



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** MCWD Board of Managers  
**From:** Renae Clark, Planner/Project Manager  
**Date:** February 9, 2017  
**Re:** Arden Park Draft Concept Plan Briefing

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**Purpose:**

Review of Draft Concept Plan for Arden Park and staff briefing of City Council input on the Draft Concept Plan, cost estimate, funding options and schedule.

At this point in the process staff is seeking Board input on the overall Park Concept Plan and direction on schedule, funding and next steps.

**Project History:**

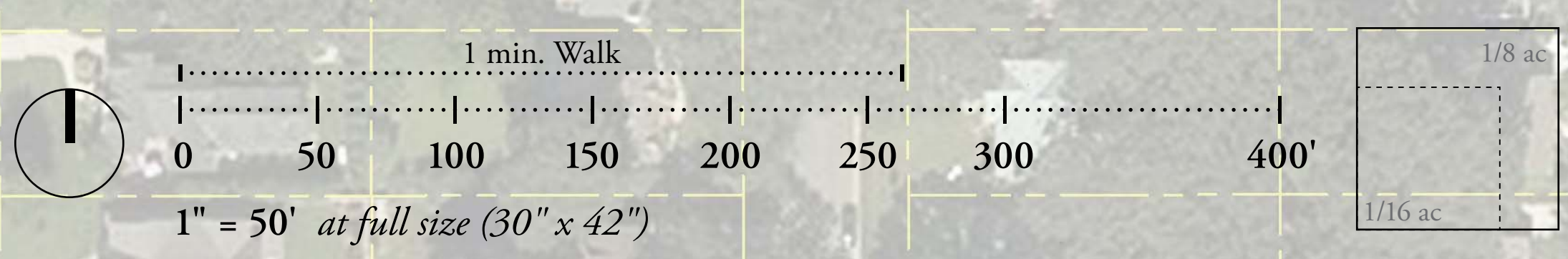
In 2014 the City of Edina and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) identifying areas of collaboration within the realms of land use planning, stormwater management, economic development, flood mitigation, parks and public land management, greenway development and water resource improvements. Under that MOU the District and City examined options for removal of an existing grade control structure within Minnehaha Creek in conjunction with the City's W. 54<sup>th</sup> Street bridge replacement project. The grade control structure is a barrier to fish passage and degrades aquatic habitat. During project development, a bypass pipe alternate was designed to provide fish passage while preserving a valued recreational benefit associated with the grade control structure. Prior to bridge reconstruction we learned that likely due to flood flows in the Creek, the recreational value around the structure was diminished. With support of the City and community the Board directed staff to abandon the bypass pipe alternative and pursue plans for removal of the grade control structure and restoration of the creek corridor in this area, in a coordinated way to achieve multiple natural resource and community benefits.

On August 16, 2016 City Council authorized a memorandum of agreement with MCWD establishing a cooperative framework to jointly develop a Concept Plan for Arden Park which integrates channel habitat improvement and stormwater management with the goals of the City's strategic plan for parks, recreation and trails, and integrates the riparian environment into the public use experience. Through a public input process co-lead with City staff, a draft concept plan was developed.

At their workshop on February 7, 2016, City Council will provide their input on the overall Park Concept Plan and provide direction to staff if it wishes to proceed with developing a cooperative framework for design and construction or pause and schedule a project on a longer time horizon.

**Attachment:**

Draft Concept Plan  
Arden Park Concept Plan Cost Estimate



### Arden Park Concept Plan Cost Estimate

	Description	Cost Estimate	Potential Funding Sources	Notes
Park Facilities	Park Shelter	\$ 756,000.00	City of Edina	
	Ice Rink	\$ 77,000.00		
	Landscape and Park Furnishings	\$ 347,000.00		
	Playground	\$ 132,000.00		
	<b>Total Park Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,312,000.00</b>		
Trails	Adventure Trail	\$ 18,000.00	DNR Outdoor Rec. Grant Program	\$ 150,000.00
	Boardwalk 54th St - Ice Rink	\$ 180,000.00	City of Edina	
	Boardwalk North End of Park	\$ 76,000.00	MCWD	Does the District want to consider funding boardwalk or trail connected to the creek restoration?
	Main Arterial Trail Bridge	\$ 140,000.00		
	Pedestrian Bridges (2)	\$ 160,000.00		
	Asphalt and Sidewalk Trail	\$ 127,000.00		
	Overlook Terraces (4)	\$ 66,000.00		
	<b>Total Trails</b>	<b>\$ 767,000.00</b>		
Creek Restoration	Canoe Landing at 54th St.	\$ 11,000.00	BWSR Clean Water Funds	25% Match or in-kind
	Canoe and Tubing Landing at North End of Park	\$ 8,000.00	MCWD	Does the District pursue project if grant funds are not available?
	Creek Remeander	\$ 942,568.00		Does the District levy for the project over multiple years?
	<b>Total Creek Restoration</b>	<b>\$ 961,568.00</b>		
Stormwater Management	North End of Park	\$ 225,000.00	Henn. Co. NRICH	\$100,000 max, 25% match
	3 bioretention basis west side of creek	\$ 252,307.00	BWSR Clean Water Funds	25% Match or in-kind
			Met. Council	\$200,000, 25% match
			City of Edina	
<b>Total Stormwater Mgmt.</b>	<b>\$ 477,307.00</b>			
<b>Total Project Cost Estimate</b>		<b>\$ 3,517,875.00</b>		