_\_\_\_\_



[DATE]

[NAME]

[ADDRESS]

RE: MCWD Capital Improvement Plan and Information Request

Dear [CITY/COUNTY STAFF],

As it does each year at this time, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (District) is distributing its revised Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for your review and comment. Your input on the revised draft CIP is valuable in helping to identify new opportunities to work together to improve water resources.

The District's 2007 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Plan) and CIP only extend through 2016, and the District is currently in the process of working with its communities and other partners to develop its next generation Plan for adoption in June of 2017. For this reason, this year's CIP is limited to projects currently slated for implementation in 2016 and 2017.

As part of the process to develop the 2017 Plan, the District will be hosting a series of local subwatershed meetings later this year to discuss local plans, priorities, and partnership opportunities in each community. The District would like its Plan to reflect the goals and priorities of its communities and establish a framework for ongoing coordination of plans and investments. These meetings will inform the 2017 Plan and CIP which will be distributed for review and comment in early 2017.

In preparation for these local subwatershed meetings, the District is requesting information from its cities, counties, and partner agencies. The information request is attached. Please direct it to other staff at your organization as needed.

The draft CIP can be found on the District website at: <http://www.minnehahacreek.org/CIP>. You are invited to submit comments on the proposed draft CIP as well as suggestions for how the District can better integrate its water resource improvement efforts with land use planning in your community. Please submit comments via mail or email (provided below) no later than [DATE]. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Capital Improvement Plan					
Track	Subwatershed	Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Cost <sup>1</sup>	Potential Funding Sources
<b>2016</b>					
Responsive Track <sup>2</sup>		Cost Share Program	Funding assistance for projects identified through coordination with cities, developers, landowners, and other partners.		
	Minnehaha Creek	Morningside Street Reconstruction	Grant awarded for stormwater management as part of a City of Edina road reconstruction project.	\$ 10,000	MCWD Levy
	Gleason Lake	Ponderosa Road Reconstruction	Grant awarded for stormwater management as part of a City of Plymouth road reconstruction project.	\$ 12,750	
District-Wide	Fall application period	The District will be accepting a second round of applications for green infrastructure projects in the fall.	\$ 200,000		
Focus Track <sup>3</sup>	Minnehaha Creek	Minnehaha Preserve Enhancement	Collaboration with St. Louis Park and private business to manage 36 acres of stormwater runoff and restore 3.5 acre wetland.	\$ 92,188	MCWD Levy
	Greenway	Meadowbrook Golf Course	Collaboration with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for stream restoration, flood repairs, and increased flood storage.	\$ 2,032,390	\$1,932,390 MCWD Levy, \$100,000 Hennepin County grant
<b>2016 Total</b>				<b>\$ 2,347,328</b>	
<b>2017</b>					
Responsive Track <sup>2</sup>	District-Wide	Cost Share Program	Funding assistance for projects identified through coordination with cities, developers, landowners, and other partners.	\$ 400,000	MCWD Levy
	Lake Minnetonka	Grays Bay Hwy 101 Causeway	Partnership with Hennepin County to protect and enhance shorelines along the Hwy 101 at Lake Minnetonka.	\$ 1,604,308	\$1,574,308 MCWD Levy, \$30,000 Hennepin County
	Minnehaha Creek	Flood Damage Repairs	Repair of streambank erosion resulting from 2014 flood.	\$ -	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
	Minnehaha Creek	Hiawatha Golf Course	Collaboration with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and City to repair flood damage and manage stormwater runoff.	TBD	FEMA, MCWD Levy, MPRB, City of Minneapolis, grants
Focus Track <sup>3</sup>	Minnehaha Creek	Potential projects identified to date:			
	Greenway	Lake St Drainage Diversion	Collaboration with Hopkins to divert 30 acres of stormwater for volume and load reduction.	\$ 249,752	\$124,876 Public Facilities Authority, \$124,876 MCWD Levy
	Six Mile Creek	Potential projects identified to date:			
		Pierson Lake Wetland Restoration	Partnership with private landowners to address nutrient loading to Pierson Lake.	\$ 1,270,000	TBD <sup>4</sup>
	Marsh/Wasserman Wetland Restoration	Partnership with Victoria and private developer to restore wetlands and reduce nutrient loading to Wasserman Lake.	\$ 271,605		
<b>2017 Total</b>				<b>\$ 3,795,665</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Cost estimates listed do not represent actual budgets for these years. For instance, they do not account for carry over from past years, projects that are levied over multiple years, or outside funding from grants and project partners.

<sup>2</sup>Under the Two-Track approach, the District remains responsive to needs and opportunities District-wide through project partnerships, grant funding, and other District programs. Municipalities and other partners are encouraged to approach the District with project opportunities which may be incorporated into the CIP based on timing, alignment with District goals, and available funding.

<sup>3</sup>Under the Two-Track approach, the District focuses staff and financial resources to high need areas within the District in order to make significant, lasting improvements to the most sensitive water challenges in the watershed.

<sup>4</sup>The District and its partners are in the process of developing an integrated implementation and investment plan for the Six Mile Creek Subwatershed. Funding sources may include: MCWD Levy, Clean Water Legacy, Public Facilities Authority, Section 206, and project partners.