



August 16, 2017

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers  
Attn: Lars Erdahl, Executive Director  
15320 Minnetonka Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

SENT VIA EMAIL  
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Dear Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers,

Greenwood city councilmembers Bill Cook and Tom Fletcher met with representatives of the MCWD on July 26, 2017 to discuss the MCWD capital investment plan and related questions raised in our July 9, 2017 letter. The meeting and follow-up email sent by Mr. Erdahl on August 15, 2017 were very helpful to understand the capital projects funding with grants, donations, partnerships and the like, in addition to the MCWD's capital budget.

It was not our intention for our July 9, 2017 letter to be used to undermine the work of the MCWD as we fully support the MCWD's mission.

Our city council is concerned about the rate of rise in both the MCWD's budget and levy planned over time. We do understand the political decision to not increase rates during a recession, but our city council is concerned about the budget-levy gap, mission creep, duplication of efforts, the decline in the invasive species program, and the acceleration level of other programs. We hope that these types of increases do not become the norm.

Thank you for your efforts to manage and protect our water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra J. Kind".

Mayor Debra J. Kind  
and the Greenwood City Council